

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

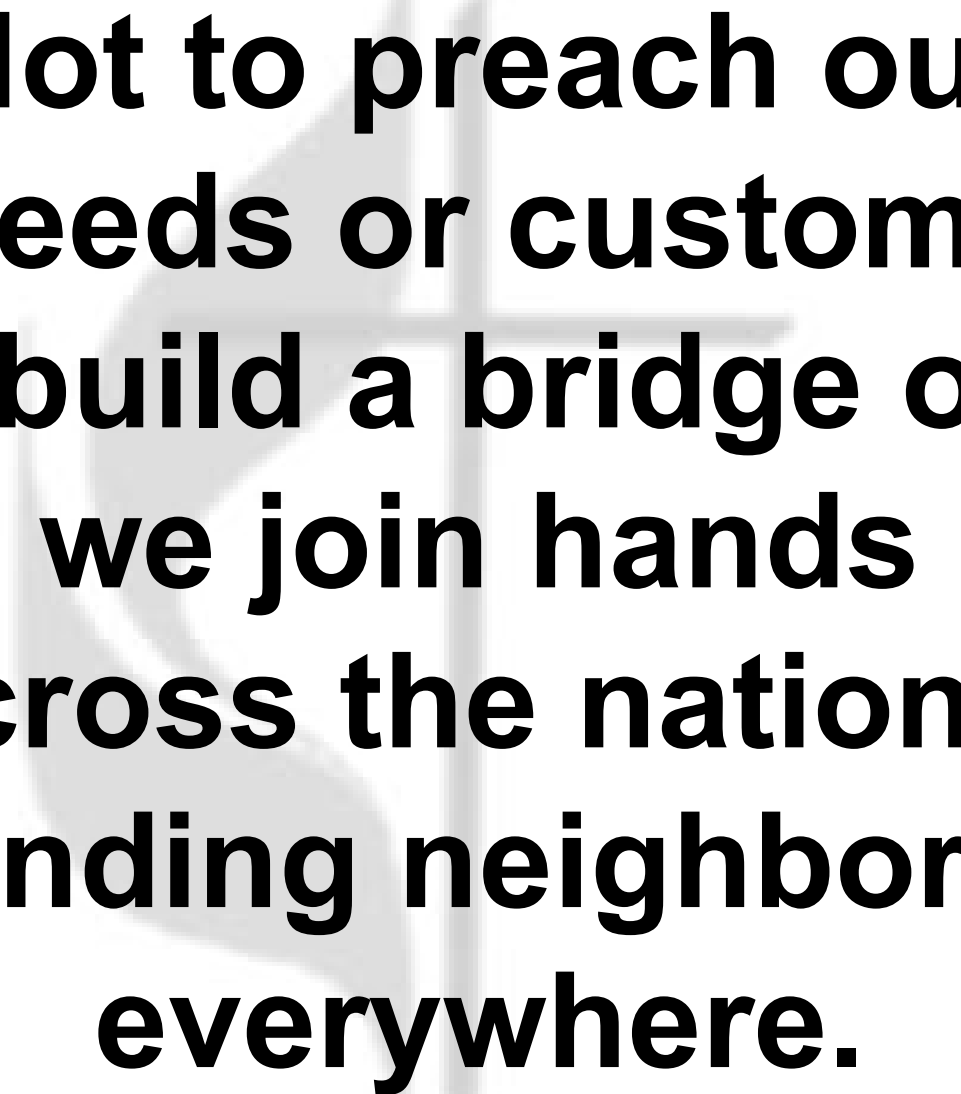
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**1. As a fire is
meant for burning
with a bright and
warming flame,**



