

The church's one foundation

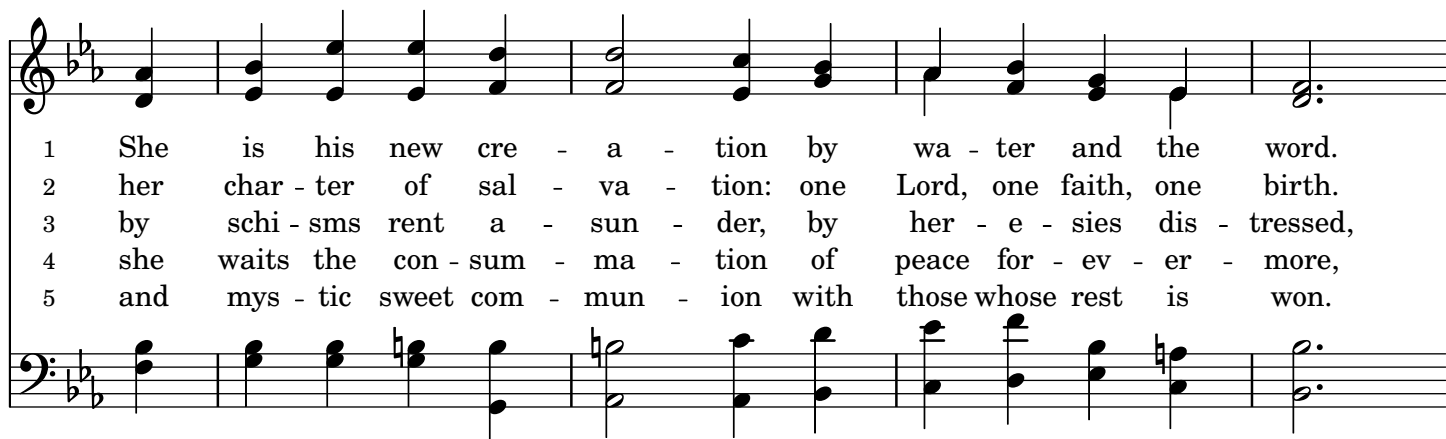
Text: Samuel J. Stone, *Lyra Fidelium*, 1866, alt.

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, *Selection of Psalms and Hymns*, 1864

AURELIA 76.76D



1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three - in - One,



1 She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are bless'd,
5 Oh, hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.