



Welcome Home!

August 2, 2026

**Worship Service with Communion
in the Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM**

Announcements!





***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

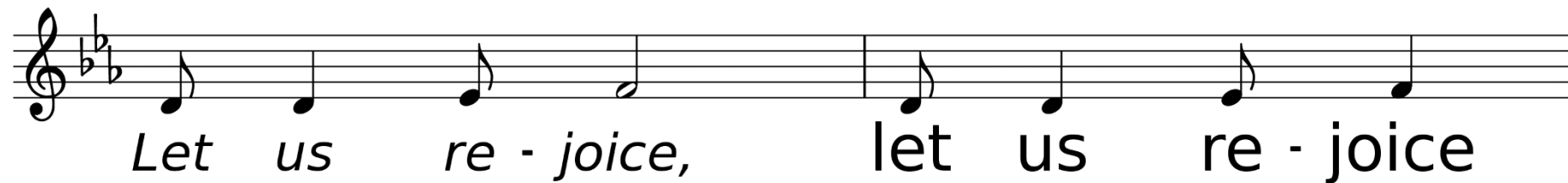
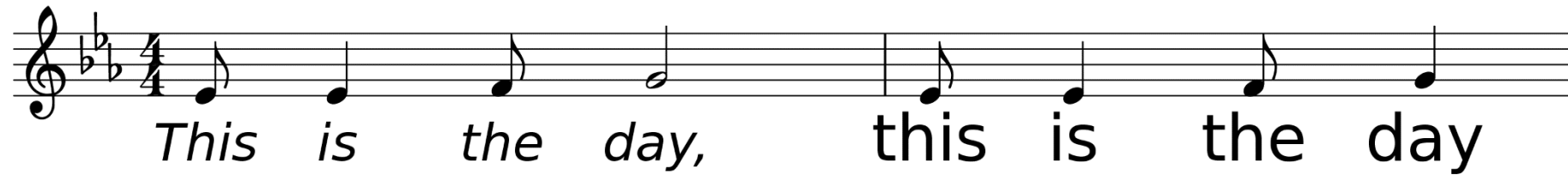
This Is the Day

UMH #657

Words From Psalm 118:4

Music By Les Garrett

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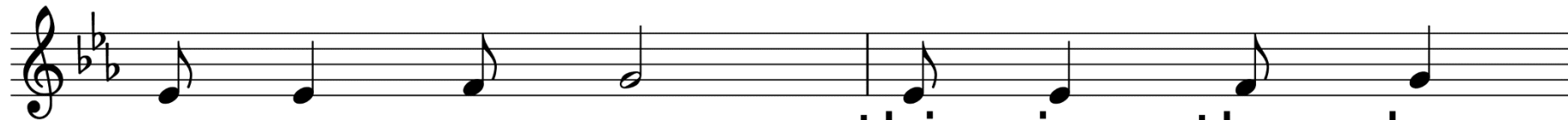




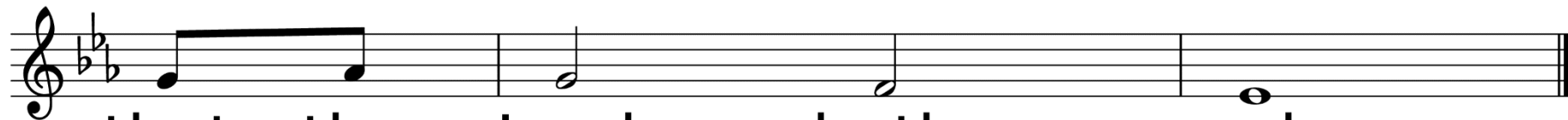
This is the day that the Lord hath made;



let us re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day



that the Lord hath made.

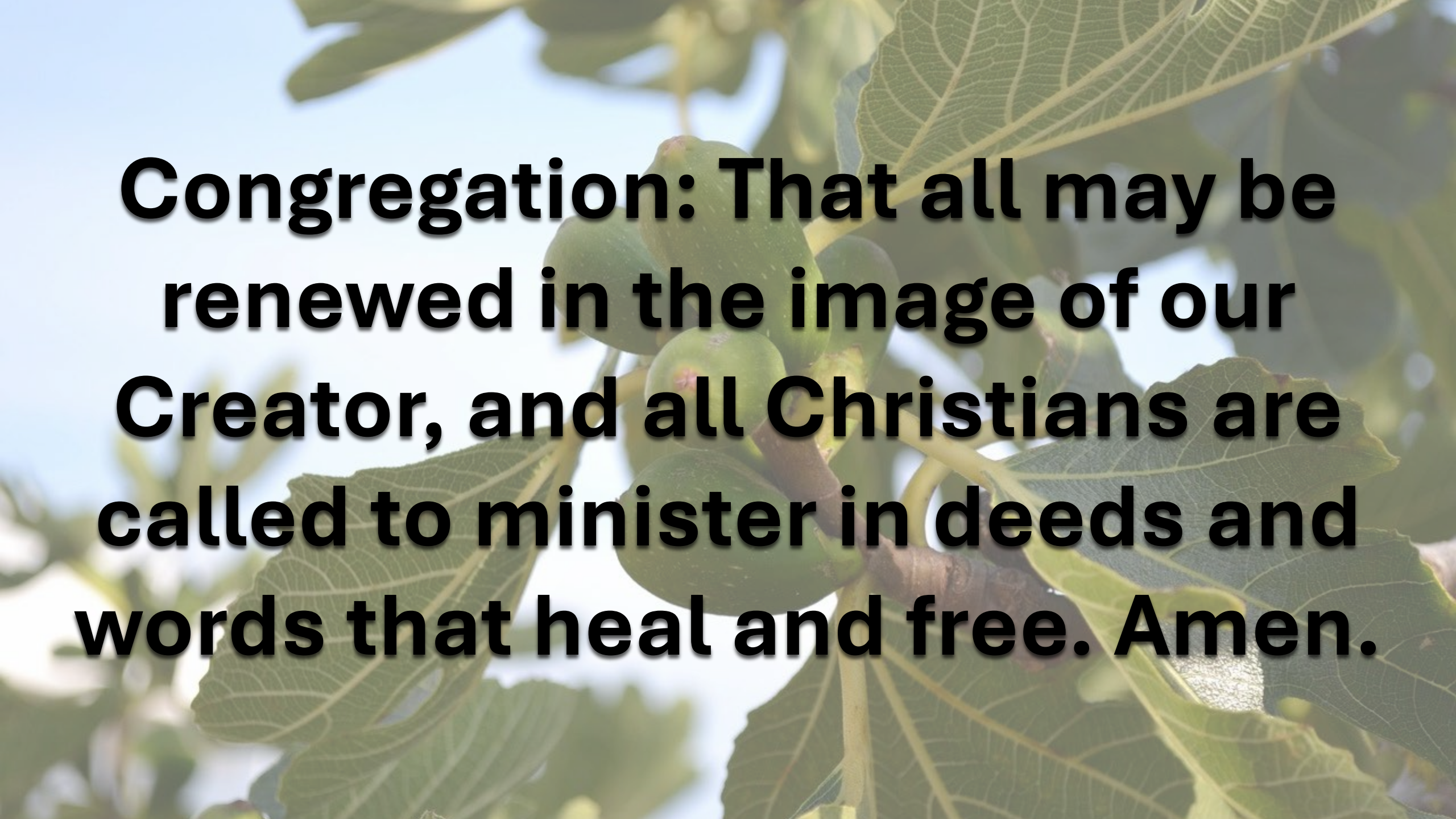
***Call to Worship - Addy Robinson**

Leader: From the beginning, God entered into a covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.



**Congregation: Through baptism,
Jesus Christ calls us into the
covenant and makes us ministers
of Christ's righteousness.**

**Leader: In our ministry of
servanthood is this ultimate
concern:**



**Congregation: That all may be
renewed in the image of our
Creator, and all Christians are
called to minister in deeds and
words that heal and free. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise**

