

# PRELUDE

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*Fourth Sunday in  
Lent*

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WELCOME,  
ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
and  
CELEBRATIONS



## Give Thanks

Let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we bring the *Light of Christ* into our midst.



**Bringing In The Light of Christ**

**“Sanctuary”**

# CONFESSION



*Leader:* LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

*People:* **Or discipline me in your wrath.**

# CONFESSION



*Leader:* Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint;

*People:* **Heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.**

# CONFESSION



*Leader:* My soul is in deep anguish.

*People:* **How long, LORD, how long?**

# CONFESSION

A wooden cross is centered in the background. A purple sash is draped over the cross, and a green palm frond is visible at the bottom left.

*Leader:* Turn, LORD, and deliver me;

*People:* **Save me because of your unfailing love.**



# CONFESSION



*Leader:* Among the dead no one proclaims your name.

*People:* **Who praises you from the grave?**

# “How Great Thou Art” UMH 77

WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

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O Lord my God!  
when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds  
thy hands have made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout  
the universe displayed.

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When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook,  
and feel the gentle breeze;

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And when I think  
that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross,  
my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died  
to take away my sin;

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation  
and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow  
in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim,  
my God, how great thou art!

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# **OPENING PRAYER**

**Purify our conscience,  
Almighty God, by your  
daily visitation,  
that your Son Jesus  
Christ, at his coming, may  
find in us a  
mansion prepared for  
himself; who lives and  
reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.  
Amen.**



For God so  
loved the world...

John 3:16



Young Disciples' Message  
"Measuring God's Love"

# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

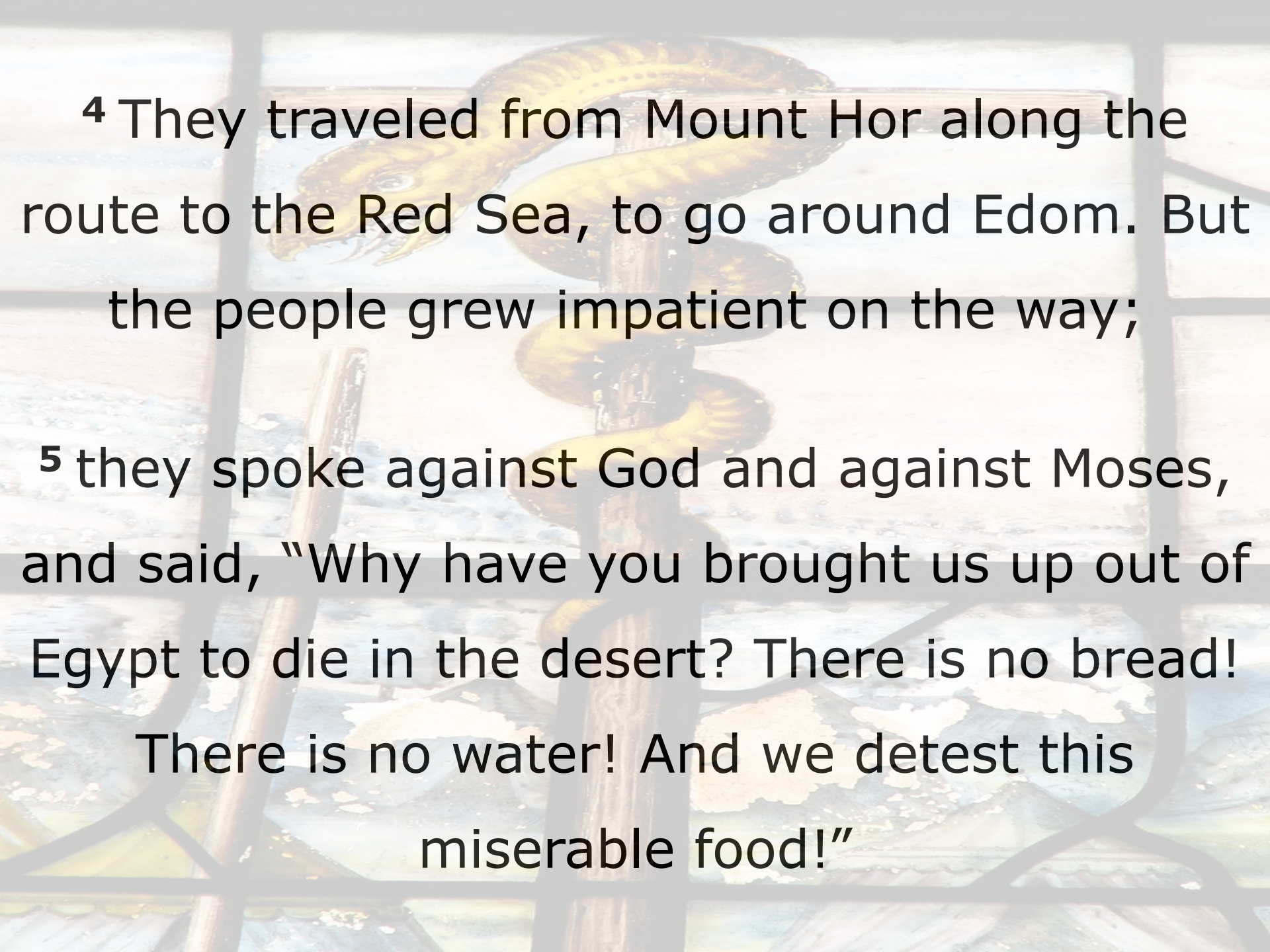
**May God the Father bless  
us,  
May Christ take care of us,  
The Holy Ghost enlighten  
us all the days of our life.  
The Lord be our defender  
and keeper of body and  
soul,  
Both now and for ever, to  
the ages of ages.  
Amen.**



A stained glass window with a grid pattern. The central panel shows a golden serpent with a human-like face, coiled around a wooden staff. The background of the window depicts a landscape with mountains and a body of water. The text "Numbers 21: 4-9" is overlaid on the window.

