THE CHURCH

301 Let Us Build a House
All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F Bb C Dm

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
safely live, a place where saints and children tell
strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground
visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the
as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wisdom and as symbol of God's grace; here as
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us
laugh, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Note: Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.
When Hands Reach Out and

Fingers Trace

1 When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty
   the church and to the inclusive nature of love.
   God’s people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to
   the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

2 When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and
   love of Christ shall end divisions;
   one we claim the faith of Jesus:
   share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome;
   bring an end to fear and danger:
   house pro-claim from floor to rafter:

3 When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you,
   all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
   love lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
   hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.
   can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.
   we have learned your love’s a gift, and never earned.
   one, we’ll be your able, strong community.

5 Your Spirit it gives us differing ways to serve you
   of a loved one’s face, we thank you, God, that
   praise and thankfulness, we thank you, God, that
   God, for Christ our friend. In him, our healing
   ways that others know, we thank you, God, that
   well and offer praise. When all are joined as