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We are people of God's peace

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1 We are peo - ple of God's peace as a new cre-a - tion.
 2 We are chil - dren of God's peace in this new cre-a - tion,
 3 We are ser - vants of God's peace, of the new cre-a - tion.

Love u - nites and strength-ens us at this cel - ebra - tion.
 spread - ing joy and hap - pi - ness, through God's great sal-va - tion.
 Choos - ing peace, we faith - ful - ly serve with heart's de-vo - tion.

Sons and daugh- ters of the Lord, serv - ing one an - oth - er,
 Hope we bring in spir - it meek, in our dai - ly liv - ing.
 Je - sus Christ, the Prince of peace, con - fi-dence will give us.

a new cov - e - nant of peace binds us all to - geth - er.
 Peace with ev - 'ry - one we seek, good for e - vil giv - ing.
 Christ the Lord is our de-fense; Christ will nev - er leave us.

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