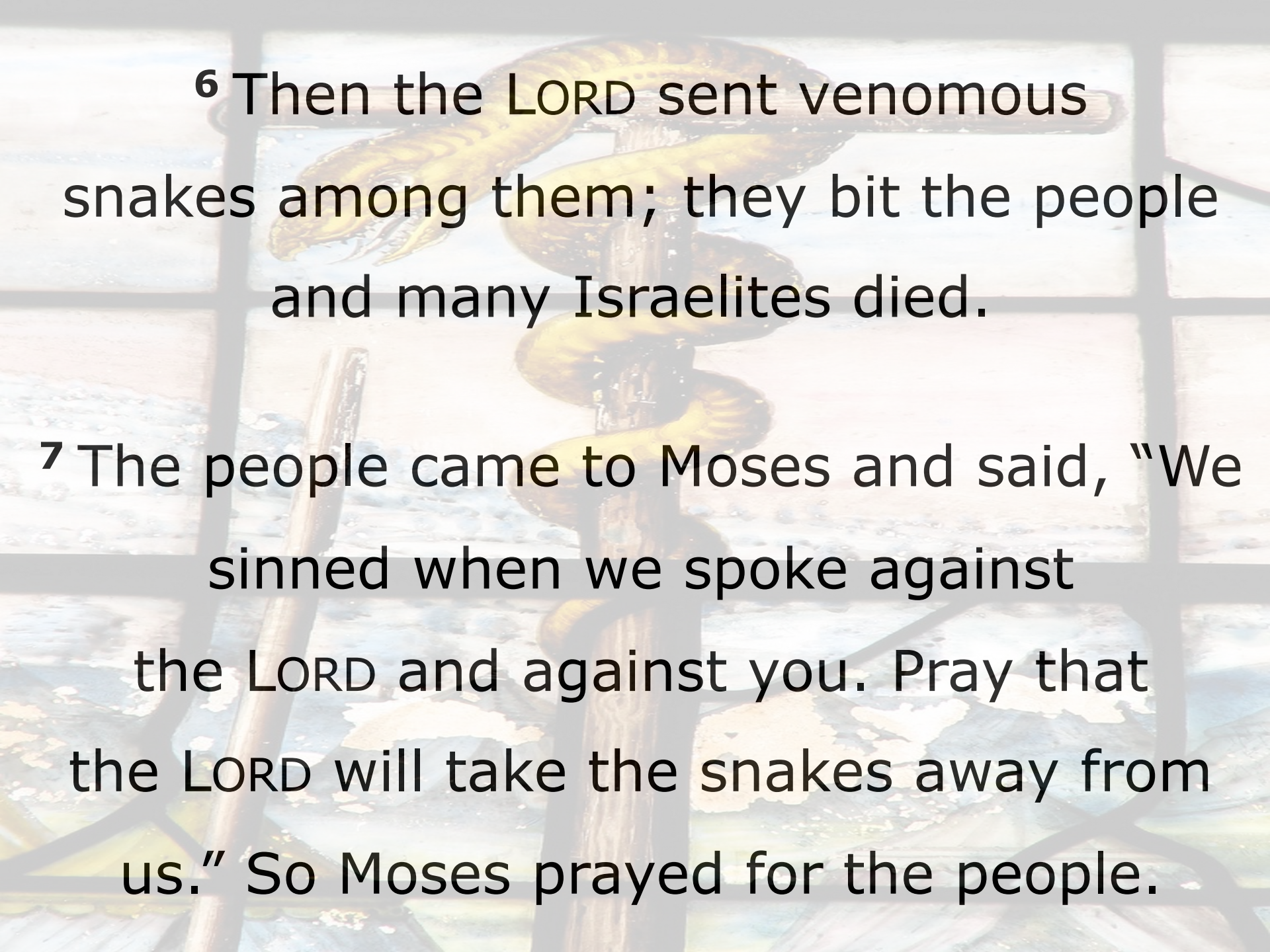
# Numbers 21: 4-9

NIV



<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way;

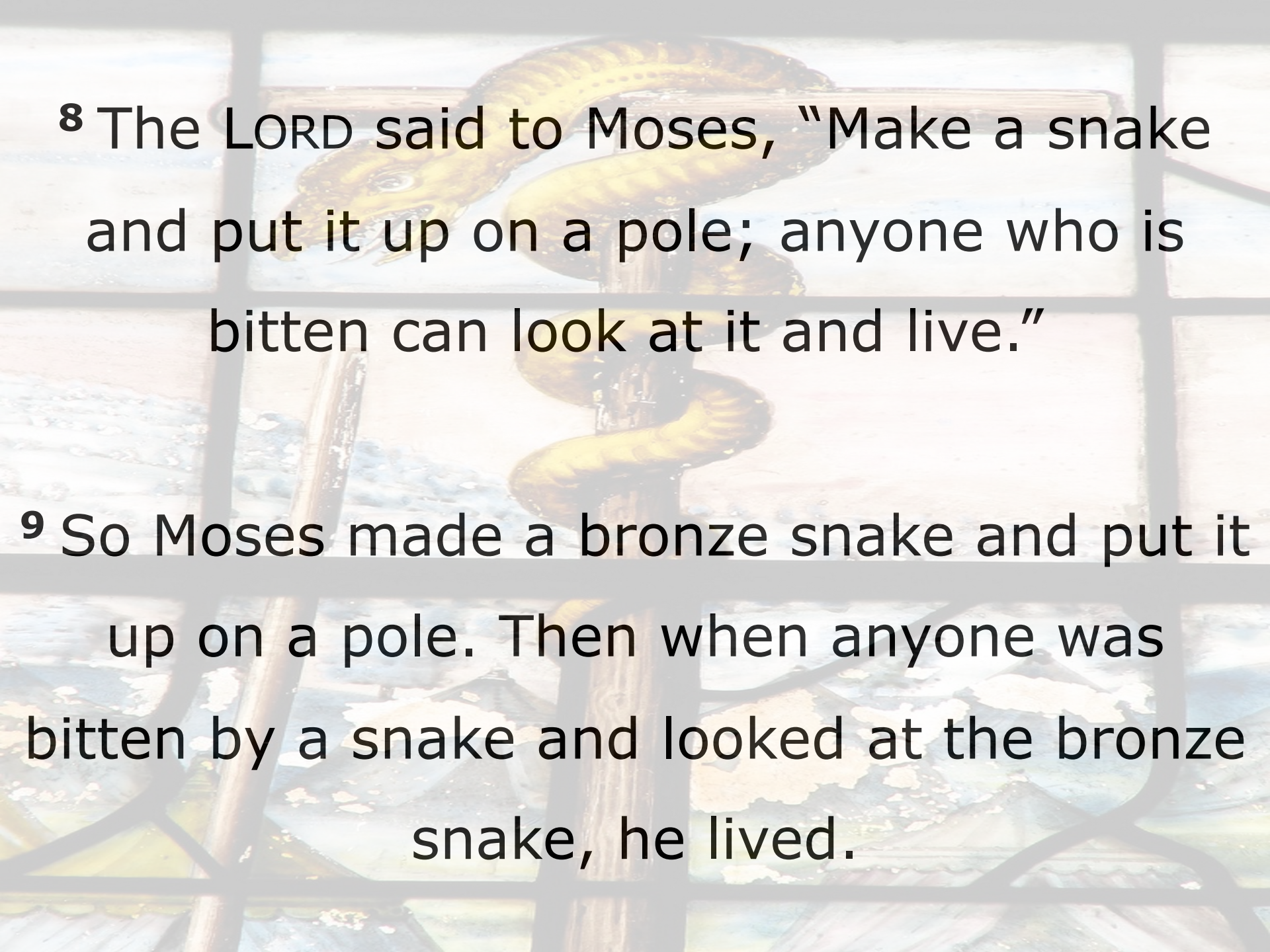
<sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"



<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.

<sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.





<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”

<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

# PSALM READING



Psalm 107:1-9 UMH 830

# PSALM READING

*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

*People:* <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

# PSALM READING

*Leader:* Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

*People:* **hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

# PSALM READING

*Leader:* Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress,

*People:* and led them by a straight way, till they reach a city in which to dwell.

# PSALM READING

*Leader:* Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

*People:* For the Lord satisfied those who are thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.



# John 3: 14-21

NIV

**14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

**15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



**17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

**20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

**21** But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done in the sight of God.

# Glory Be to the Father

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WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

