

The Church's One Foundation

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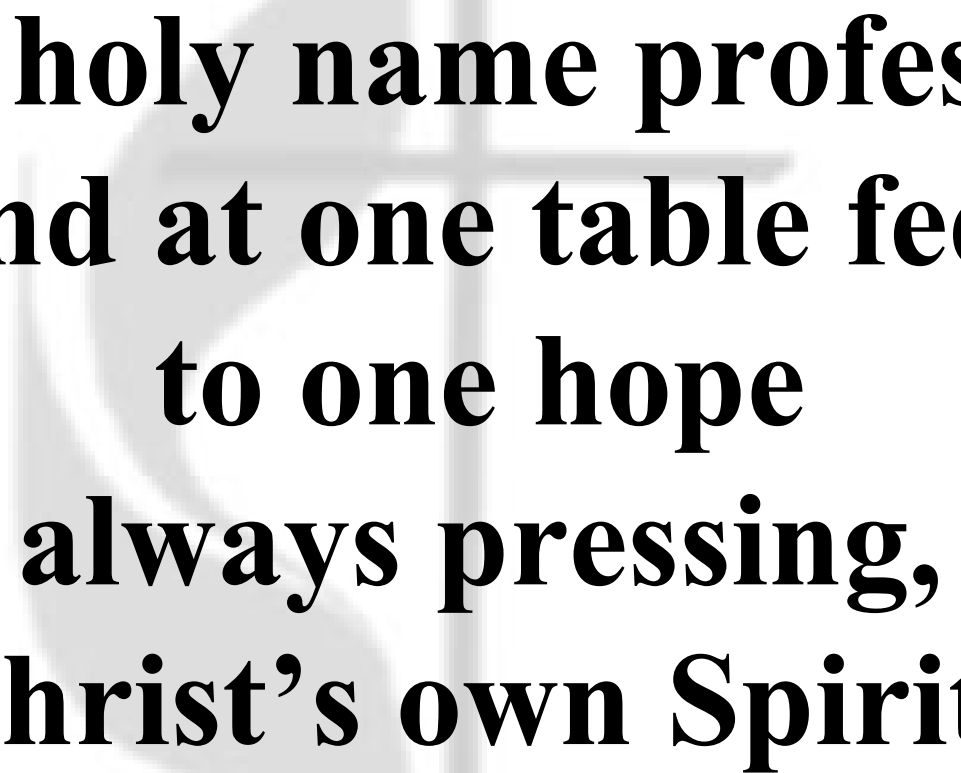
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**1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;**

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**from heaven he
came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death
set free.**

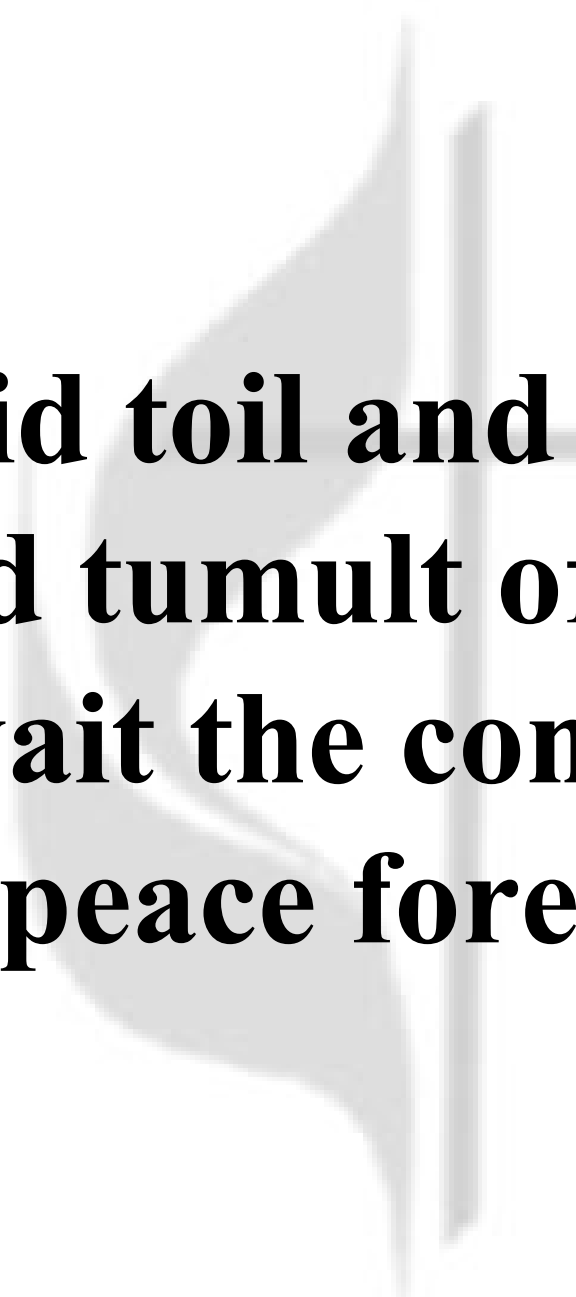
**2. Called forth
from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith,
one birth.**




**One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope
always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**3. Though with a
scornful wonder
the world sees
us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,**

**yet saints their
watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, “How long?”
But soon the
night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**



**4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;**



**till with the
vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great
church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. We now on
earth have union
with God the Three in One,
and share through
faith communion
with those whose rest is won.**

**Oh, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them,
the meek and lowly,
on high may
dwell with thee.**