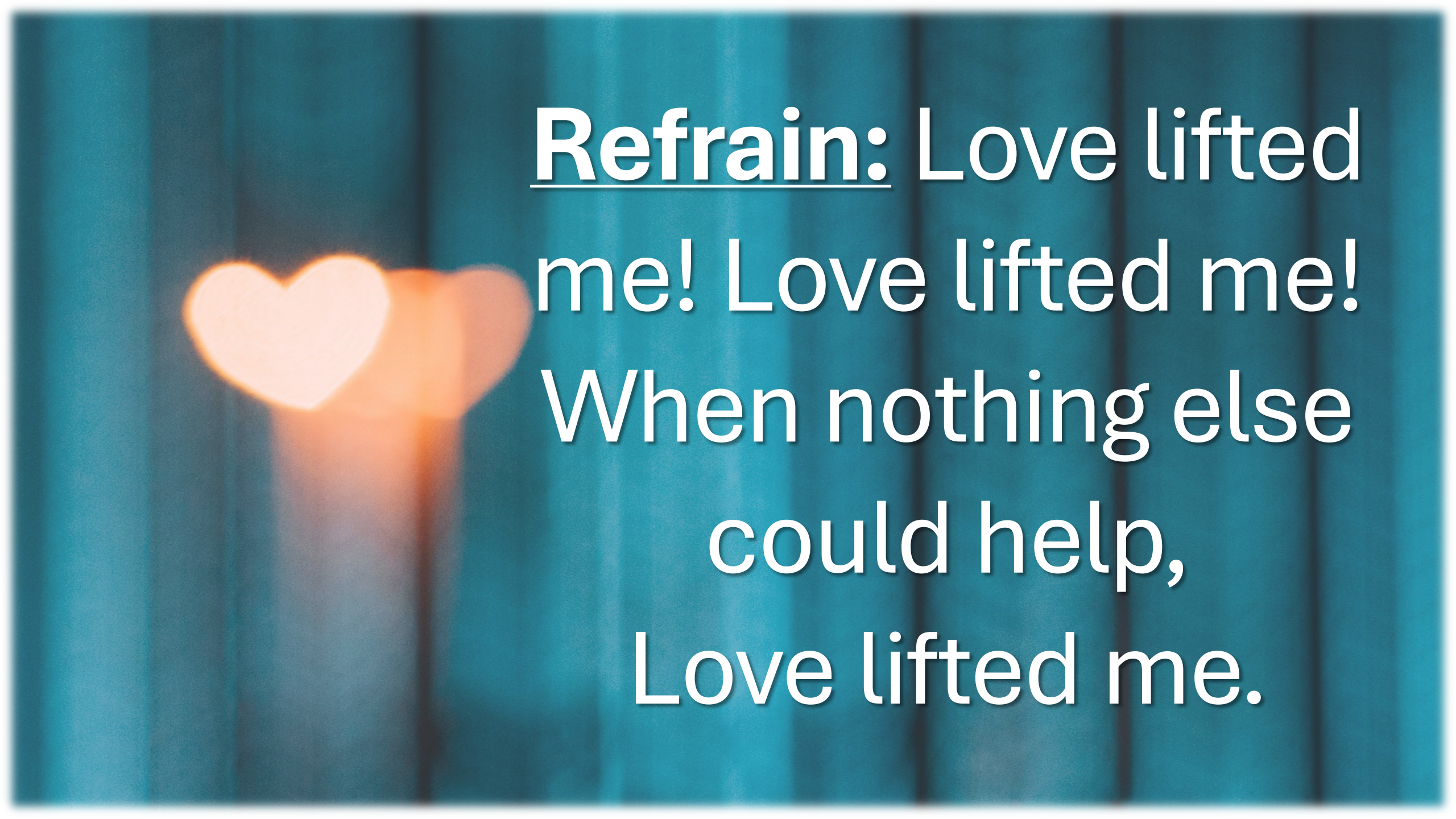
Love Lifted Me

Cokesbury Hymnal #233, v. 1 & 2

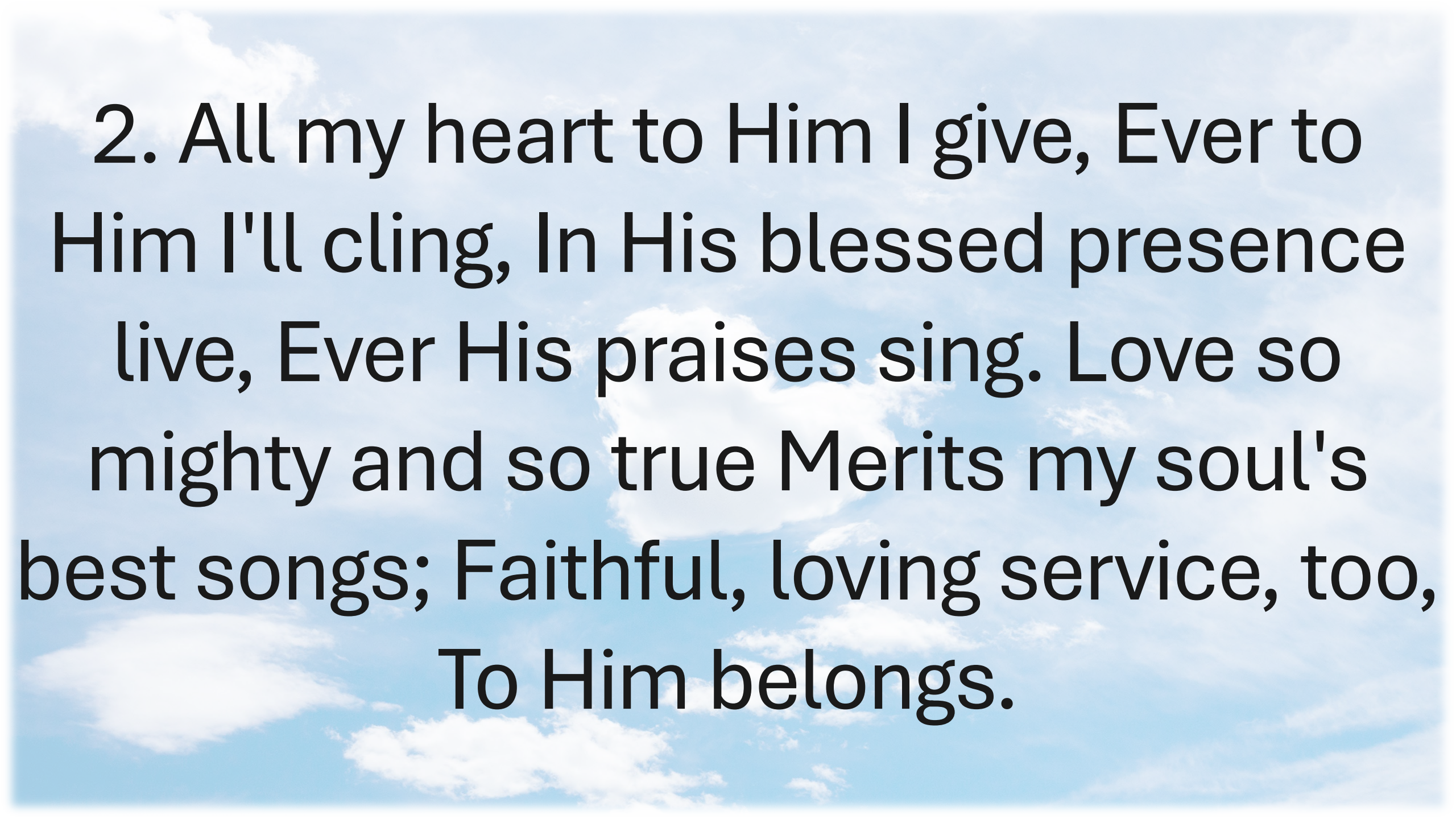
By James Rowe & Howard E. Smith

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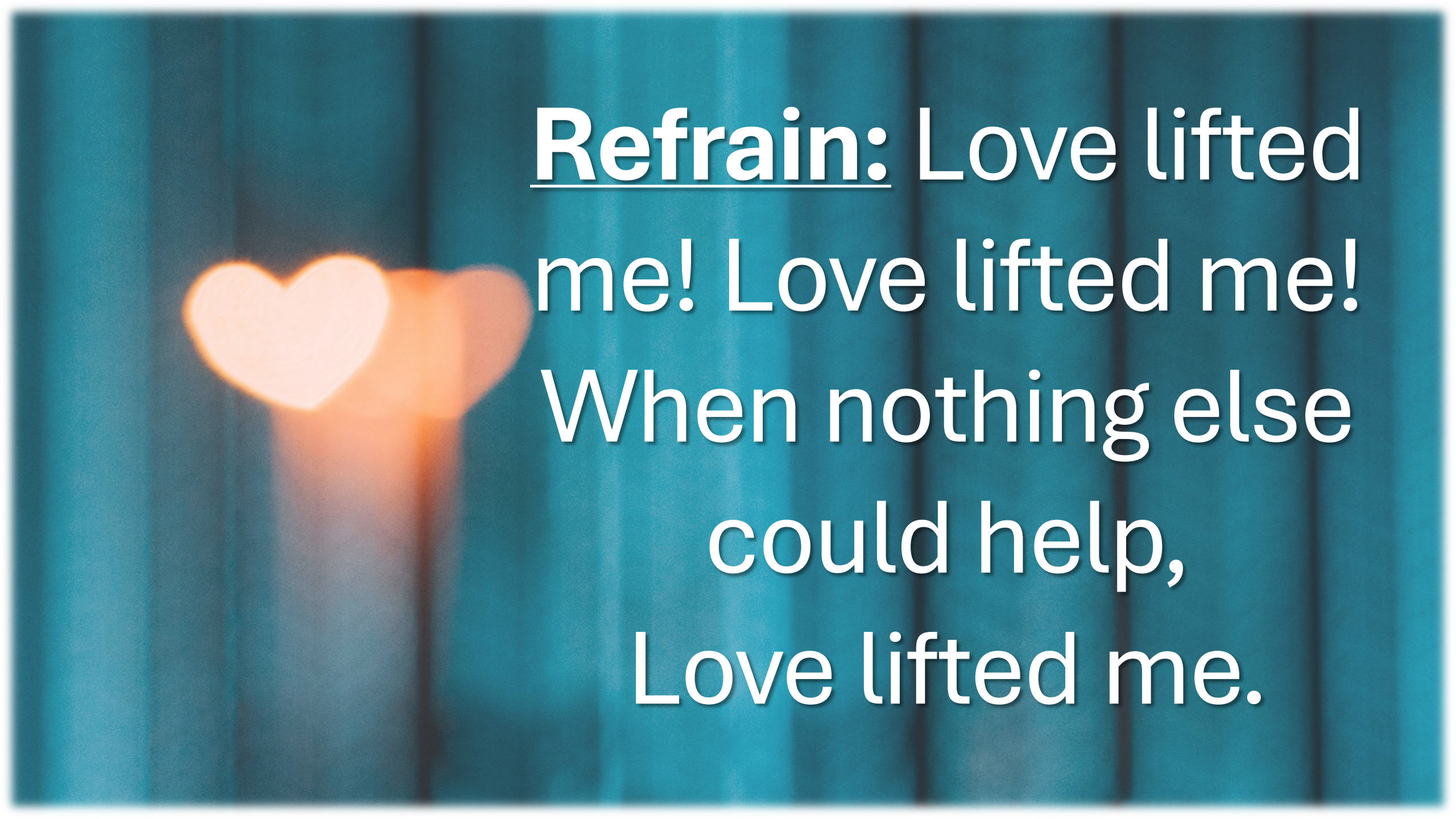
1. I was sinking deep in sin, Far from
the peaceful shore, Very deeply
stained within, Sinking to rise no
more; But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry, From the
waters lifted me, Now safe am I.



Refrain: Love lifted
me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else
could help,
Love lifted me.



2. All my heart to Him I give, Ever to
Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence
live, Ever His praises sing. Love so
mighty and so true Merits my soul's
best songs; Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs.