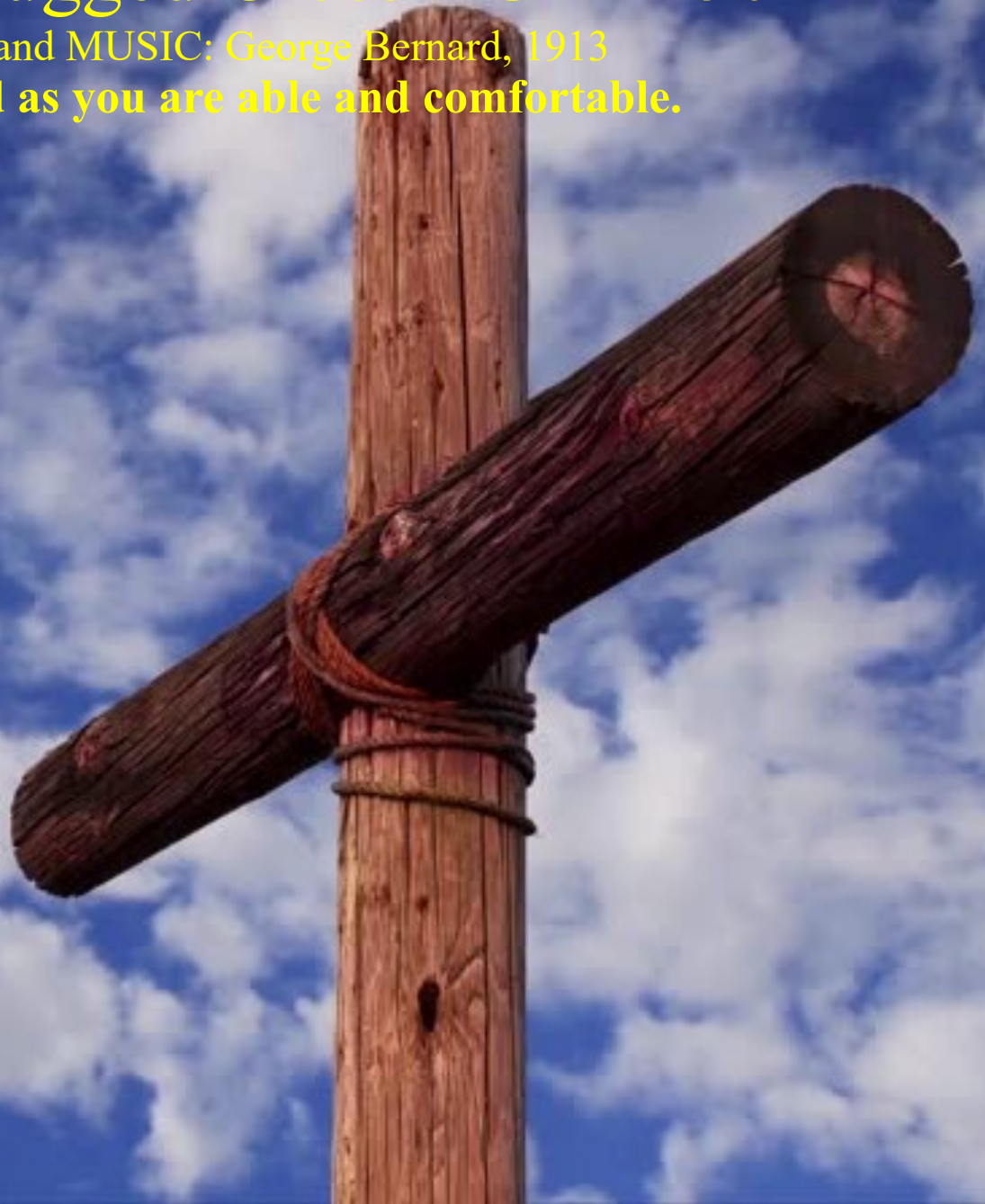
“Eternal Life in Jesus”



# “The Old Rugged Cross” UMH 504

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bernard, 1913

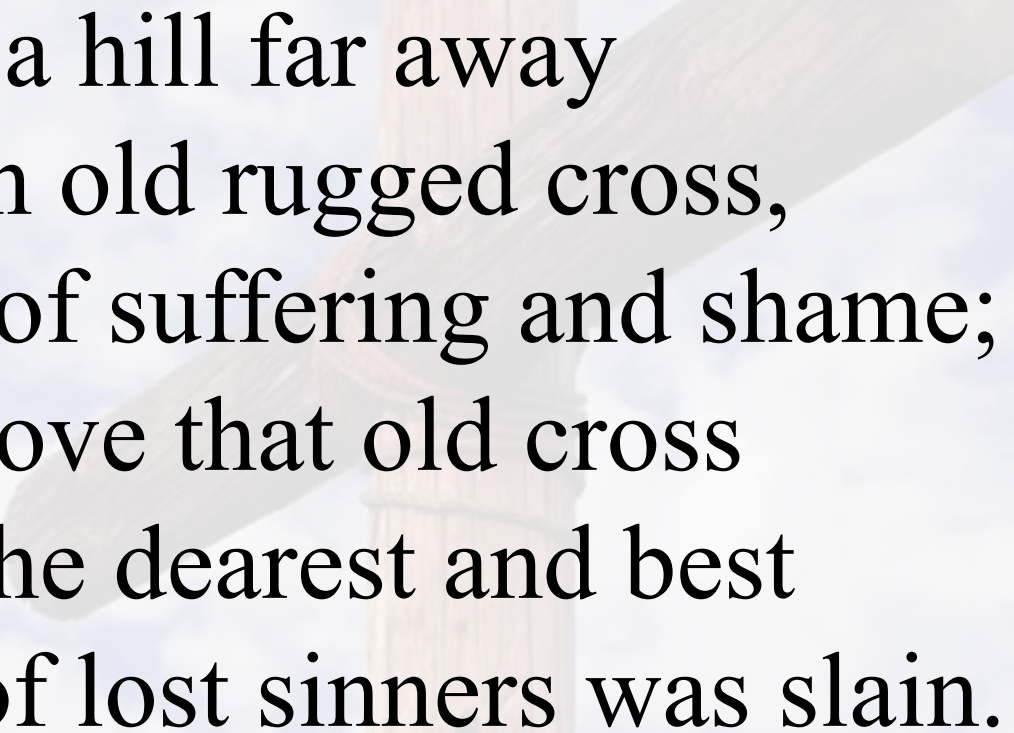
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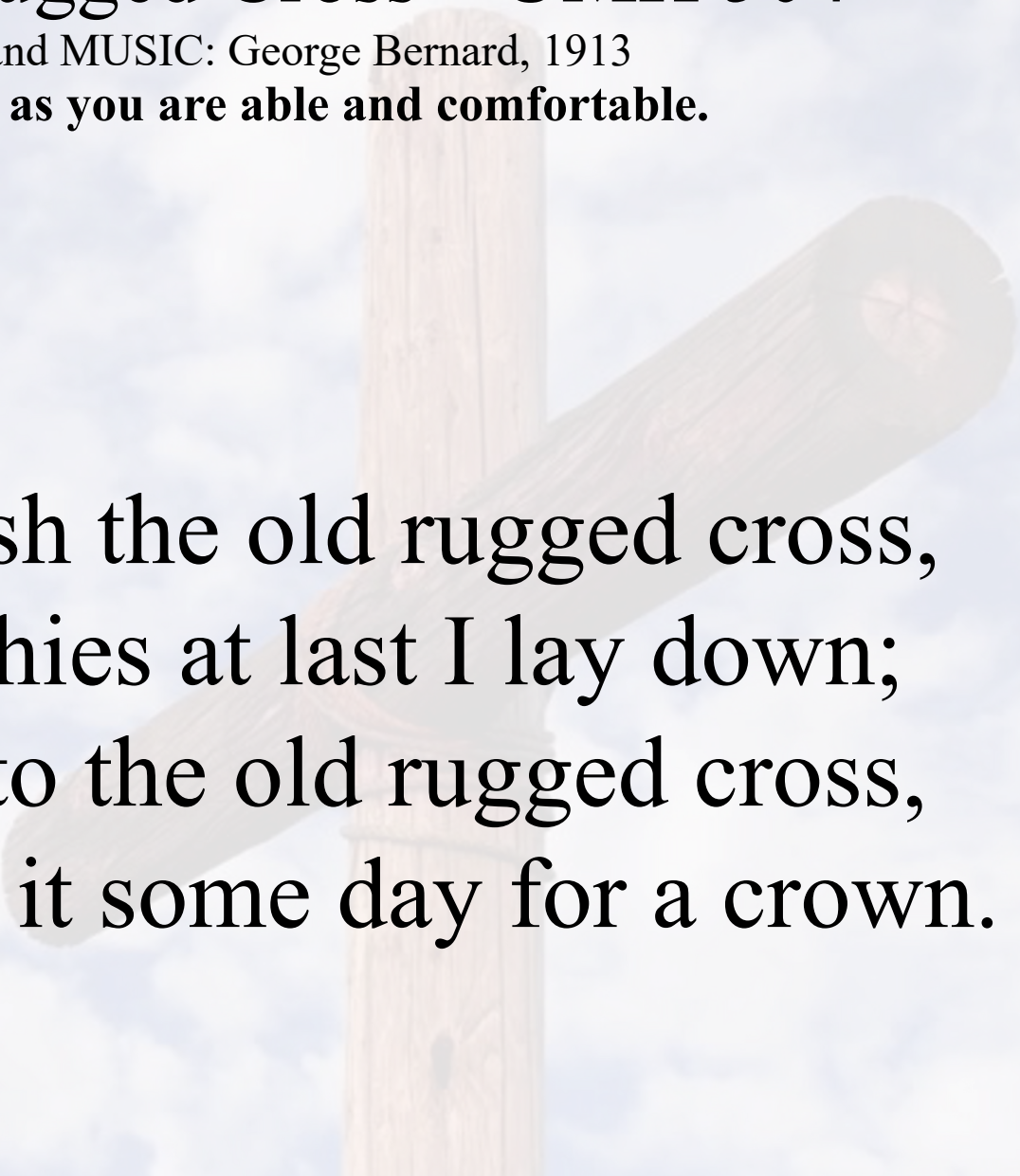
On a hill far away  
stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross  
where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.



