

## **“Welcoming God”**

**(sung to the tune: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”)**

*Children are welcome, Christ said one day,  
When the disciples just urged them away.  
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:  
God's own examples for ministry.  
Welcoming God, you open the Way;  
Even the smallest worship and pray,  
Singing with faith and serving you well,  
Your life to know and good news to tell.*

*Women are welcome, as are the men;  
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.  
Partners as prophets, ministers, too:  
No more divided — made one in you.  
Welcoming God, you open the way;  
Those once divided join now to pray,  
Serving at Table, preaching your Word,  
So that your love for all will be heard.*

*So may we welcome into our pew  
All who in Jesus are being made new —  
All those who seek him, wanting to know,  
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.  
Welcoming God, you stand at our door,  
As someone different, outcast or poor.  
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search.  
May we all welcome you in your church.*

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