

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

F Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F Dm Bb C7/Bb Bb F

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing flame,
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed,

F Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F F/C Bb C/Bb Bb F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued.

C/E C C/E Dm Am F/A Bb Bbmaj7

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C Dm Dm7/C Bb F/A Gm7 Am Bb F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

Congregation: Unison

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