# “The Old Rugged Cross” UMH 504

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**Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**



So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

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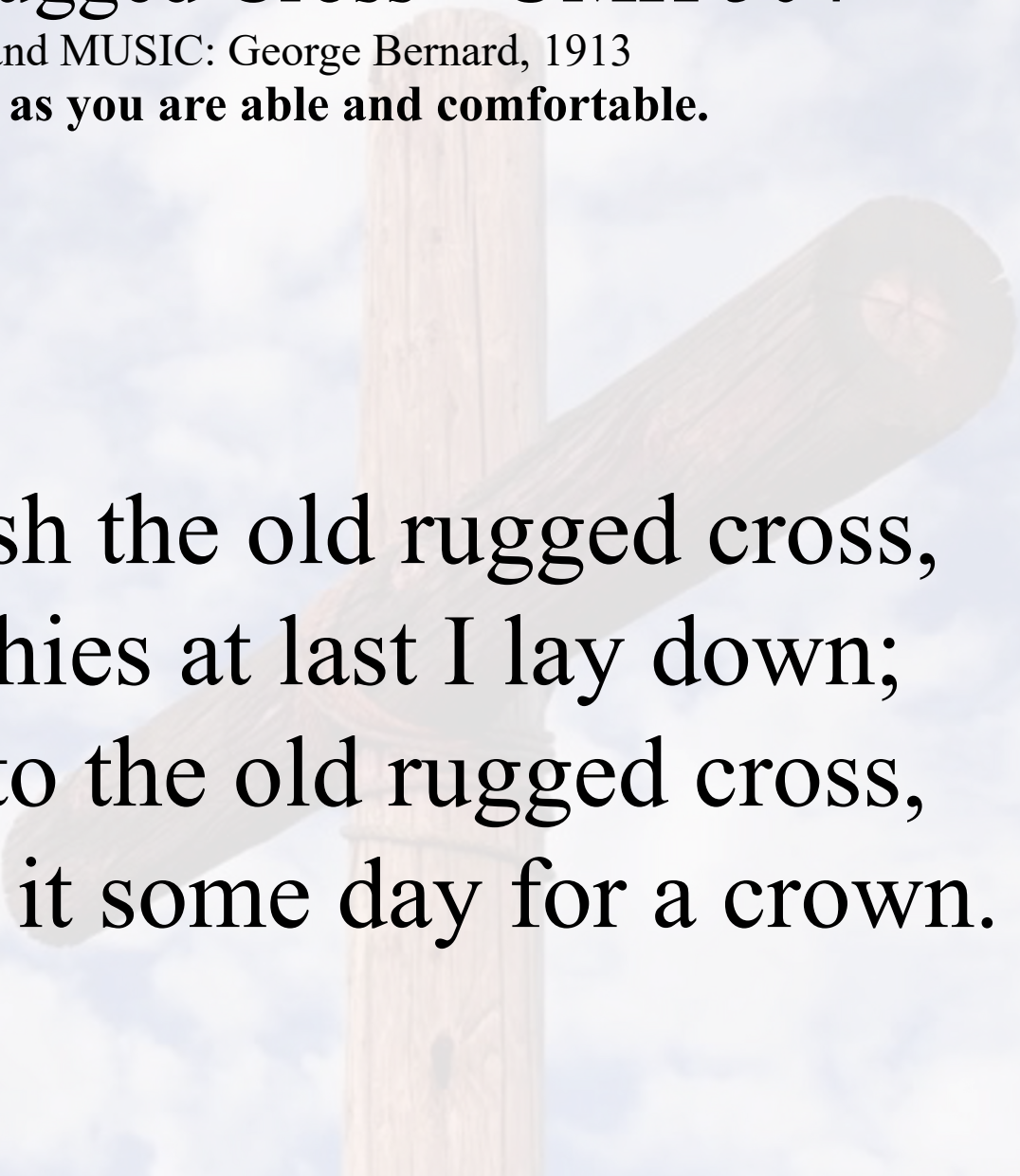
**Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**

O that old rugged cross,  
so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God  
left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

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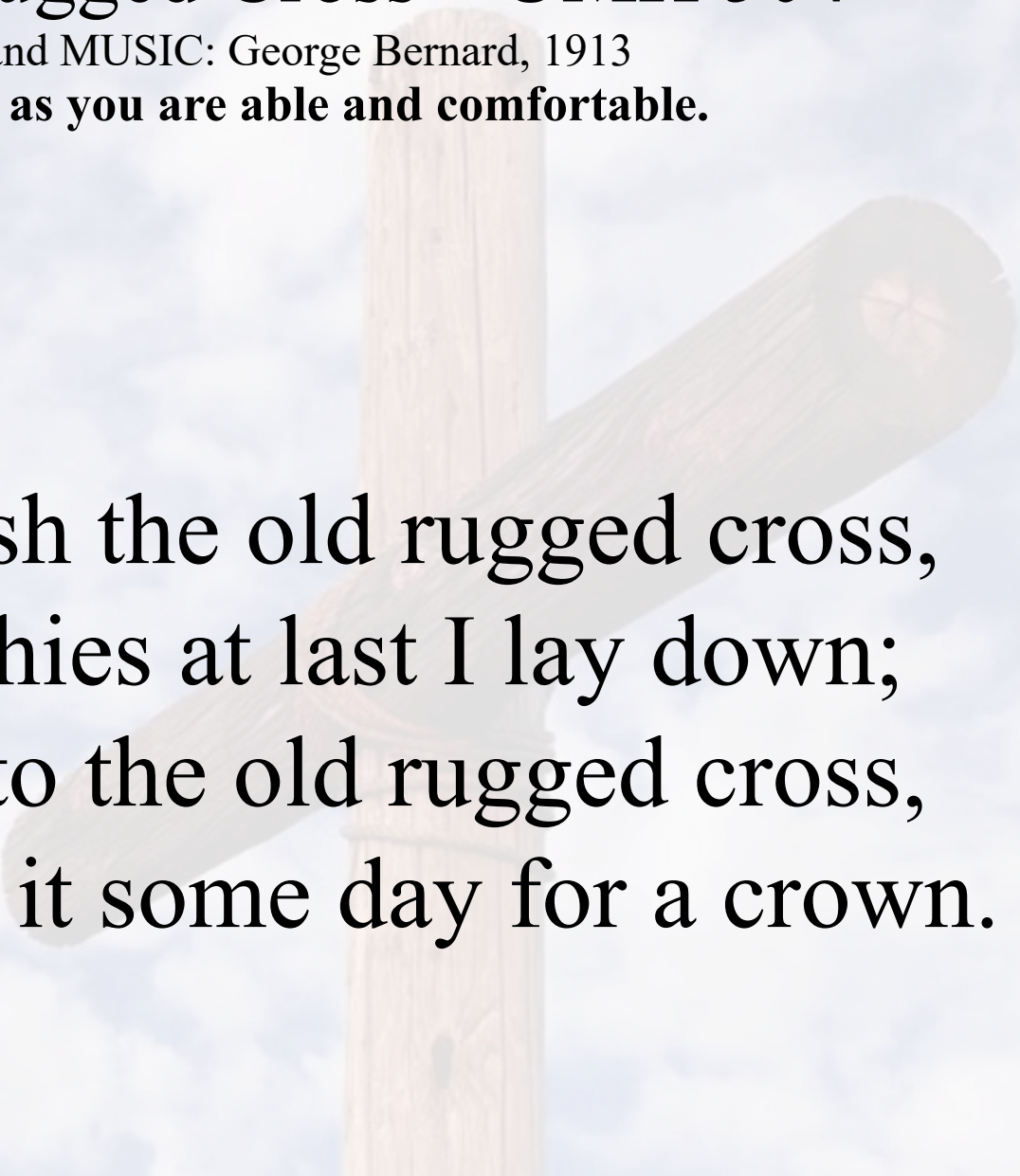
**Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**

