

Belhar

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mf

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano

We be - lieve. We be - lieve in

We be - lieve in one true God. We be - lieve in one true

We be - lieve in one true God. We be - lieve in one true

We be - lieve we be - lieve

mf

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God who ga - thers, pro - tects and cares for the church through Word and Spi - rit.

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we be - lieve

13 *mf*

This God has done since the be - gin - ning of the world and will do to the end.

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20 Congas

Narrator: We believe that Christ's work

25 *of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the communion of believers who have been reconciled to God*

29 *and to one another. Unity is therefore both a gift and an obligation for the church of*

34 *Jesus Christ. Se-paration, enmity and hatred between people and*

38 *groups is sin.*

Anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

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Piano

mf

We must love one another,

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practice and pursue community.

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We are obliged to give ourselves willingly and joyfully *to be of benefit and blessing*

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to one another.

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We are bap - tized with one
 We are bap - tized with one
 We are bap - tized with one

bap - ti - sm. We are bap - tized
 bap - ti - sm. We are bap - tized
 bap - ti - sm. We are bap - tized

61

mp

with one bap - ti - sm. We be-lieve

with one bap - ti - sm. We be-lieve

with one bap ti - sm.

65

We be-lieve u - ni - ty u - ni - ty one faith, one call,

We be-lieve u - ni - ty u - ni - ty one faith, one call,

mf We share one faith, we have one call - ing are of

70

one soul, one mind, one God, one spi - rit,
 one soul, one mind, one God, one spi - rit,
 one soul and one mind. We have one God, are filled with one spi - rit, eat of

74

mf one bread, one cup, one hope, one name,
 one bread, one cup one - hope, one name,
 one bread, *f* drink of one cup. We share one hope, con-fess one name, o-bey

78

one Lord, one cause, one God, one church,
 one Lord, one cause, one God, one church,
 one Lord, work for one cause. We believe u - ni - ty u - ni

82

one bread, one cup... Sho - sho-lo - za
 one bread, one cup... Sho - sho-lo za
 ty u - ni ty.

86

ku-le-zon-ta - ba Sho-sho-lo - za

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mf

Sho - sho lo - za ku-le-zon-ta - ba Sti-me-la si phu-me South Af

Steel bar

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Sho - sho-lo - za! We-nu -ya-ba - le - ka

Sho - sh - lo - za! We - nu -ya-ba - le - ka

Sho - sho lo - za! We nu - ya - ba - le - ka

ri - ca.

Narrator: God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

Sho - sho-lo - za

Sho - sho-lo - za

ku - le-zon - ta - ba Sti-me - la si phu - me South Af - ri - ca.

The church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Light of the world Light of the world

Light of the world Light of the world

Salt of the earth Salt of the earth

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Sho - sho - lo - za

Sho - sho - lo - za

mf

Sho - sho - lo - za ku - le-zon - ta - ba

God wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

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Sti-me-la si phu-me South Af - ri-ca.

Sti-me-la si phu-me South Af - ri ca.

Sti-me-la si phu-me South Af - ri ca.

In a world full of injustice and enmity, God is in a special

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Forte whisper: Sha sha sha sha
She sha sha sha
mf Sti-me-la si phu-me
Sho - sho - lo - za.

way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

As the possession of God,

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Sha sha sha sha Sha sha sha sha
sha sha sha sha Sha sha sha sha
Sti-me-la si phu-me sti-me-la si phu-me
Ku - le - zon - ta - ba. Sho - sho - lo - za.

the church must stand where the Lord stands: against injustice and with the wronged.

The church must witness

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Sha sha sha sha
sha sha sha sha

South Af-ri - ca si phu-me

Ku - le - zon - ta - ba.

against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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Sho - sho - lo - za
Sho - sho - lo - za

Sti-me-la si phu-me.

Sho - sho - lo - za

Ped.

We believe that in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess

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Sho - sho - lo - za Sho - sho - lo - za

Sho - sho - lo - za Sho - sho - lo - za

sti - me - la si phu - me sti - me - la si phu - me

Sho - sho - lo - za We - nu - ya ba - le - ka

and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them, and punishment and suffering

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Sho - sho - lo - za. We be-lieve

Sho - sho - lo - za. We be-lieve

sti me - la si phu - me To the one and on-ly

ku - le - zon - ta - ba.

will be the consequences.

134

u - ni - ty u - ni - ty we be - lieve u - ni - ty u - ni - ty
 u - ni - ty u - ni - ty we be - lieve u - ni - ty u - ni - ty
 God be the ho - nor for - e - ver. To the one and on - ly God be the

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we be - lieve we be - lieve To the one on - ly God
 we be - lieve we be - lieve To the one on - ly God
 glo - ry for - e - ver. To the one and on - ly God be the

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ho - nor glo - ry We be-lieve u - ni-ty u - ni-ty

ho - nor glo - ry We be-lieve u - ni-ty u - ni-ty

ho - nor for - e - ver. To the one and on-ly God be the glo - ry for -

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rit *ff*

we be - lieve One God, one

we be - lieve One God, One

- e - ver. Sho - sho - lo - za One God, one

rit

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church!
church!
church!

Narrator: *One* *Church!*