

Time after Pentecost



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

November 16, 2025

11:00 am

**Time after Pentecost
Holy Communion**

Gathering Music



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

“A Thankful Heart”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Praiser Bells

Copyright 2007 Alfred Pub. Co.

All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735

Gathering Music



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

“Lord of All”
“Coming to Your House”
Children’s Choir

NOVEMBER 15/16, 2025

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Preaching



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Presiding



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for November:

NEW

*Hats, Gloves, and Scarves for
women and children.*



**Please set items on the
sharing shelf in the narthex.**



S.A.F.E. Center

Empower. Support. Educate.

Contribution Statements



**are available to be
picked up in the
Narthex.**

**All remaining statements will be
mailed out November 16th.**

FINAL FALL MEETING DATES

- **Sunday, November 16**
 - **Last session for Sunday School**
- **Wednesday, November 19**
 - **Last session for FROG, Confirmation,
Feeding the Flock**



You're Invited to the Advent Fair

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025

9:30am-11:00am
in Centennial Hall

Join us for crafts, a hot cocoa
bar, cookie decorating, and
mission outreach!





Poinsettia Order Time

**Poinsettia Order forms can be
picked up from the welcome stations.
The deadline to submit orders to the
church office is:**

Monday, November 24



FLY Brunch & Silent Auction

Sunday, December 14th 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Silent Auction Donations Needed!

**New or handmade items welcome.
All proceeds support our High School
Youth Group.**

**Please bring items to the church
office between
November 16 - December 7**

STUFF THE CART!!!



Please bring Non-Perishable food items and set in the Jubilee Cart located in the Narthex.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of
the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

“Only Jesus”



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Worship Song

**Make it count, make your mark,
build a name for yourself.**

**Dream your dreams, chase your heart
above all else.**

Make a name the world remembers.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**But all an empty world can sell
is empty dreams.**

**I got lost in the lie that it was up to me
to make a name the world remembers.**

But Jesus is the only name to remember.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**And I don't wanna leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me,
only Jesus.**

**And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let ev'ry second point to Him,
only Jesus.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**All the kingdoms built,
all the trophies won
will crumble into dust
when it's said and done.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**‘Cause all that really matters:
Did I live the truth to the ones I love?
Was my life the proof
that there is only one
whose name will last forever?**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**And I, I don't wanna leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me,
only Jesus.**

**And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let ev'ry second point to Him,
only Jesus**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name to remember.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name to remember.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**And I, I don't wanna leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me,
only Jesus.**

**And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let ev'ry second point to Him,
only Jesus**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

**I, I don't wanna leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me,
only Jesus.**

Text and Music: Matthew West, Bernie Herms and Mark Hall

© 2018 Highly Combustible Music, House of Story Music Pub., One 77 Songs, Songs of Universal, Inc., G650 Music, Pure Note Music, Be Essential Songs and My Refuge Music

All Rights for Highly Combustible Music, House of Story Music Pub. And One 77 Songs Admin. Worldwide by Kobalt Songs Music Pub.

All Rights for G650 Music and Pure Note Music Admin. By Songs of Universal, Inc

All Rights for Refuge Music Admin at Capitol CMG Pub.

All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.
(sing twice)**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and Love
as we sing Holy, holy, holy**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.
(sing twice)**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and Love
as we sing Holy, holy, holy**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy holy, holy.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Oh, holy, oh, holy,
oh, holy, I want to see You.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.
(sing three times)**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**I want to see You.
I want to see You.**

Words and Music by Paul Balloche. CCLI Song No. 2298355
© 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. For use solely with the songSelect Terms of Use.
All rights Reserved. International copyright secured.
Used by Permission of CCLI License #1093735



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Word: Psalm 98

Word

L: A reading of Psalm 98.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Word: Psalm 98

L: ¹ *O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have
gotten him victory.*

² *The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the
sight of the nations.*



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Word: Psalm 98

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Word: Psalm 98

*⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

*⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King,
the Lord.*

*⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.*



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Word: Psalm 98

*⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy*

*⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is
coming to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.*

(Psalm 98)



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Word: Psalm 98

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

P: ⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom;



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons,



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name.

¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.” *(Luke 21:5-19)*



I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

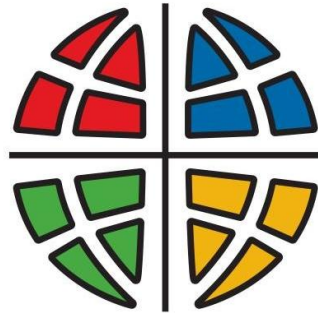


I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

*Children's Offering goes towards
ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund*



Lutheran
Disaster Response



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Sermon



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

SERMON

Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson

Worship Song

“Our God”



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

“Our God”

**Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You,
none like You.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You,
none like You.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You,
none like You.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?**

**And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?**

What could stand against?



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?**

**And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?**

**And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?
Then what could stand against?**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.**

God, You are higher than any other.

**Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“Our God”

**Our God is greater,
our God is stronger.
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer,
awesome in power, our God, our God.**

Text and Music: Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves

© 2010 Shout! Publishing, WorshipTogether.com songs, ThankYou Music, Shout! Publishing (adm. By EMI Christian Music Group)

All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence for reflection.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. We pray especially for:



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

Jim Anderson
Bertha Boyer
Vicki Buschelman
Gregory Carrico
Wayne Deterding
Terry Eirich
Bob Forbess
Leonard Fowler
Randy Fritson

Larry Giddings
Tami Jobman
Monie Karschner
Rhonda King
Roger Loschen
Michelle Mosley
Zachary Parish
Mary Renshaw



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

Daniel Rheome

Eileen Richter

Michele Rivera

Daryl & Gena Rodgers

Brent Roemmich

Garth Scism

Wendell Springer

Debbie Steinbrecher

Joanne Suing

Addison Sullivan

Tony Tauer

Misty White

Dean Wiese

Miranda Wright

Paula Yoachim

James Ziebarth



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Jim Crick's family and friends on his death.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayers of Intercession

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Meal

OFFERTORY

Stacy Bean

Communion Servers

Please come forward at this time.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

VANCO

FAITH

ON-LINE
visit FLC's
website

**MOBILE
APP**
iPhone & Android

VANCO MOBILE IS SIMPLE AND SECURE.
TRY IT TODAY!

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one
God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.



I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together

Confession and Forgiveness

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your
steadfast love.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Confession and Forgiveness

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are
set free.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these
your gifts.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Offertory Prayer

Nourish us with the abundance of your
feast and unite us into the blessed body of
Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

The Lord's Prayer

**Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Invitation to Communion

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Please be seated.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Communion Music

“Oceans”

Stacy Bean

*Text and Music: Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Lighthelm
© 2013 Hillsong Music Pub. All Right Administered at Capitol CMG Pub.
All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735*



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of
heaven that gives life to the world.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Prayer after Communion

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Worship Song

“This is Amazing Grace”



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

“This is Amazing Grace”

**Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and
so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“This is Amazing Grace”

**Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

“This is Amazing Grace”

**(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing
for all that You've done for me**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

This is Amazing Grace

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

This is Amazing Grace

**Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

This is Amazing Grace

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave**



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

This is Amazing Grace

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy**

Text and Music: Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham. CCLI Song #6333821

© 2012 Phil Wickham Music (admin BMG Rights Management)

For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission of CCLI #1093735



*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church
Together*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Sending Music



I am the *church*
You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Stacy Bean