In that old rugged cross,  
stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

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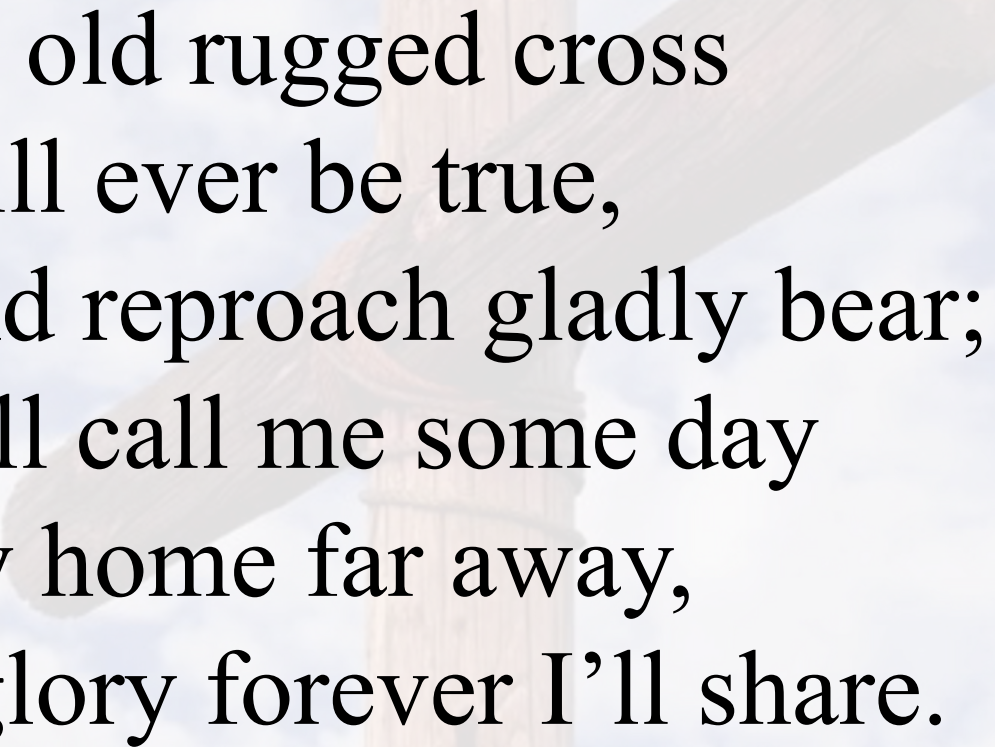


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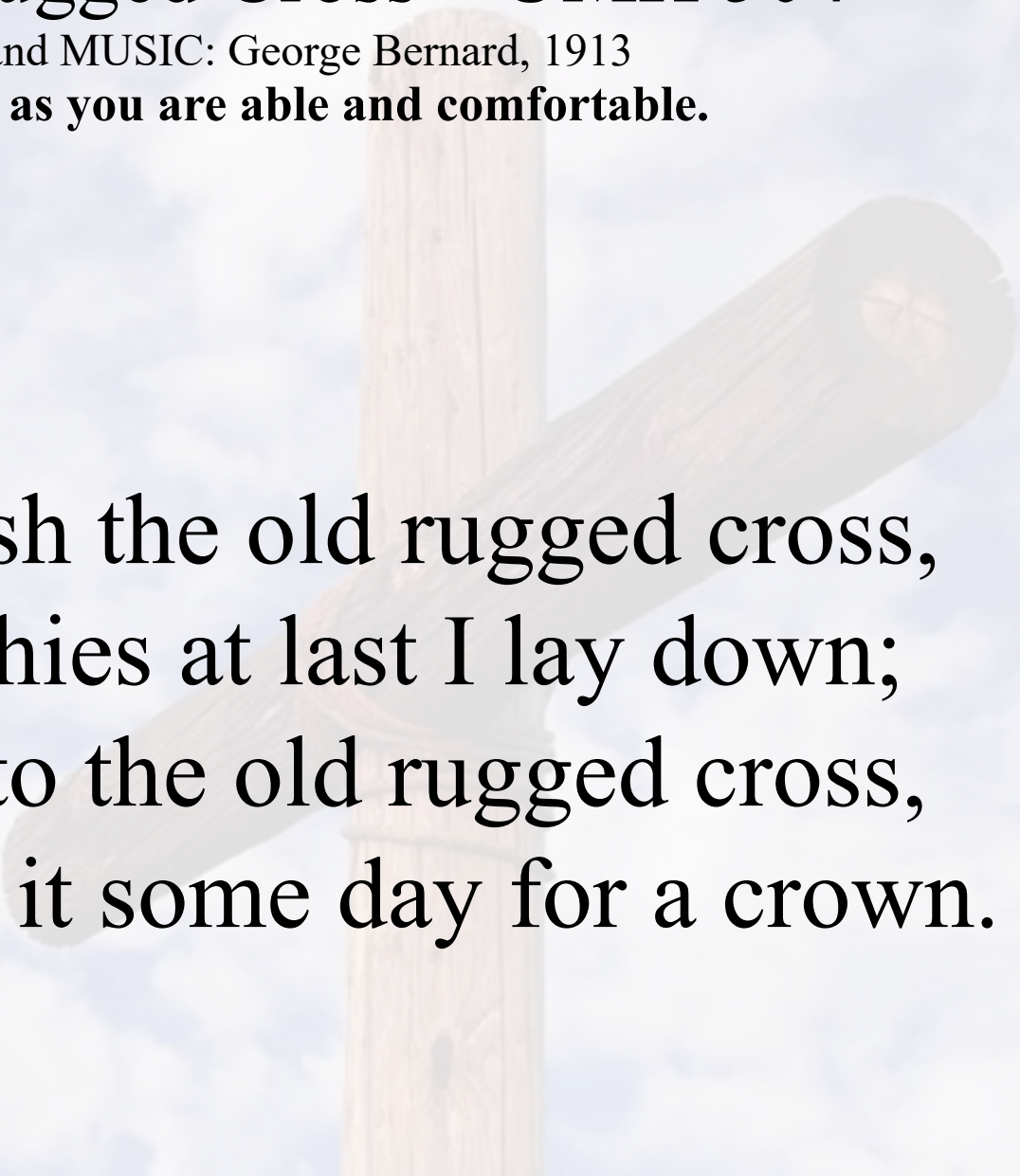


To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day  
to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

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# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

## UMH 882



I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven  
and earth.



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UMH 882



I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

UMH 882



On the third day he  
rose again; he  
ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right  
hand of the Father,  
and will come again to  
judge the living and  
the dead.

