

To the One Making Way: A Gloria

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Song synopsis A hymn sung in solidarity with three specific groups of people: those afraid and wandering, those abused by power and those who are new immigrants.

Place in worship: Gathering, Hymn of Praise, Mission, Sending.

Songleader’s notes:

- This hymn was commissioned by First Congregational Church (UCC) of Webster Groves, Missouri on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. First Congo has a deep history of advocacy for new immigrants. In remembering their good work, the song proclaims our identity as people claimed by God for great purpose and celebrates the dynamic nature of faith and faithfulness.
- The refrain of “To the One Making Way” is designed to stand alone as a piece of liturgy. As such, the familiar *Gloria* and greeting of peace from Luke’s gospel is central.
- Musically, the hymn has a tall vocal range. We sing low rumblings for lamenting trouble, and soar in praise at the refrain.
- When introducing the hymn, invite people to recall where their family originated, and what adventures or struggles they experienced in journeying to this country. Invite people to wonder what it would be like to be an immigrant today and what they risk in leaving their homeland.
- Invite people’s attention to groups of people who are discriminated against because of their race, age, gender, culture, sexual orientation, political views, physical or mental ability, religion.
- Toward deepening our presence of compassion and justice, invite transformative prayer for the blatant and subtle ways we treat people unfairly, and even for the ways we make uncharitable assumptions about them because they belong to a group we don’t understand or appreciate.

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G C C D G D/F#

We have been a - fraid and lost You've made way for love____
We have been a - bused by power You've made way for jus - tice
We have been new im - mi - grants You've made way for home____

5 G Em C D

We have been a peo - ple led from lack in - to e - nough
We have been a peo - ple freed and claimed by God in trust
We have been a peo - ple cros - sing bor - ders in sha - lom

9 Bm Em C

Mys - ter - y is ev - 'ry gift, so as we lift our foot to step for
God's love is a flame to fan; it's clear to all where we will stand: For
His - to - ry has made us wise so as we set a - head our eyes for

13 Am G/B C Em C D D/F# G

all who are a - fraid and lost, we make your way for love____
all who are a - bused by power, we make your way for jus - tice
all who are new im - mi - grants, we make your way for home


17 Eb Gm Eb Bb F Bb Eb Gm

To the One mak - ing way Glor - i - a, — oh Glo - ri - a! — For peace for all a - round the world

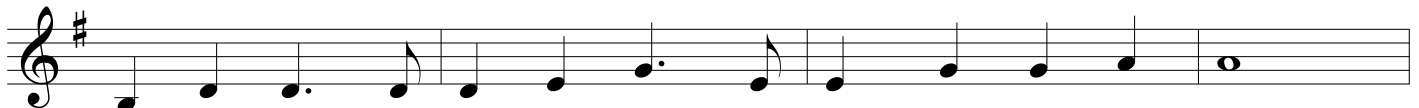
23 Eb Bb F Gm Eb Bb F D/F# G

Glor - i - a, — oh Glor - i - a! — To the One _____ mak - ing way _____


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To the One mak-ing way Glor-i-a,___ oh Glo-ri-a!___ For peace for all a-round the world



Glor-i-a,___ oh Glor-i-a!___ To the One_____ mak-ing way_____

To the One Making Way: Gloria!



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For peace for all a-round the world Glor-i-a, — oh Glor-i-a! —



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Verse 1

We have been afraid and lost

 You've made way for love

We have been a people led

 from lack into enough

Mystery is every gift, so as we lift our foot to step

for all who are afraid and lost, we make your way for love

Refrain

To the One making way

Gloria, oh gloria

For peace for all around the world

Gloria, oh gloria

to the One making way

Verse 2

We have been abused by power

 You've made way for justice

We have been a people freed

 and claimed by God in trust

God's love is a flame to fan; it's clear to all where we will stand

For all who are abused by power, we make your way for justice

Verse 3

We have been new immigrants

 You've made way for home

We have been a people crossing

 borders in shalom

History has made us wise so as we set ahead our eyes

For all who are new immigrants, we make your way for home

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