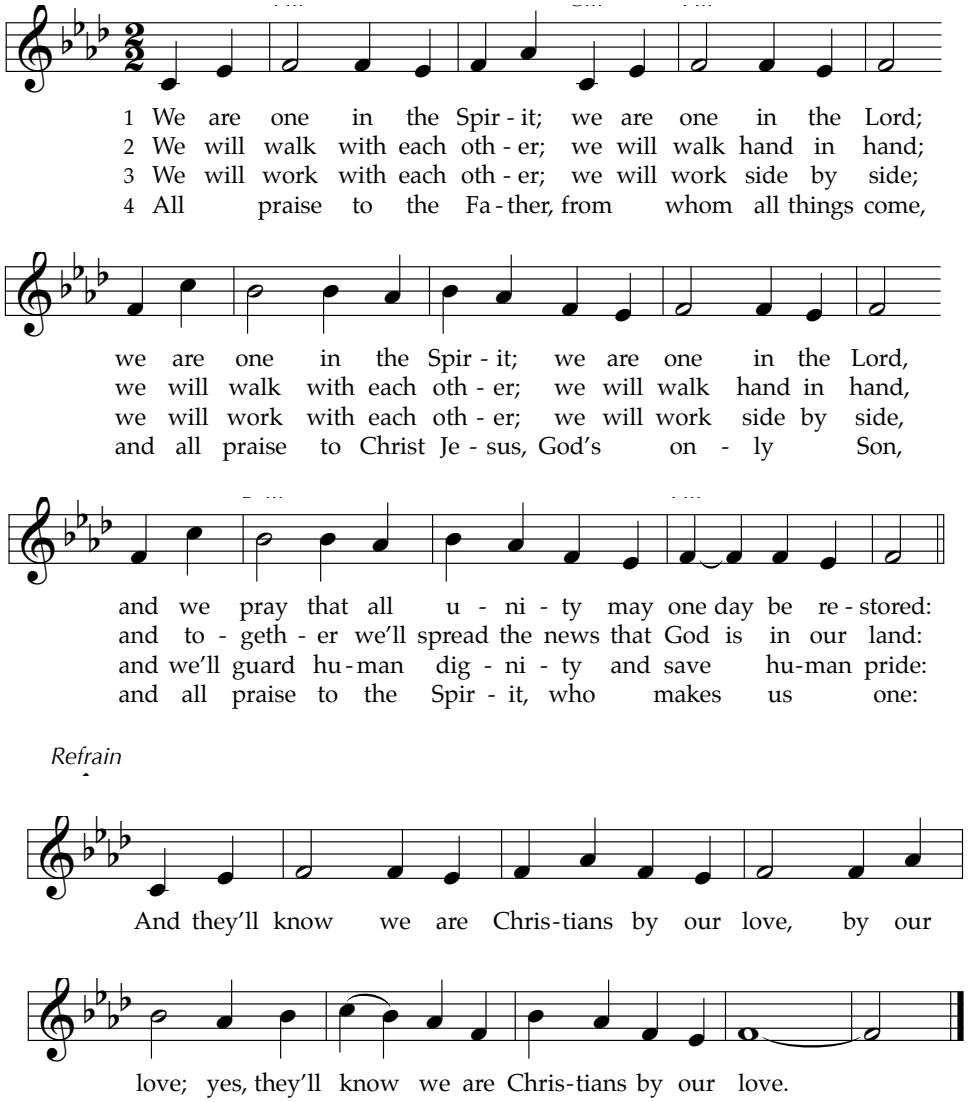
We Are One in the Spirit



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966 — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
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7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

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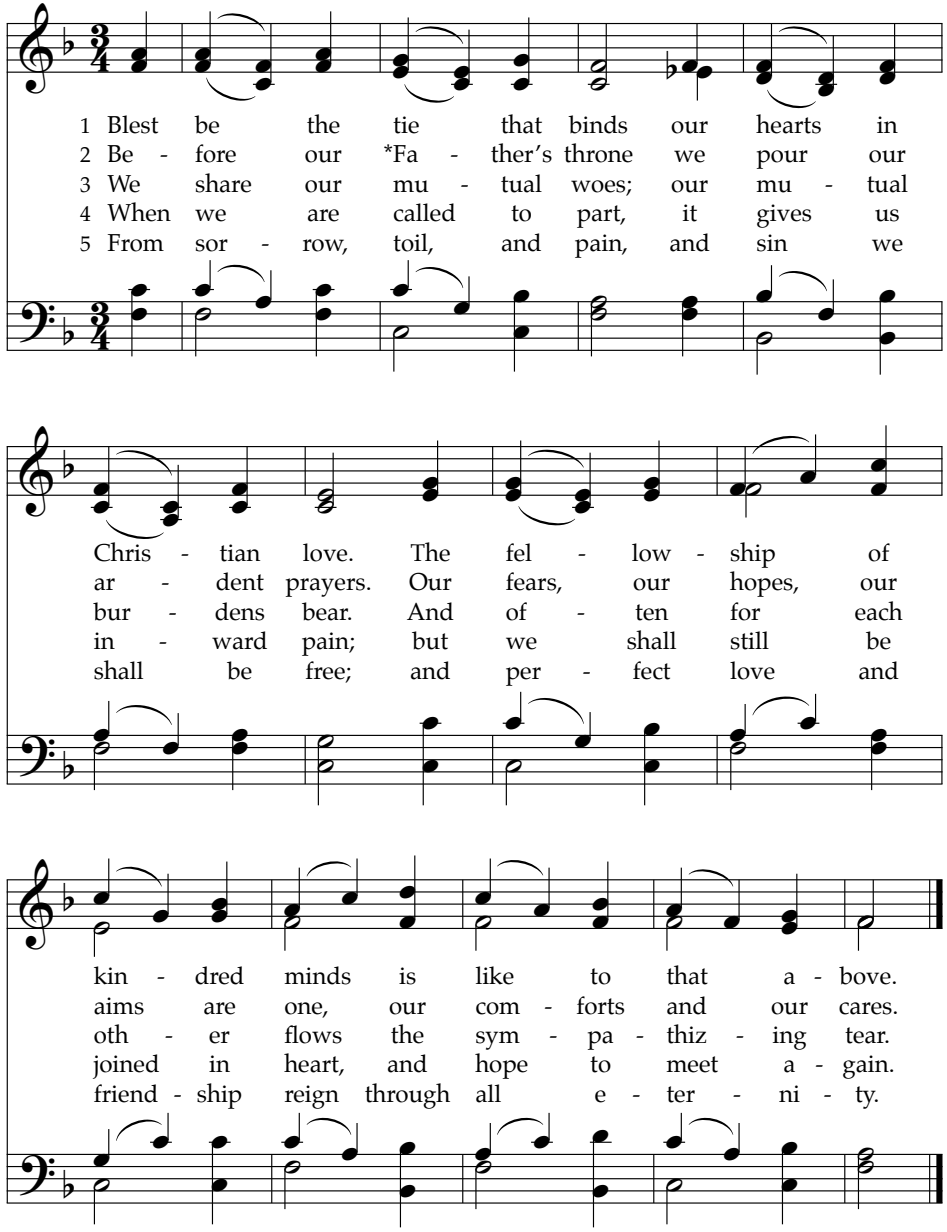
Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782 — DENNIS
MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845 — SM

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