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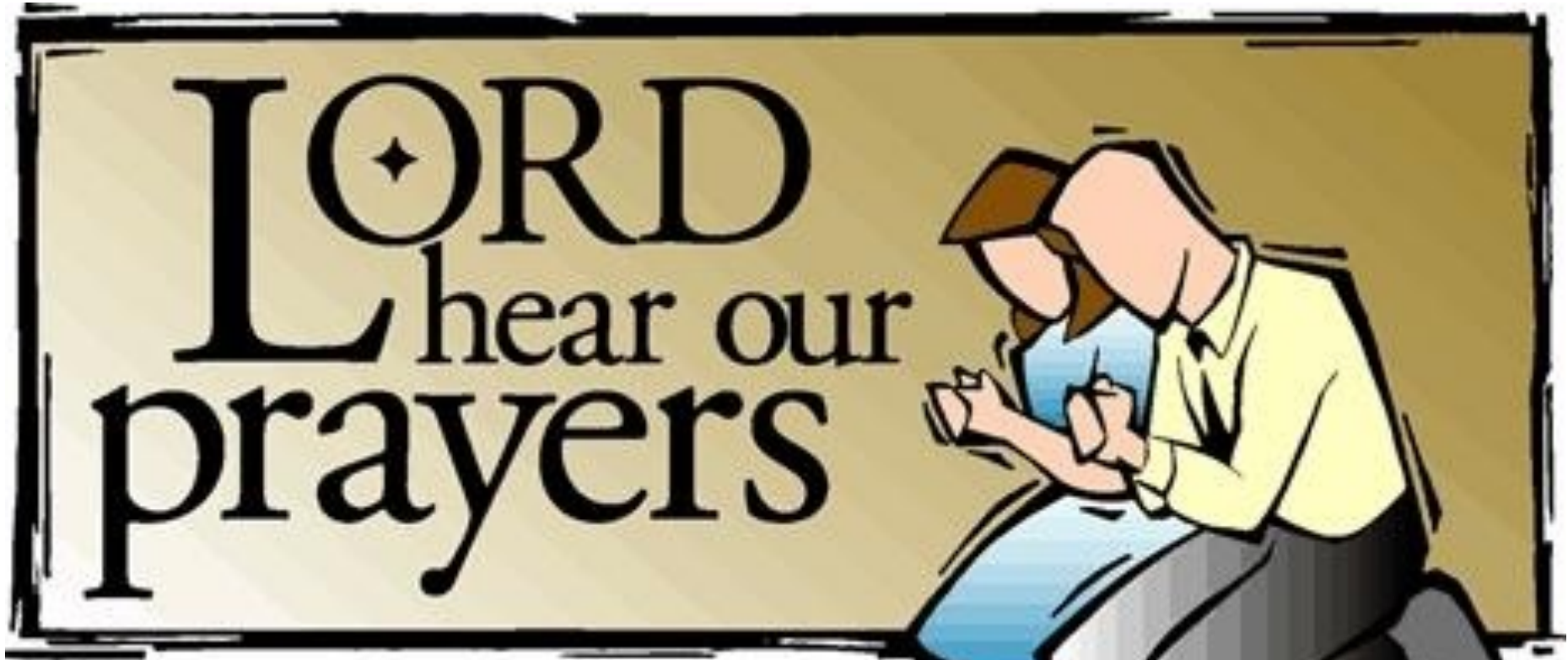
UMH 882



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.

# PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



*as we lift up to you our  
joys and our concerns.*



# Pastoral Prayer

284	ten	284	301
284	ten	286	308
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# Tithes and Offerings

worship  
through  
giving



# “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

***Please stand as you are able and comfortable.***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# Offertory Prayer

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A wooden cross stands against a blue sky with white clouds. The cross is made of two simple wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. Two horizontal white lines are positioned above and below the text.



# The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in  
heaven, hallowed be thy  
name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will  
be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.**



# **The Lord's Prayer**

UMH 895

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**



# **The Lord's Prayer**

UMH 895

**And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**



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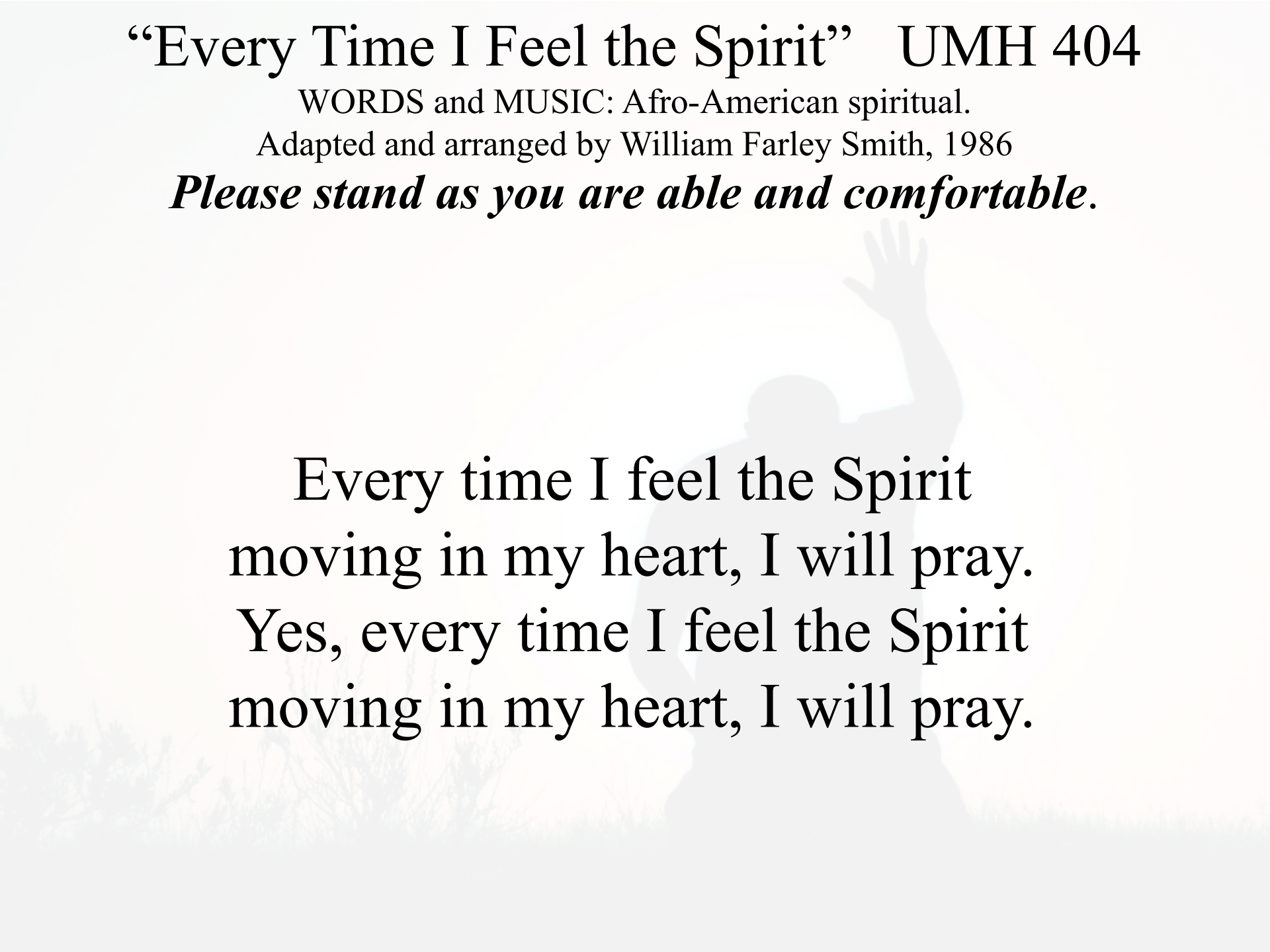


