

Traditional Service

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In the Midst of New Dimensions

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways. Who will lead the pilgrim
peoples wandering in their separate ways?*

*[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the
journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive
branches? Who will light the flame of care?*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes, Grant that we, your global
village might envision wider dreams*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung.*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May your blazing phoenix
spirit, resurrect the church again.*

Help Us Accept Each Other

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.