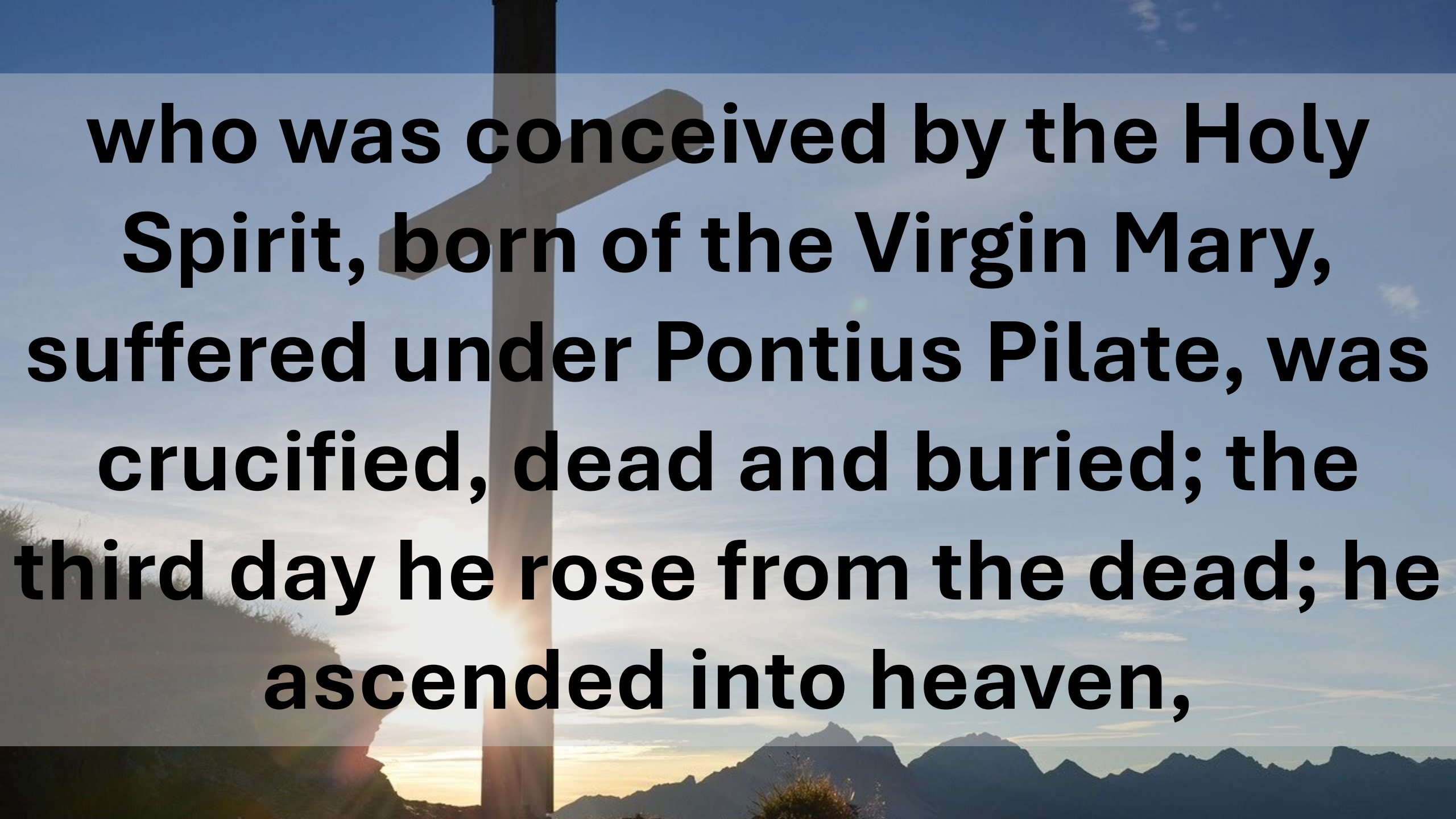


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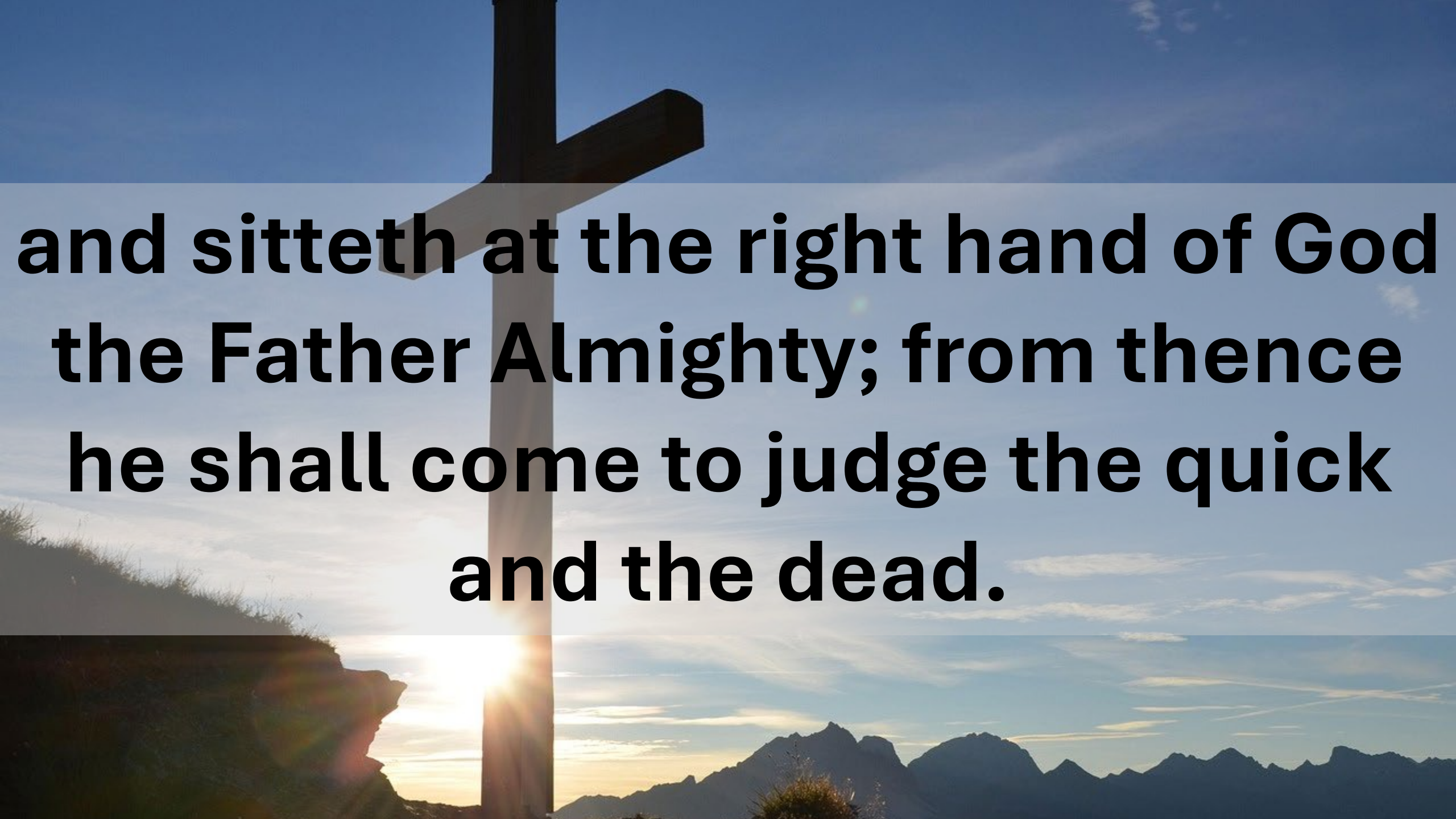
***Affirmation of Faith - Addy Robinson**

Leader: Brother and Sisters in
Christ, what do you believe?

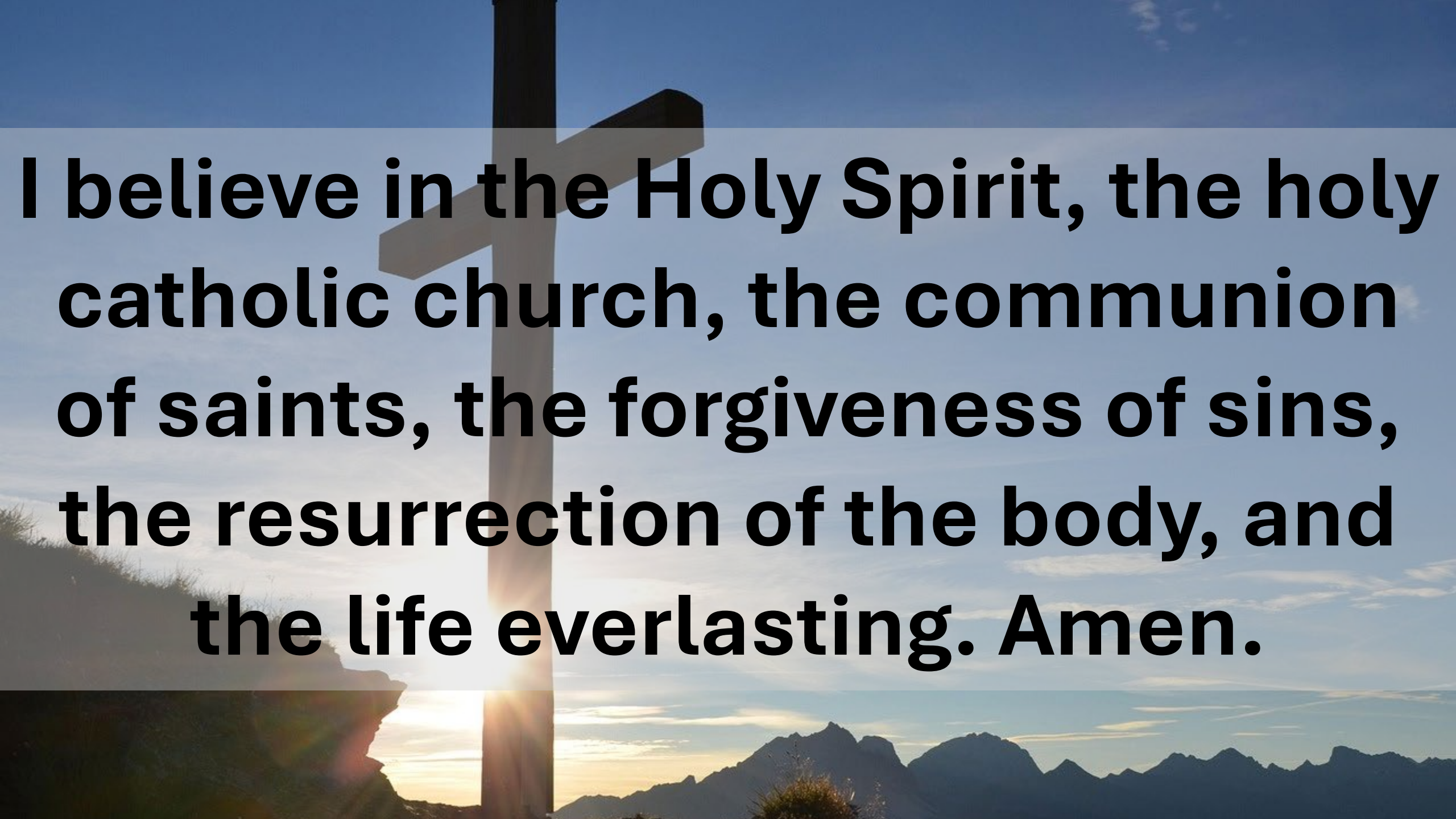
**Congregation: I believe in God the
Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his
only Son our Lord:**