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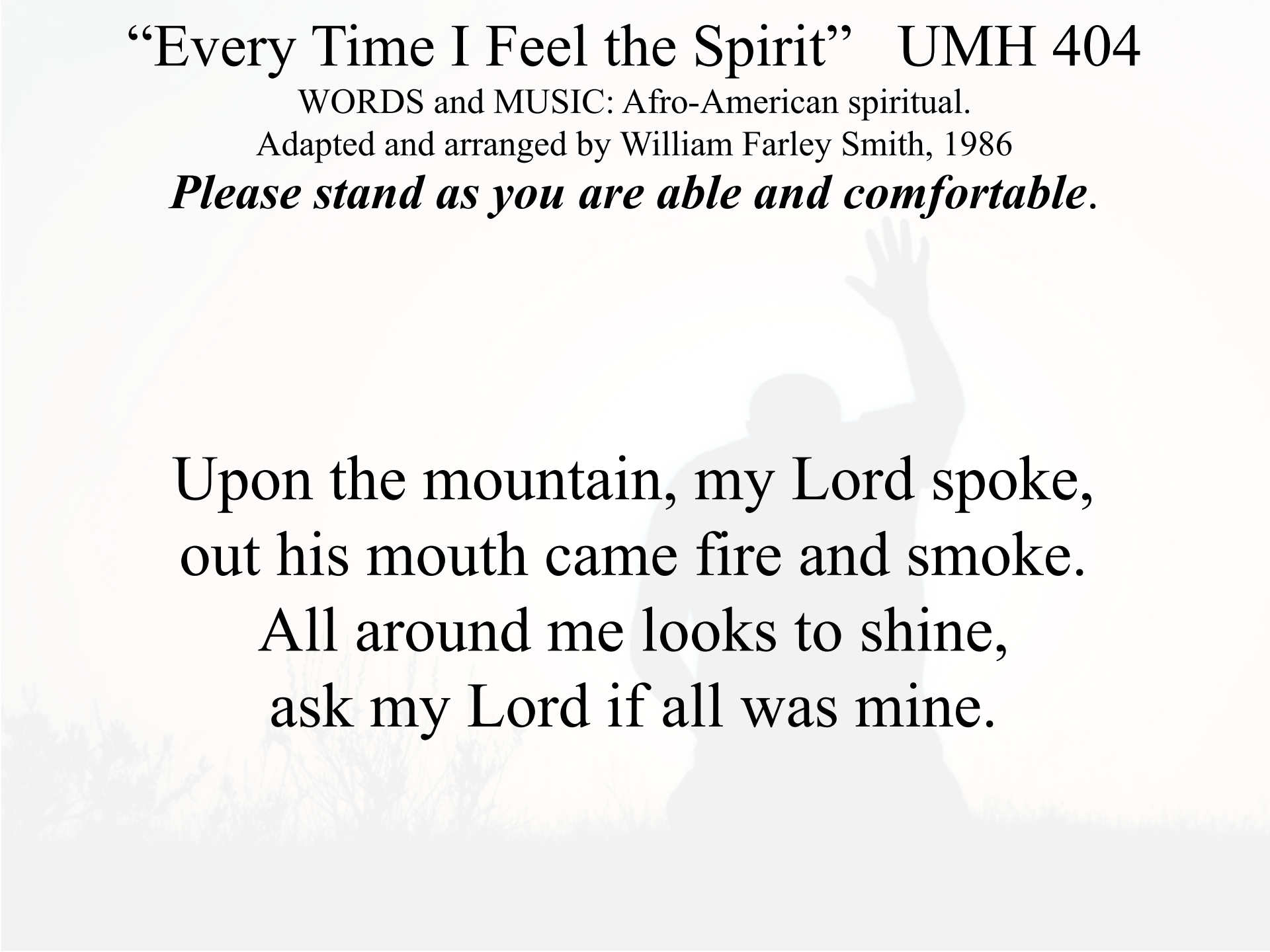
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Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
out his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks to shine,  
ask my Lord if all was mine.

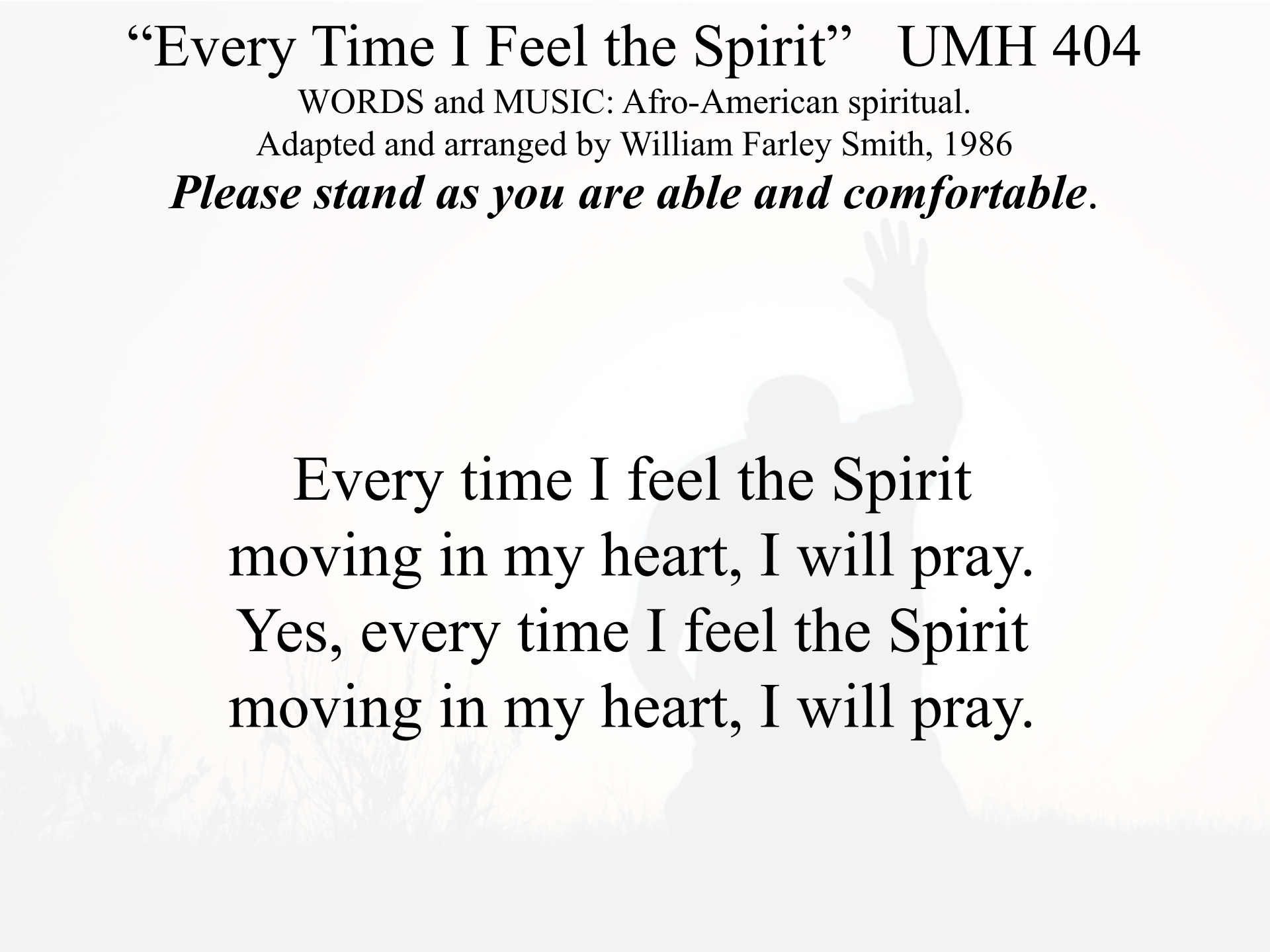


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Jordan river runs right cold,  
chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track,  
runs to heaven and right back.

