

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pre-Service Music

Welcome, Announcements, and Service Notes

Prelude *Down to the River to Pray*

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn “*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*” AZMON

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)



Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Gospel Lesson (Part 1)

Matthew 15: 1 – 20

Psalmody

Psalm 67 – *O God Show Mercy to Us* THAXTED

Gospel Lesson (Part 2)

Matthew 15: 21 – 39

Sermon

Course Correction

Rev. Anthony L. Larson

Special Music

A Medley for Children

Dr. Diana Scroggins

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

SENT BY GOD'S WORD
INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

“*Help Us Accept Each Other*” BARONITA

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

ZOOM Congregational Meeting



The Church of Christ cannot be bound

AZMON CM

1. The Church of Christ can - not be bound by
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when
4. If what we have, we free - ly share to
5. The Church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the Church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spir - it's care through ev' - ry self - less deed.
love are found, there can the Church be known.

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Tune: Carl G. Gläser; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



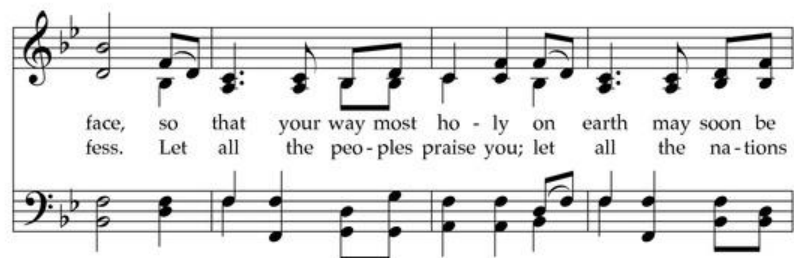
we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)



As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing, a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

