

O For a Church

Tune: AZMON

O for a church with open doors
that's been so long our dream,
Where faith and hope, and care for all
show the love of Christ supreme!

With prayer and trust, the time has come
to make our vision plain -
God grant us strength and energy
and we shall our goal attain.

Then all who come may enter in,
no barriers they'll find,
Where young and old, the weak, the strong,
may all join with hearts and mind.

O God of love, O Christ of peace,
the Holy Spirit's power:
Break down the walls,
unite us all making this a shining hour.

Throughout the coming years, O God,
keep your vision always clear,
That we may ever serve you well,
and live your way with cheer.

This hymn was written in 2001 by Rev. Ann N. Graves and is dedicated to Faith UCC with love. Based on the tradition of Charles Wesley, it was inspired by a suggestion of Jacki Hunt. It is based on the theme of the Capital Campaign of 2001, with the last stanza being added and revised when the mortgage was fulfilled in 2017. In retrospect, it also speaks to a much broader reality of our world in 2017. May it be sung with joy!

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