

We Gather Together

UMC 131

(Words: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; trans. By *Theodore Baker*, 1894,

Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody/ arr. By *Edward Kremser*, 1877) Tune: KREMSER

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known,
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

What Gift Can We Bring UMC 87

(Words: Jane Marshall, 1980, Music: Jane Marshall, 1980)

Tune: ANNIVERSARY SONG

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.
3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.