**so the church is
meant for mission,
giving glory
to God's name.**

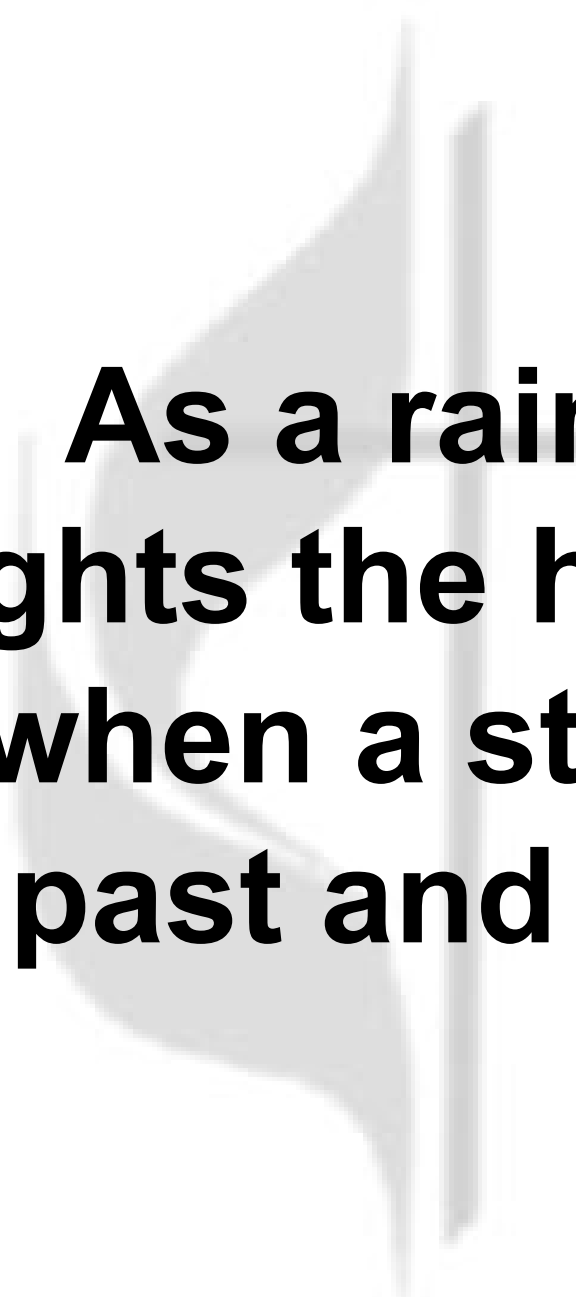


**Not to preach our
creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands
across the nations,
finding neighbors
everywhere.**

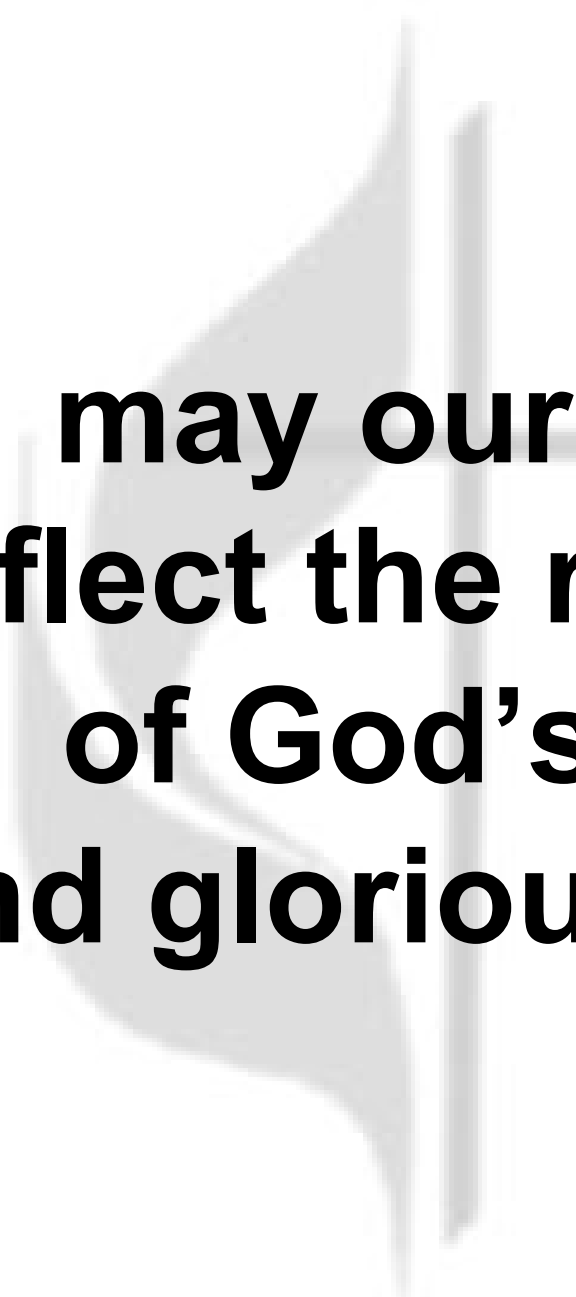
**2. We are learners;
we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers;
we are givers;
we are vessels
made of clay.**

**By our gentle, loving actions
we would show that
Christ is light.
In a humble,
listening Spirit
we would live
to God's delight.**

**3. As a green bud
in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be
signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples,
many hued.**



**As a rainbow
lights the heavens
when a storm is
past and gone,**



**may our lives
reflect the radiance
of God's new
and glorious dawn.**