

In celebration of the Music Ministry of Carole Weatherby & Dr. Paul Manz;  
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# "Grounded In Grace, Growing To Serve"

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The church in Christ is ground - ed in grace and grows to serve! We  
We ask you Lord to bless us, for - give us, heal us all. Re -  
Lord, you give the great co - mmiss - ion to spread the Gos - pel news. Make  
Let us cel - e - brate God's pres - ence in ev - 'ry per - son's life, En -

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cel - e brate our Lord's love as ser - vants in the world! We  
new in us your spi - rit, hu - mil - i - ty and grace. We  
jus - tice, peace, com - pass - ion per - vade our whole life through. We  
joy the wid - 'ning cir - cle of min - i - stries we claim. And

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love, we care, and we wel - come all the chil - dren of God, and  
pray for strength to be faith - ful, and for hearts that are true. Oh  
thank you for one an - oth - er's rich di - ver - si - ty, Comm -  
let us join one an - oth - er sis - ters bro - thers in Christ, to

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join with one an - oth - er in prais - ing Christ our Lord!  
Lord, we sing your prais - es, your cross has made us one!  
-un - i - ty u - ni - ted with Christ the cor - ner - stone!  
share in the great prom - ise of God's a - bi - ding Love!