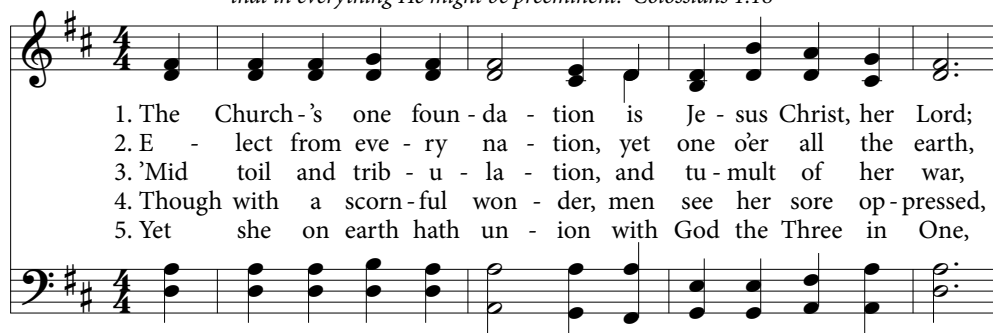
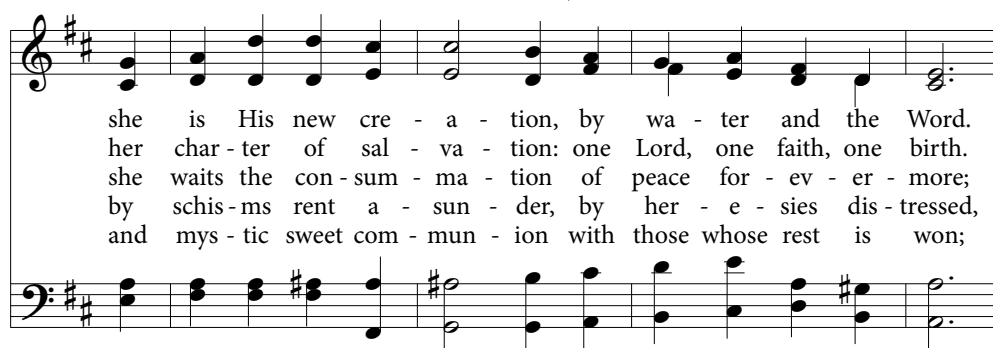


The Church's One Foundation

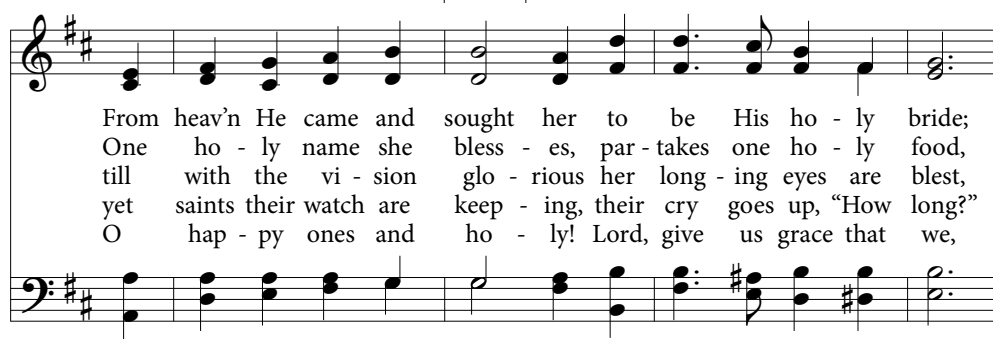
*And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent. Colossians 1:18*



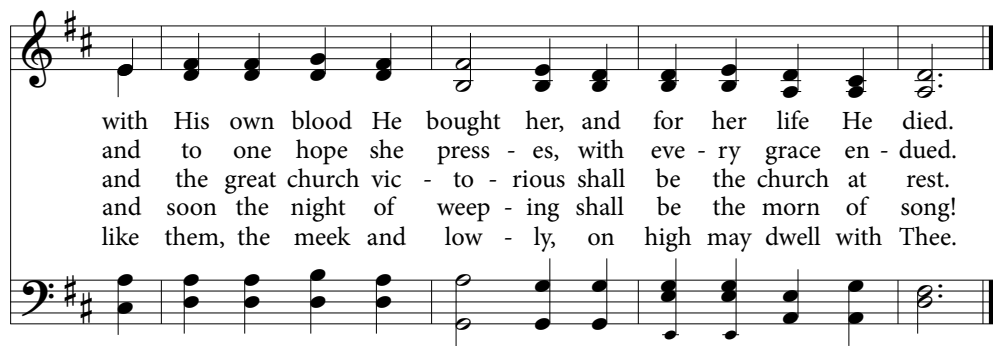
1. The Church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
4. Though with a scorn - ful won - der, men see her sore op - pressed,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is His new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won;



From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
and to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song!
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone, 1866

MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864