A large wooden cross stands against a sunset sky with mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried; the
third day he rose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven,**

A large wooden cross stands on a grassy hill. The background features a sunset sky with mountains in the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.**

A large wooden cross stands against a sunset sky with mountains in the background. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background features a range of mountains under a sky with soft, wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and a lens flare effect. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Methodist Children's Home
A Community of Hope and Healing



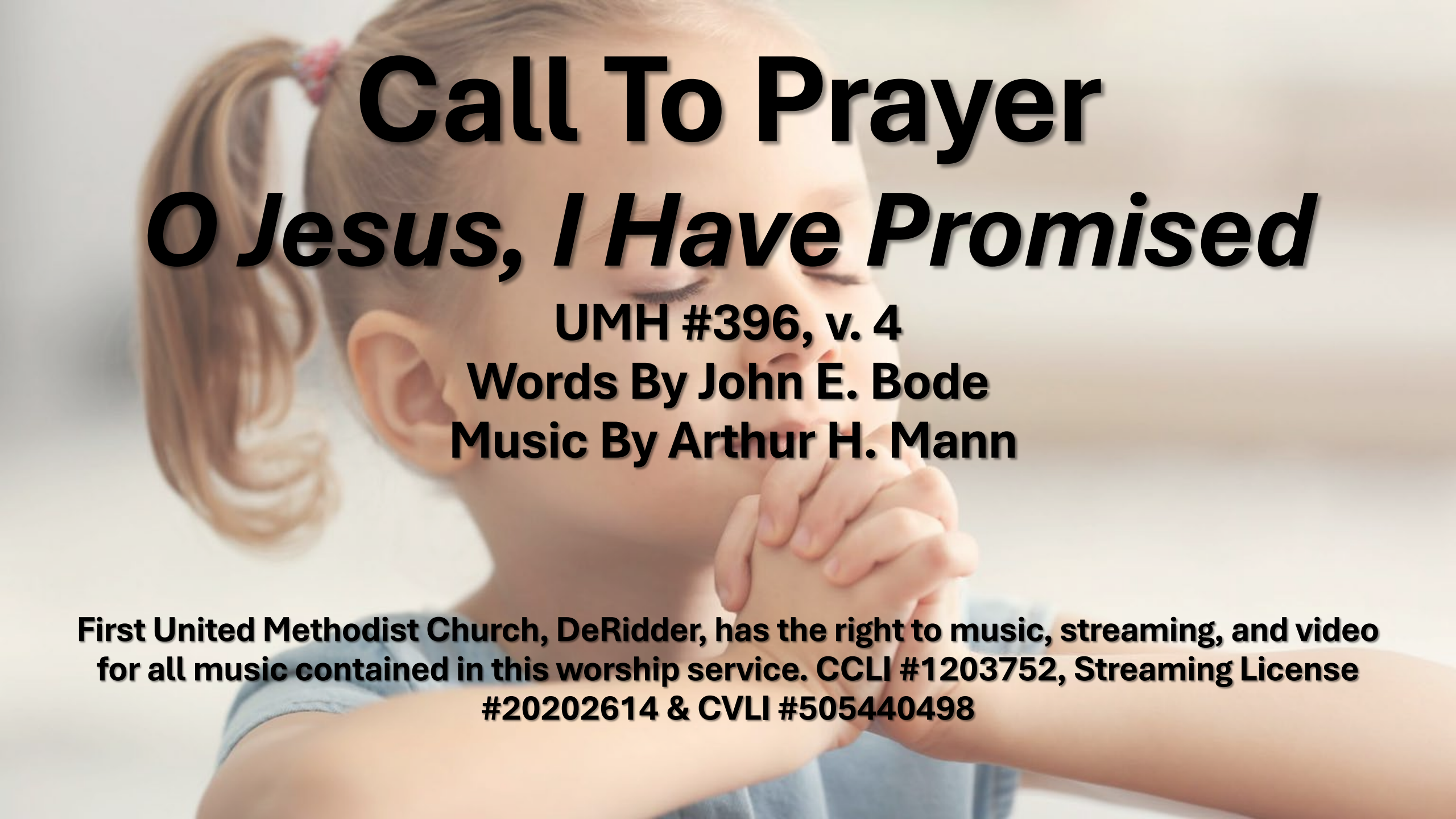
Check Presentation to The Methodist Children's Home

Back to School Blessing



A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones clasped together in a circle around an open book. The book is lying flat on a wooden surface with a prominent grain. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a sense of community and shared purpose. The text 'Sharing Our Joys and Concerns' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns



Call To Prayer

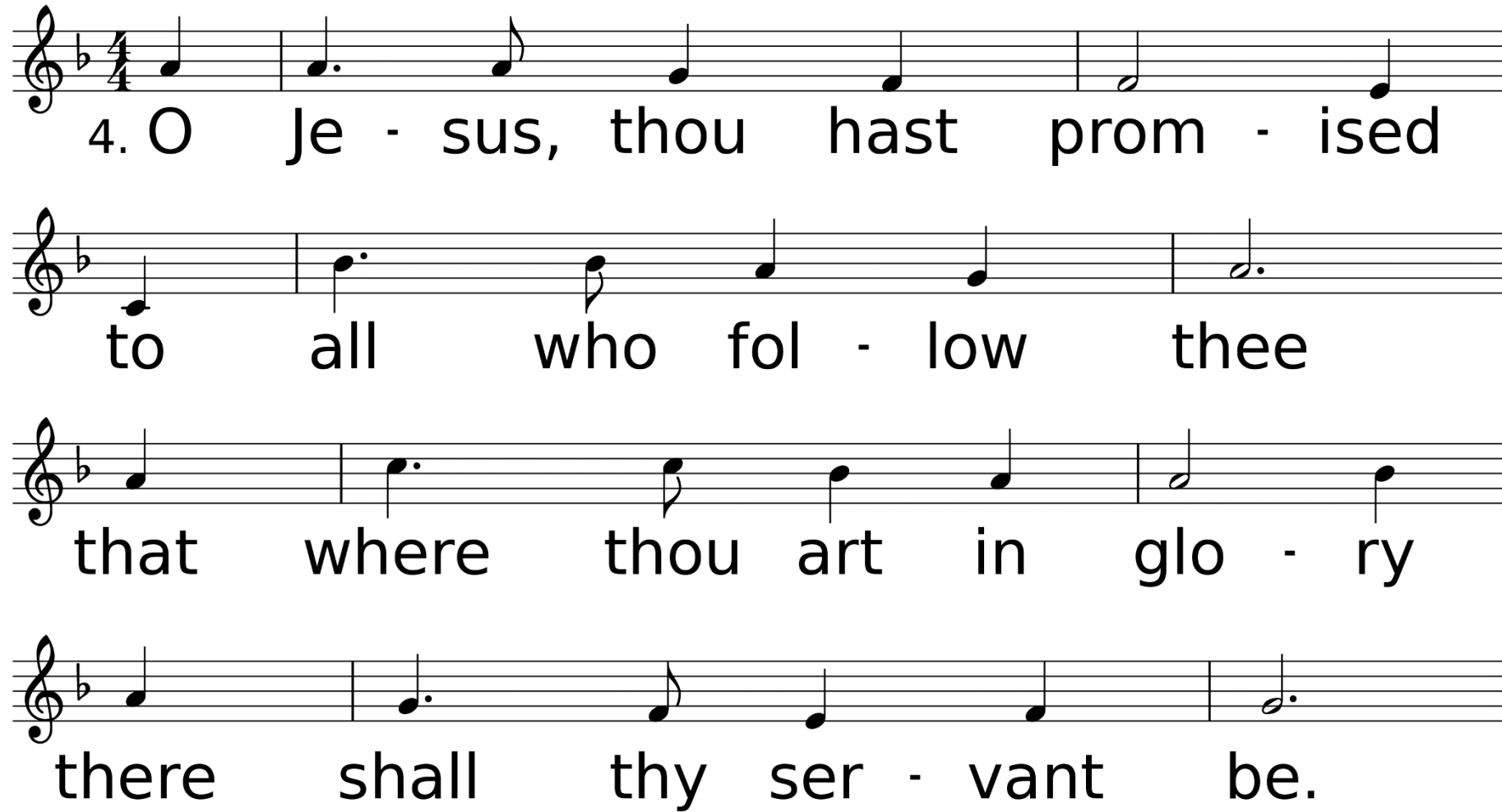
O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH #396, v. 4

