**Christ the Tabernacle**

*Exodus 25 – 30; 36 – 40; John 1:14; 6:48-58; Hebrews 8:1-5*

God gave the Old Testament tabernacle to permeate

our senses, minds, and imaginations

with the glory of His presence.

Jesus Christ is that tabernacle perfected,

its intent completed.

He is not simply a shadow of the heavenly original.

He is full presence of God now living within and among us,

forever uniting earth and heaven.

He is the law of God,

all that is pleasing to the Father,

no longer engraved on stone tablets,

but written on the hearts of His people.

He is the Bread of the Presence,

spreading an eternal feast for all who come.

He is the Light forever burning,

illuminating the whole world.

He is the incense of God’s Presence,

the fragrance of His holiness,

the aroma of His unfailing love.

He engulfs us in the richness,

the texture,

the color,

the beauty of heaven itself.

He is the final, perfect sacrifice,

making us right with the Father.

He is the Great High Priest,

uniting us with the Father.

In Christ, the Transcendent God fills

our souls and our senses,

our daily routines and our highest dreams.

Jesus Christ enfolds

all we are in

all He is.

**Hymn:** [**God Is with Us! Alleluia!**](http://lnwhymns.com/Hymn.aspx?ID=14)

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