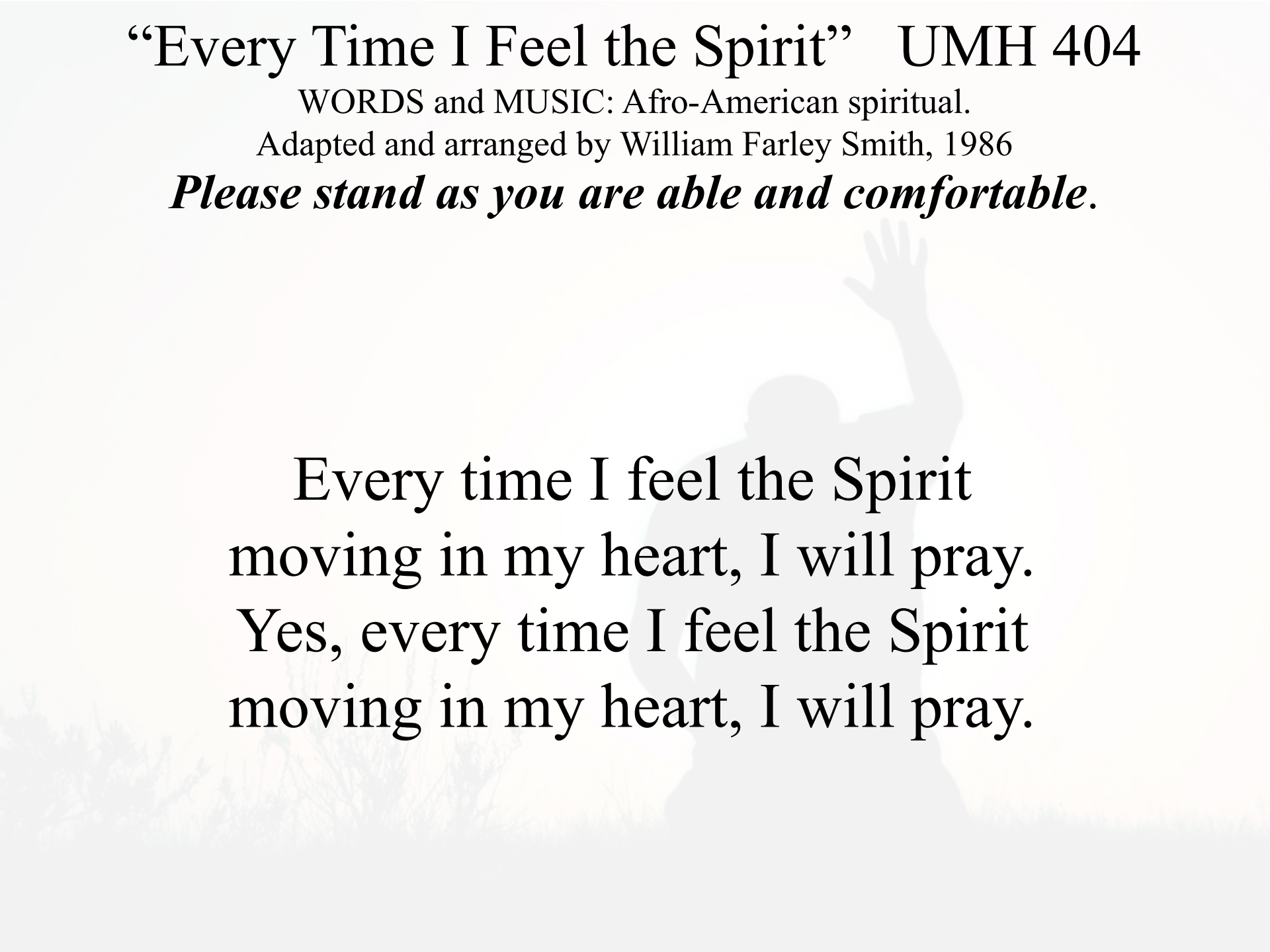


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**BENEDICTION**

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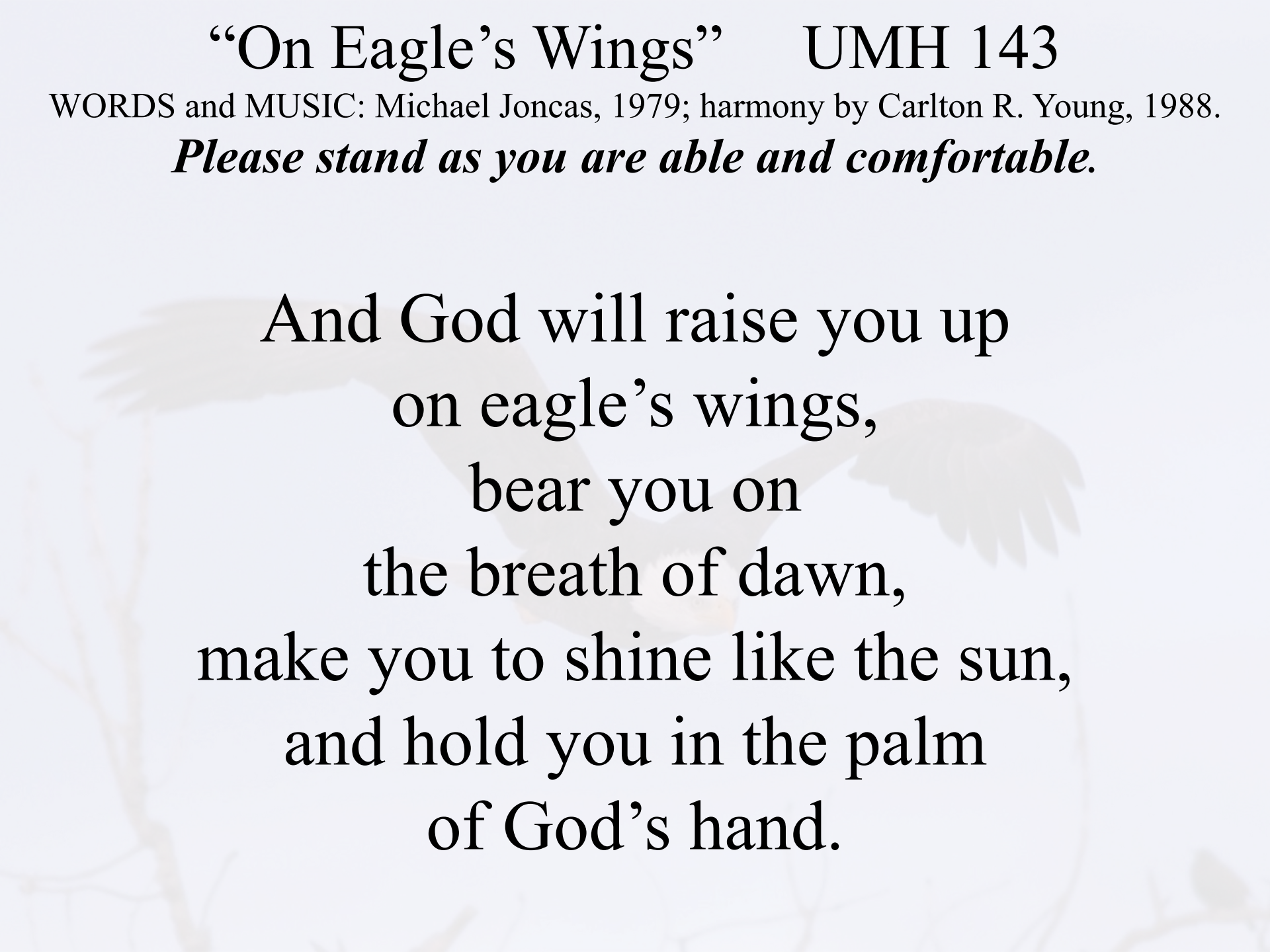
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And God will raise you up  
on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on  
the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm  
of God’s hand.

# Questions for Reflection

What have you learned  
today about Jesus?

# BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

This service has ended, and now  
your service in the world begins!

# Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with  
**P**rayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove  
through **S**ervice.