Words By John E. Bode

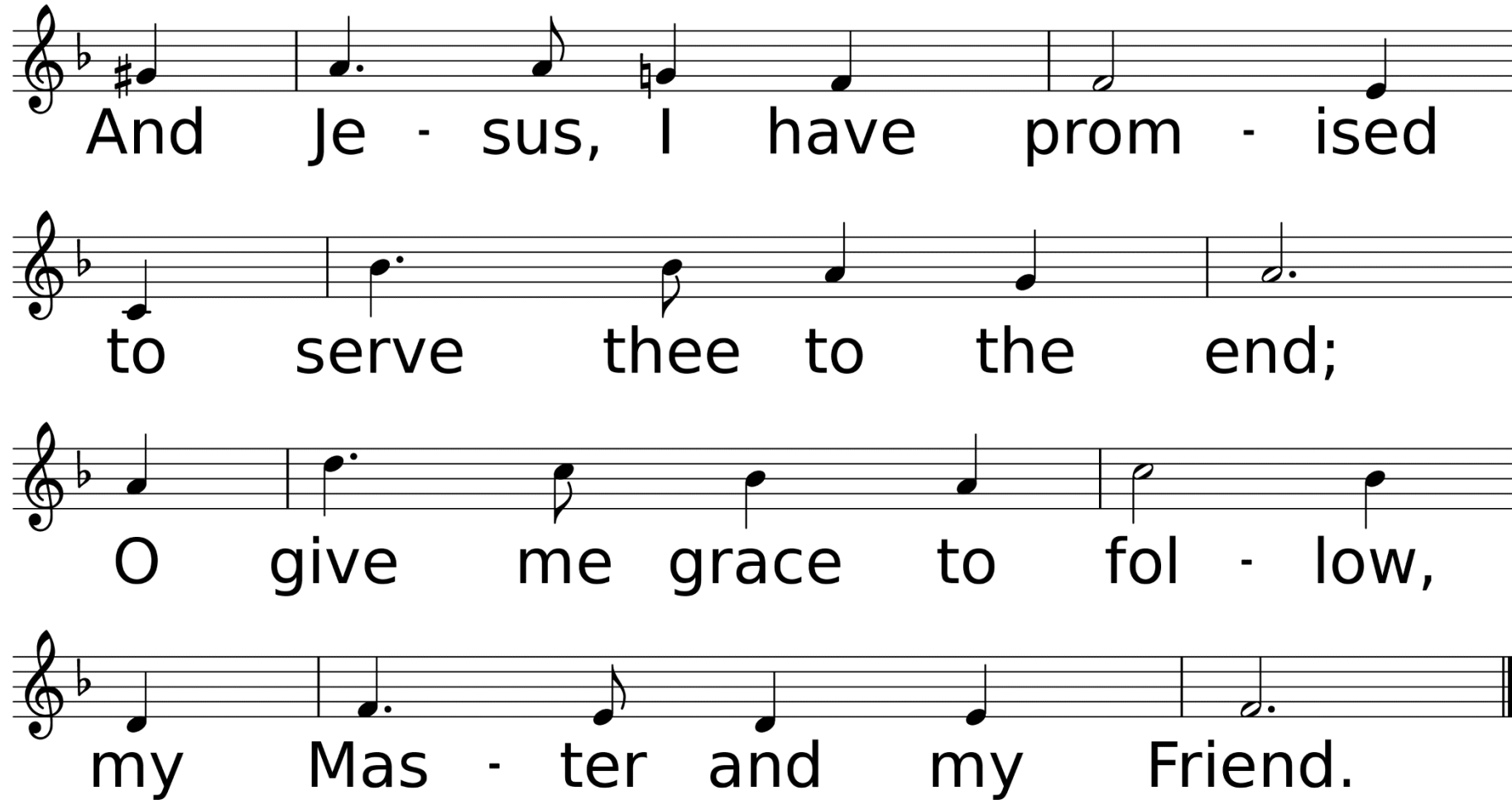
Music By Arthur H. Mann

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4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised
to all who fol - low thee
that where thou art in glo - ry
there shall thy ser - vant be.

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" from the United Methodist Hymnal #396. The score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, half, and dotted notes.



The image displays a musical score for the hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" from the United Methodist Hymnal #396. The score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "And Je - sus, I have prom - ised". The second staff contains "to serve thee to the end;". The third staff contains "O give me grace to fol - low,". The fourth staff contains "my Mas - ter and my Friend." and ends with a double bar line. The notes are primarily quarter and half notes, with some dotted notes.

And Je - sus, I have prom - ised

to serve thee to the end;

O give me grace to fol - low,

my Mas - ter and my Friend.



Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The background image shows two hands, one from the top right and one from the bottom left, cupping a mound of dark brown soil. A small green seedling with two leaves is growing out of the soil. The hands are light-skinned. The background is a soft-focus green field under warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

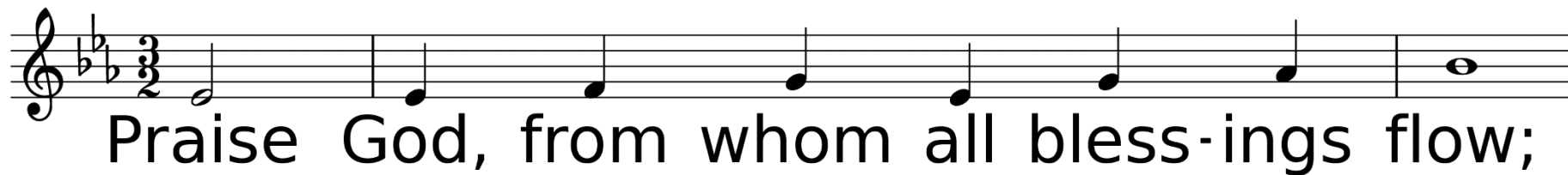
Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

***Doxology**
***Praise God, From Whom All
Blessings Flow***

UMH #94

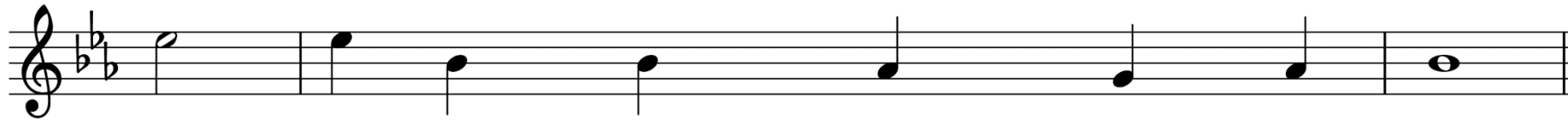
Words By Thomas Ken,
Music From Geistliche Kirchengesange
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!



Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



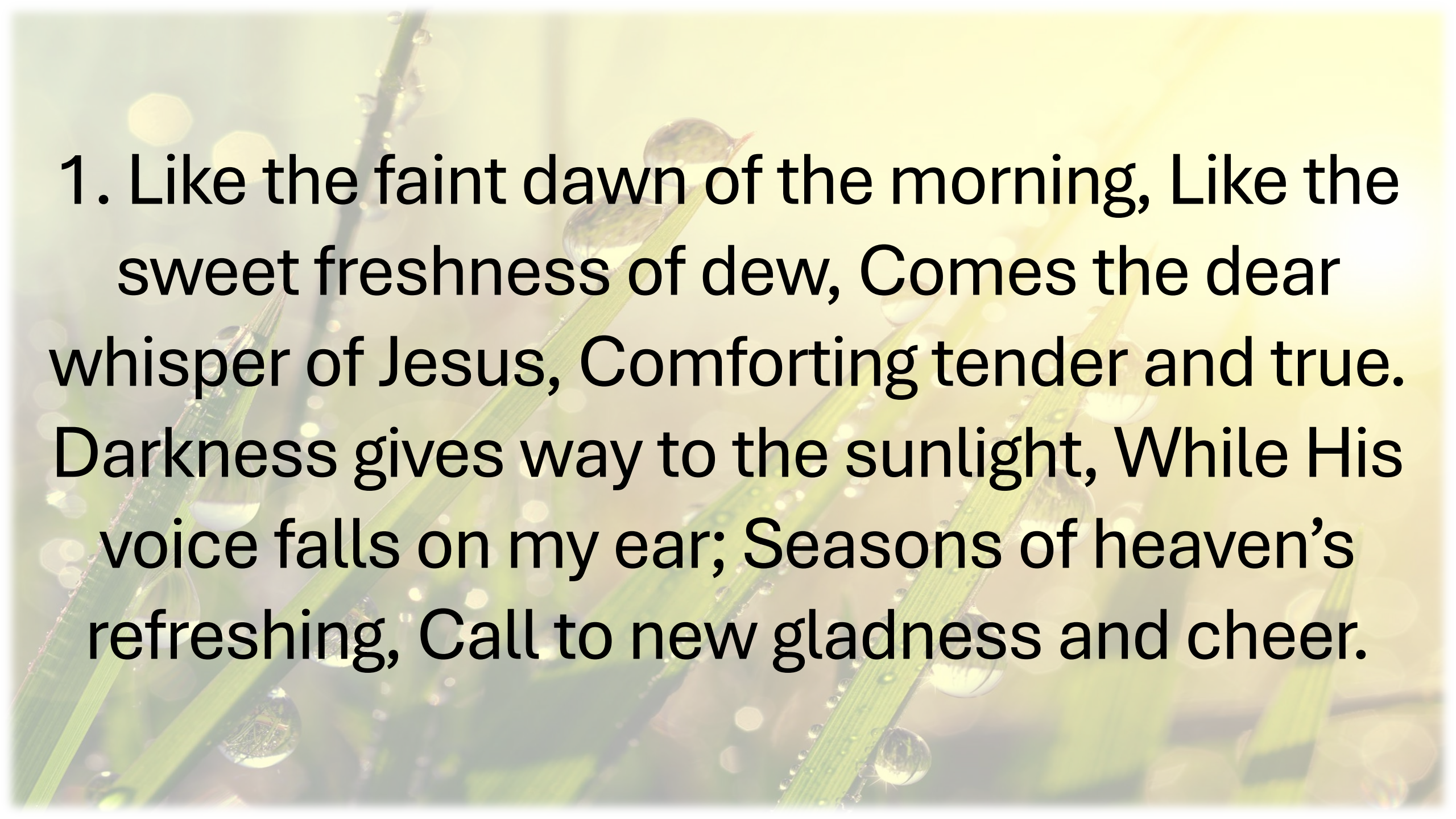
Hymn of Faith

Whispering Hope

Cokesbury Hymnal #245, v. 1 & 2

Arr. By Cyde Willard

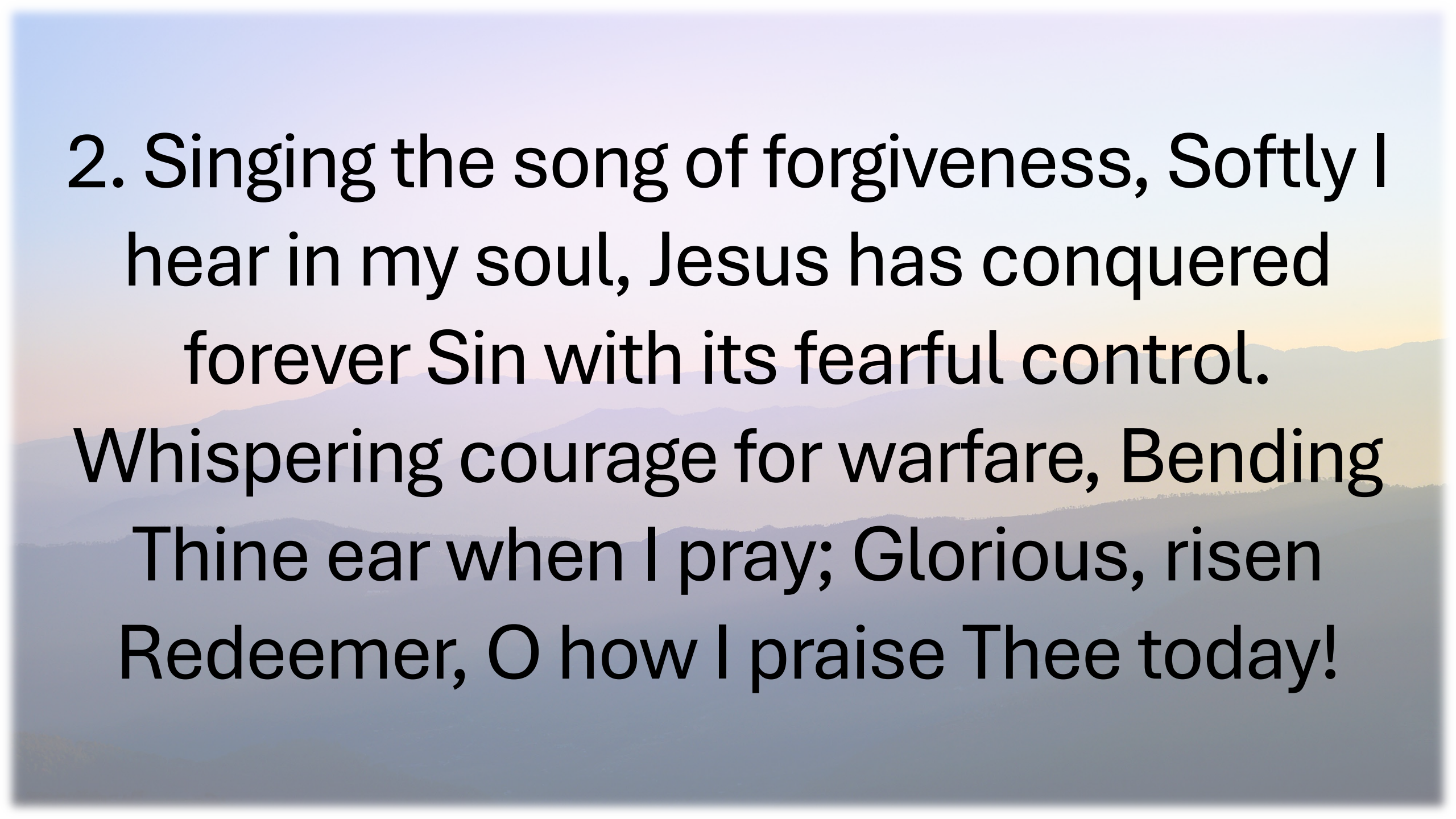
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1. Like the faint dawn of the morning, Like the
sweet freshness of dew, Comes the dear
whisper of Jesus, Comforting tender and true.
Darkness gives way to the sunlight, While His
voice falls on my ear; Seasons of heaven's
refreshing, Call to new gladness and cheer.

Refrain:

Whispering hope, like the song of the
angels, Jesus, Thy love, is sweet music
to me.



2. Singing the song of forgiveness, Softly I
hear in my soul, Jesus has conquered
forever Sin with its fearful control.
Whispering courage for warfare, Bending
Thine ear when I pray; Glorious, risen
Redeemer, O how I praise Thee today!

Refrain:

Whispering hope, like the song of the
angels, Jesus, Thy love, is sweet music
to me.

Scripture Reading
Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23
Garrett Oldaker

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly,

because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the
parable of the sower
means: When anyone hears the
message about the
kingdom and does not
understand it,

the evil one comes and snatches away
what was sown in their heart. This is the
seed sown along the path. The seed
falling on rocky ground refers to
someone who hears the word and at
once receives it with joy.

But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the

deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

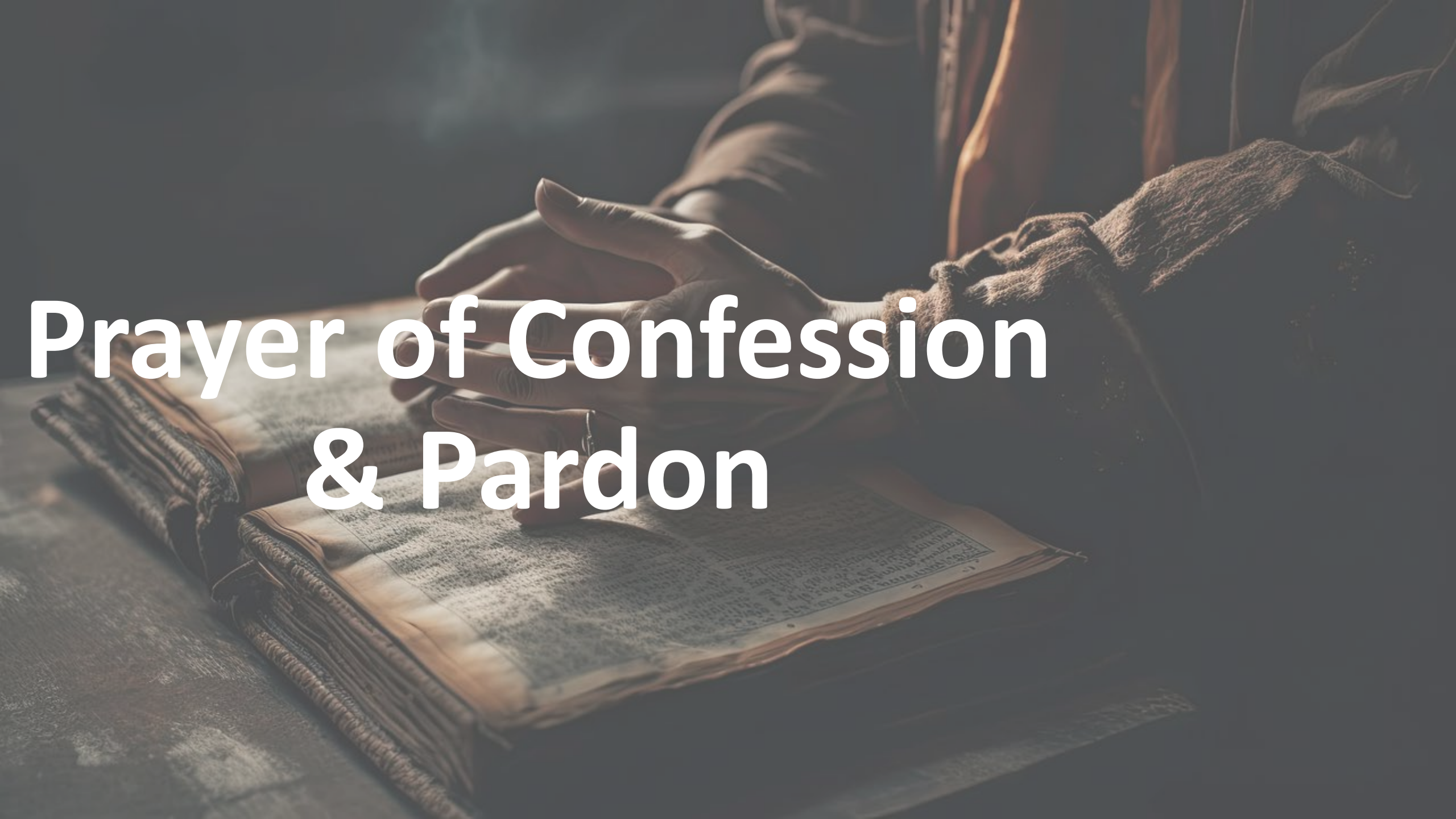
This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

