

# Not Ordinary Church

## Hope and Promise

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1. Where is hope and where is promise, in a world that's gone astray?  
Fear and apathy wreak havoc; web of life just slips away.

*Refrain:*

When Creation's pain is ours, too, when hard truths we dare to hear,  
We will live with power and justice. Hope will triumph over fear!

2. Let's not live in deep denial of Earth's woes, the power of greed.  
As we try to build a new world, courage is our deepest need.

*Refrain:*

3. Be the hope and be the promise, be the peace the world must know.  
This is good work that is hard, too, and frustratingly so slow.

*Refrain:*

4. This is hope and this is promise: laugh and love in spite of fear!  
Dare to know you make a difference! Change the world and dry a tear.

*Final Refrain:*

Then Creation's joy is ours, too, dance with all we hold so dear.  
We have lived with power and justice. Hope has triumphed over fear!

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*For those who have the New Century Hymnal, this tune is #332.*



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