**“What Kind
of Soil
Are You?”
Sermon
Rev. Laraine
Waughtal**



Invitation to Holy Communion

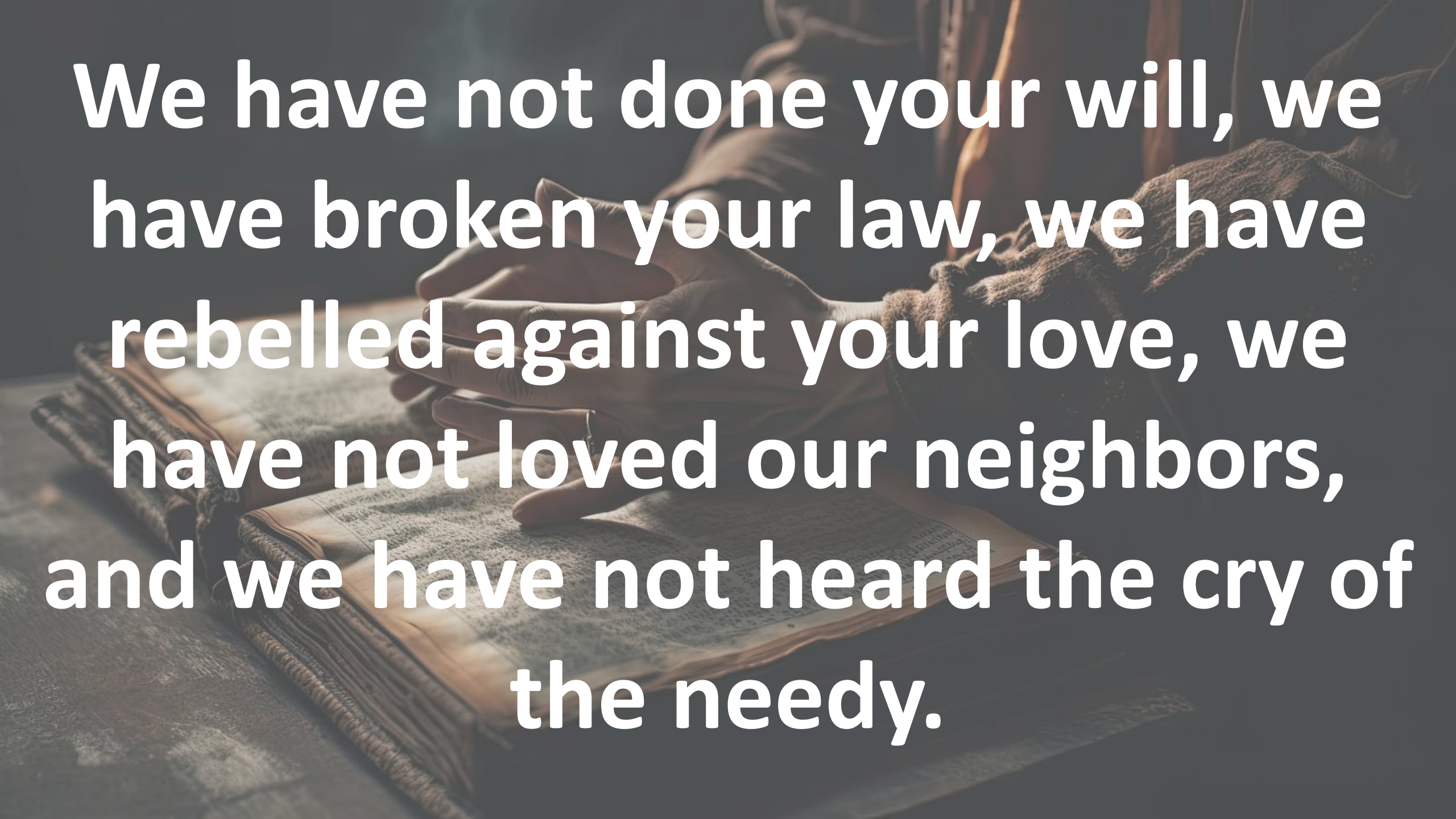




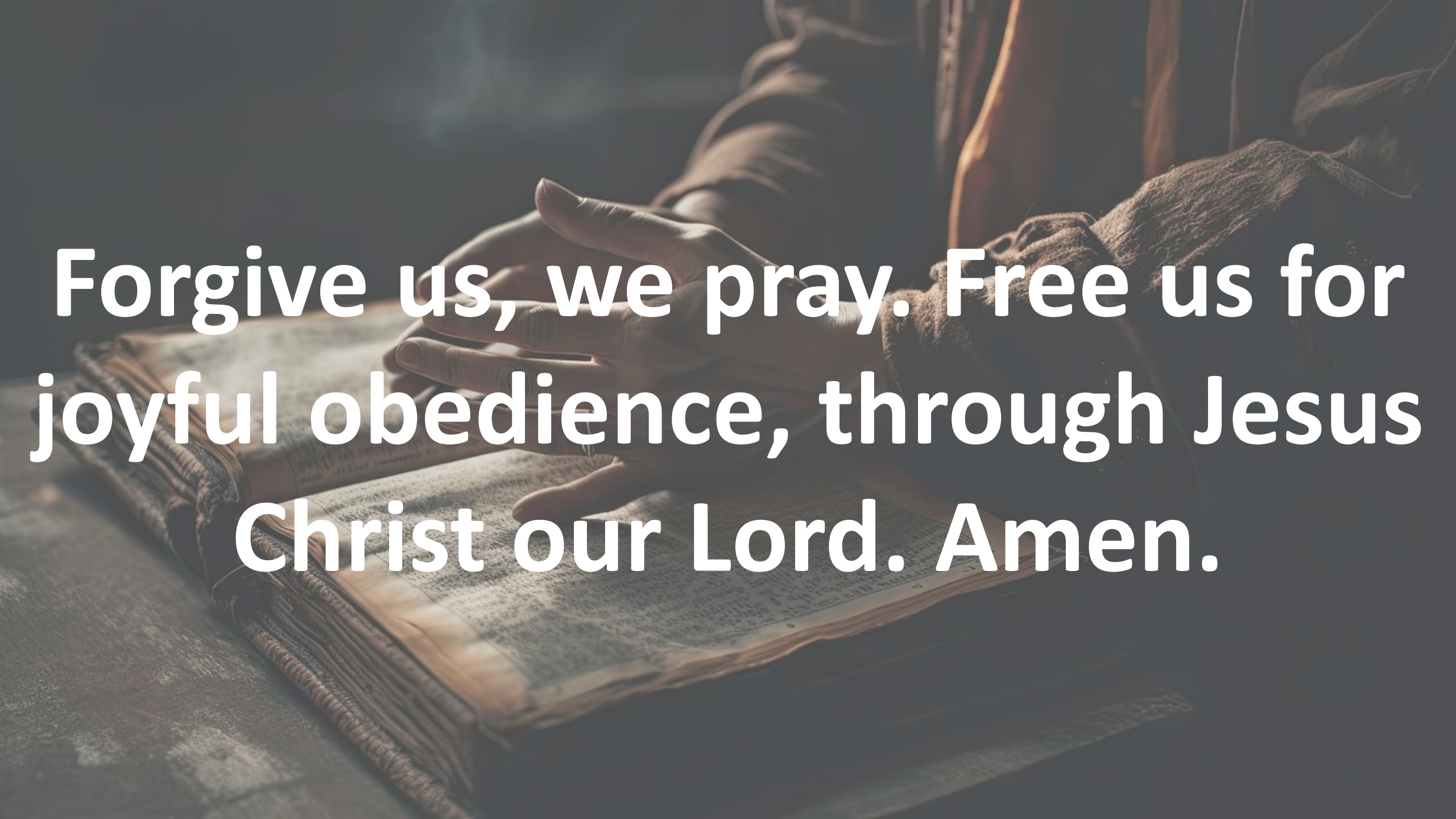
Prayer of Confession & Pardon

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands resting on an open Bible. The hands are positioned with fingers spread, resting on the pages. The Bible is open to a page with visible text. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the Bible.

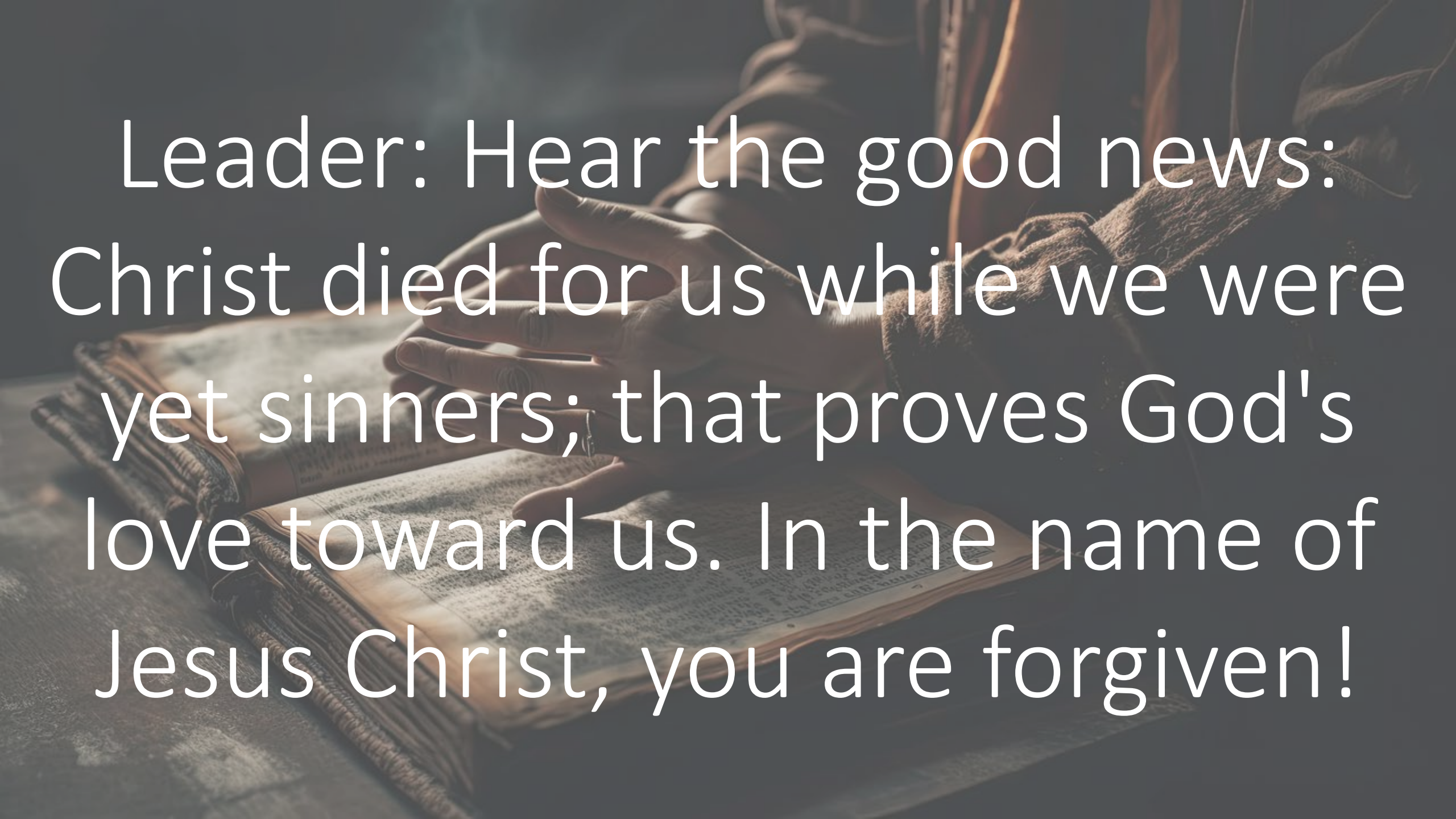
**Congregation: Merciful God, We
confess that we have not loved
you with our whole heart We
have failed to be an obedient
church.**

A close-up, warm-toned photograph of a person's hands resting on an open, thick book. The hands are positioned in the center, with fingers slightly spread. The book's pages are aged and yellowed, with some text visible. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting with soft lighting. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.

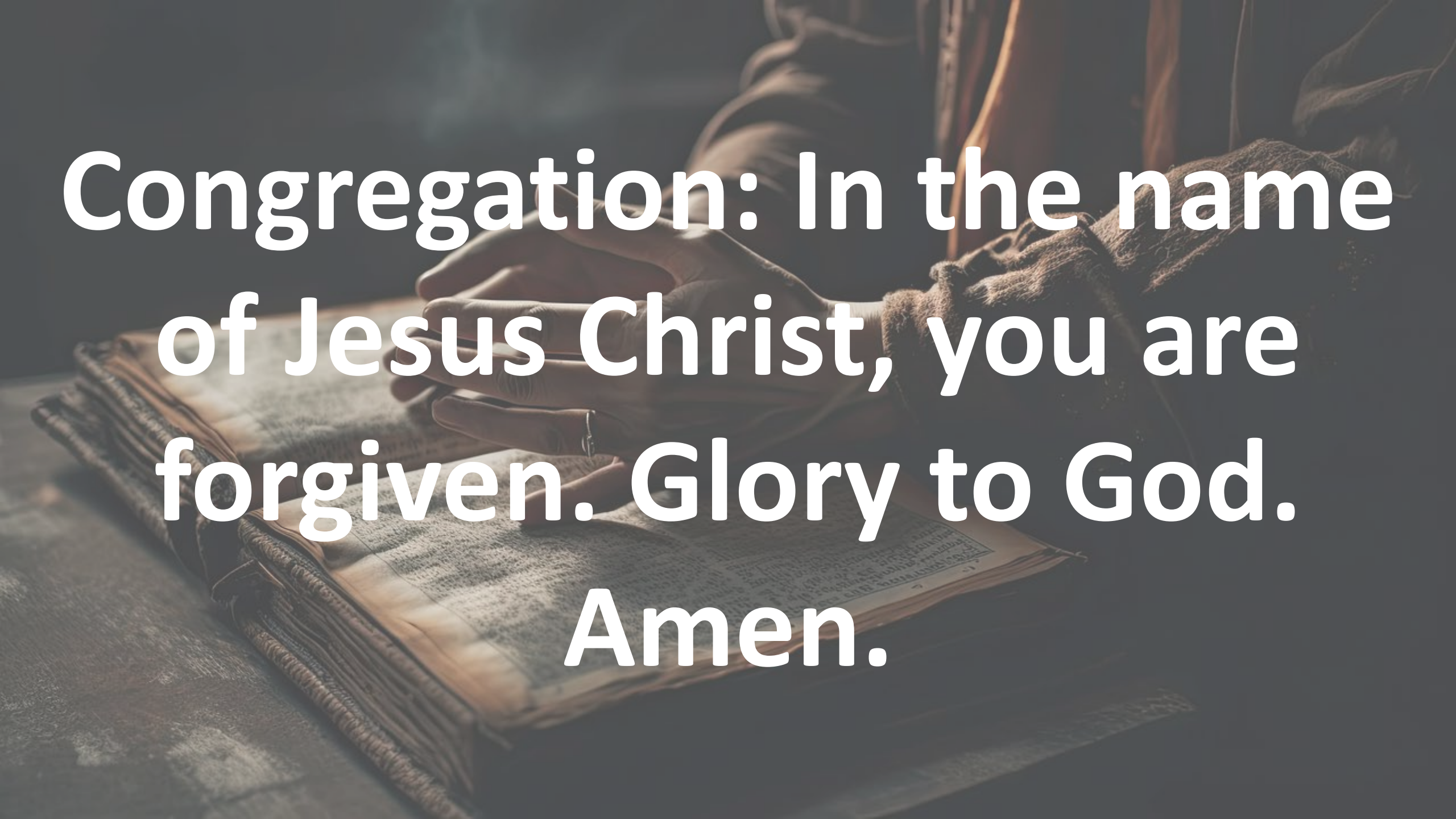
**We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we have
rebelled against your love, we
have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of
the needy.**



Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands resting on an open Bible. The hands are positioned with fingers spread, resting on the pages. The Bible is open to a page with visible text. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's
love toward us. In the name of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands resting on an open, thick book, likely a Bible. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The book is open to a page with dense, small text. The lighting is warm and dim, creating a soft, intimate atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some vertical lines that might be part of a person's clothing or a structure. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

**Congregation: In the name
of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven. Glory to God.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



Leader: The Lord be with
you.

**Congregation: And also
with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.



**Congregation: We lift them
up to the Lord.**

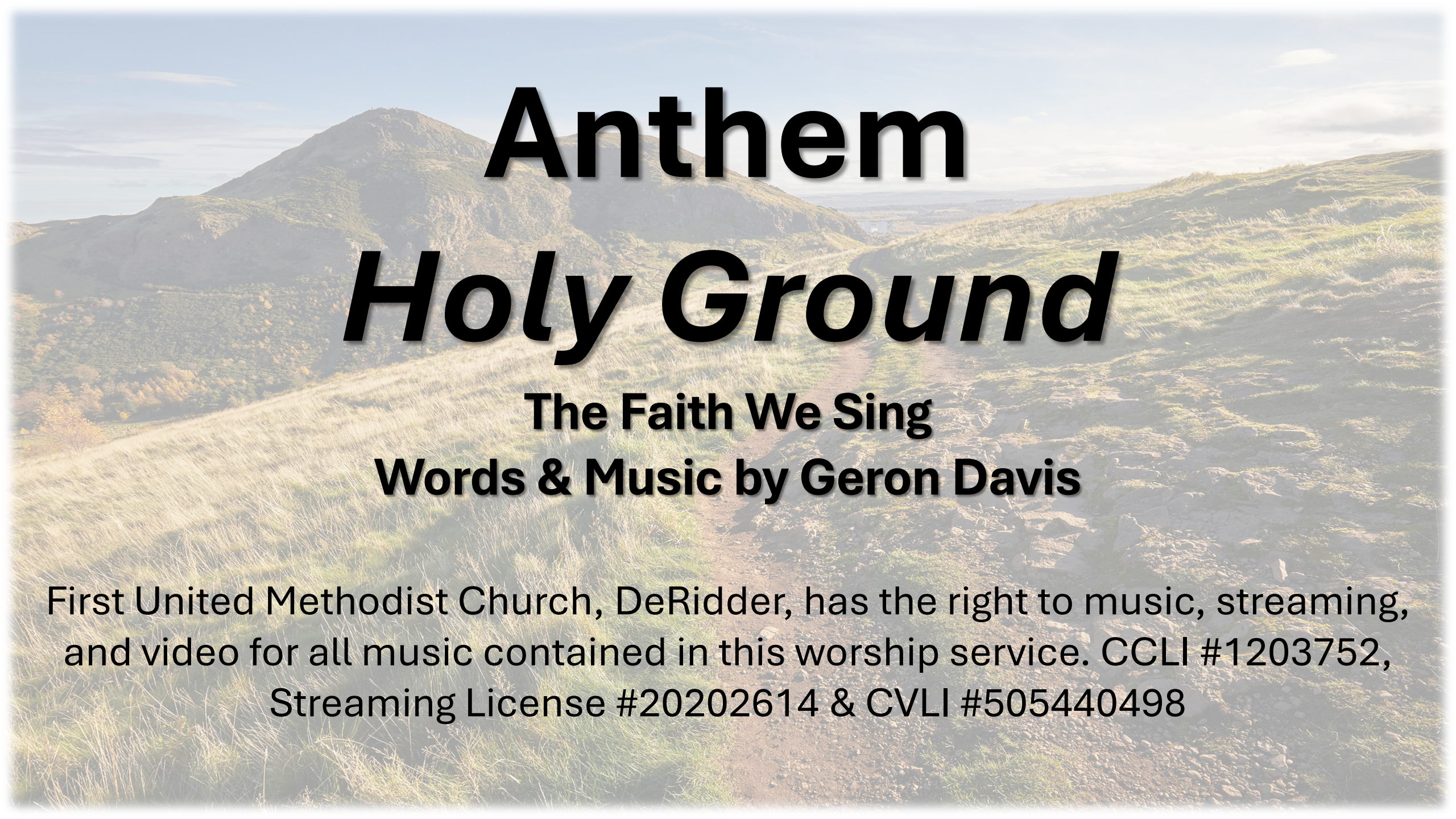
Leader: Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to
give our thanks and praise.**



A blurred background image showing a communion table. In the center is a small glass cup filled with red wine. To the left is a white cloth with yellow flowers. To the right is a dark book with gold lettering. The table is covered with a light-colored, textured cloth.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements



Anthem

Holy Ground

The Faith We Sing
Words & Music by Geron Davis

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***Hymn of Invitation**

Freely, Freely

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1. God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name,



I've been born a - gain in Je - sus' name,



and in Je - sus' name I come to you,



to share his love as he told me to.



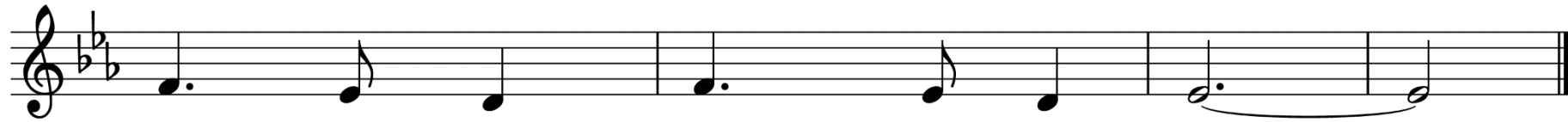
He said, "Free-ly, free-ly you have re-ceived,



free - ly, free - ly give.



Go in my name, and be-cause you be-lieve,



oth - ers will know that I live."



2. All power is given in Je - sus' name,



in earth and heaven in Je - sus' name,



and in Je - sus' name I come to you,



to share his power as he told me to.



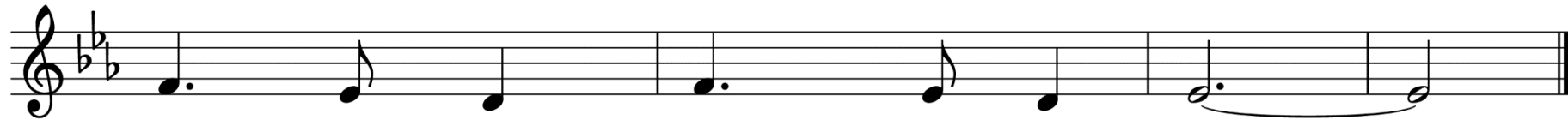
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free - ly, free - ly give.



Go in my name, and be-cause you be-lieve,



oth - ers will know that I live."



***Benediction**

A photograph of two young children holding hands and running in a grassy field during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The child on the left is wearing a light green shirt and dark pants, while the child on the right is wearing a red jacket and dark pants. The background is filled with tall grass and some small white flowers.

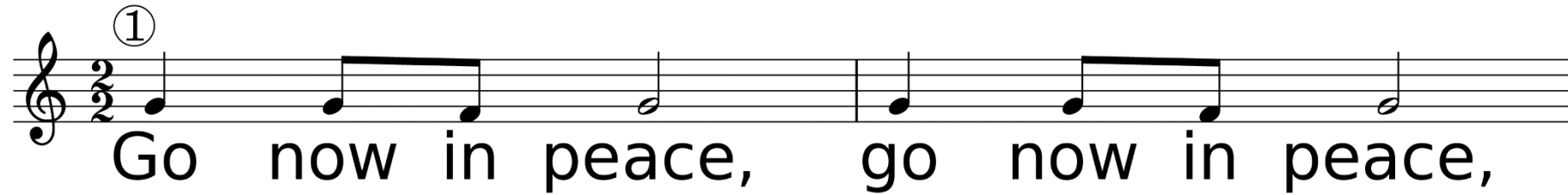
*SENDING FORTH

Go Now in Peace

UMH #665

WORDS & Music By Natalie Sleeth

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A white bicycle is parked in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. A wire basket on the handlebars is filled with a bouquet of purple, yellow, and pink flowers. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green trees and a clear sky. The text "Thank you for joining us today!" is overlaid in a large, bold, black, italicized font.

***Thank you for joining
us today!***