

PRELUDE

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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

“Glorify Thy Name”

CONFESSION



Leader: Blessed is the one whose
transgressions are forgiven,

People: **Whose sins are covered.**

CONFESSION



Leader: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them

People: **And in whose spirit is no deceit.**

CONFESSION



Leader: When I kept silent, my bones
wasted away

People: **Through my groaning all day
long.**

CONFESSION

Leader: For day and night

People: **Your hand was heavy on me;**



CONFESSION

A wooden cross is centered on the right side of the page. A purple sash is draped over the cross, and a green palm frond is positioned at the bottom left, partially overlapping the cross's base.

Leader: My strength was sapped

People: **As in the heat of summer.**

"IN THE GARDEN" UMH 314

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913

Music: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. By Charles H. Webb, 1987

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses...

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other, has ever, known!

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He speaks and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing . . .

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other, has ever, known!

"IN THE GARDEN" UMH 314

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the
night around me be falling, but he bids me go;
thru the voice of woe his voice to me is
calling. . .

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other, has ever, known!

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you alone
can bring into order the
unruly
wills and affections of
sinners: Grant your people
grace to
love what you command
and desire what you
promise;**



OPENING PRAYER

that,

**among the swift and
varied changes of the
world, our hearts**

**may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be
found;**

**through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns
with**

**you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**





Young Disciples' Message
“ The Power of God's Love”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Christ be with us, Christ
before us, Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath
us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ
on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ
where we sit, Christ where
we arise,
Christ in the heart of every
one who thinks of us,**



PRAYER FOR

ILLUMINATION

**Christ in every eye that
sees us,**

**Christ in every ear that
hears us,**

**Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,**

**May your salvation, O
Lord, be ever with us.**

Amen.



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

A NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 31:27-34



Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant with the
people of Israel and with the people of
Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made
with their ancestors when I took them by
the hand to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant, though I
was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786



PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant
mercy, blot out my transgressions.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 -786

Leader: ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

People: ⁵ Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ⁶Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

People: ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ⁸ Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

People: ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

People: ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ¹⁴ Deliver me from death, O God,
O God of my salvation, and my tongue will
sing aloud of your deliverance.

People: ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my
mouth shall show forth your praise.

PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17 UMH 785 - 786

Leader: ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

People: ¹⁷ **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**



John 12: 20-33

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

“Jesus to be Glorified”



“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.

We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

“The Servant Song” TFWS 2222

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed UMH 880



**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of
the Father,
God from God, Light
from Light
True God from true God
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the
Father;**

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed UMH 880



**For our sake he was
crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and
was buried.
On the third day
he rose again
In accordance with
the Scriptures;**

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed UMH 880



**He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again
in glory
To judge the living and
the dead,
And his kingdom will
have no end.**

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed UMH 880



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
Is worshiped and glorified,**

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed UMH 880



**Who has spoken through
the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy
catholic and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one
baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

LORD hear our
prayers



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



Pastoral Prayer

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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!

Offertory Prayer

A wooden cross is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, set against a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The cross is made of two simple wooden beams. The overall scene is peaceful and spiritual.

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.**



“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

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I will hold your people in my heart.

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

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BENEDICTION



“On Eagle’s Wings” UMH 143

WORDS and MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1979; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1988.

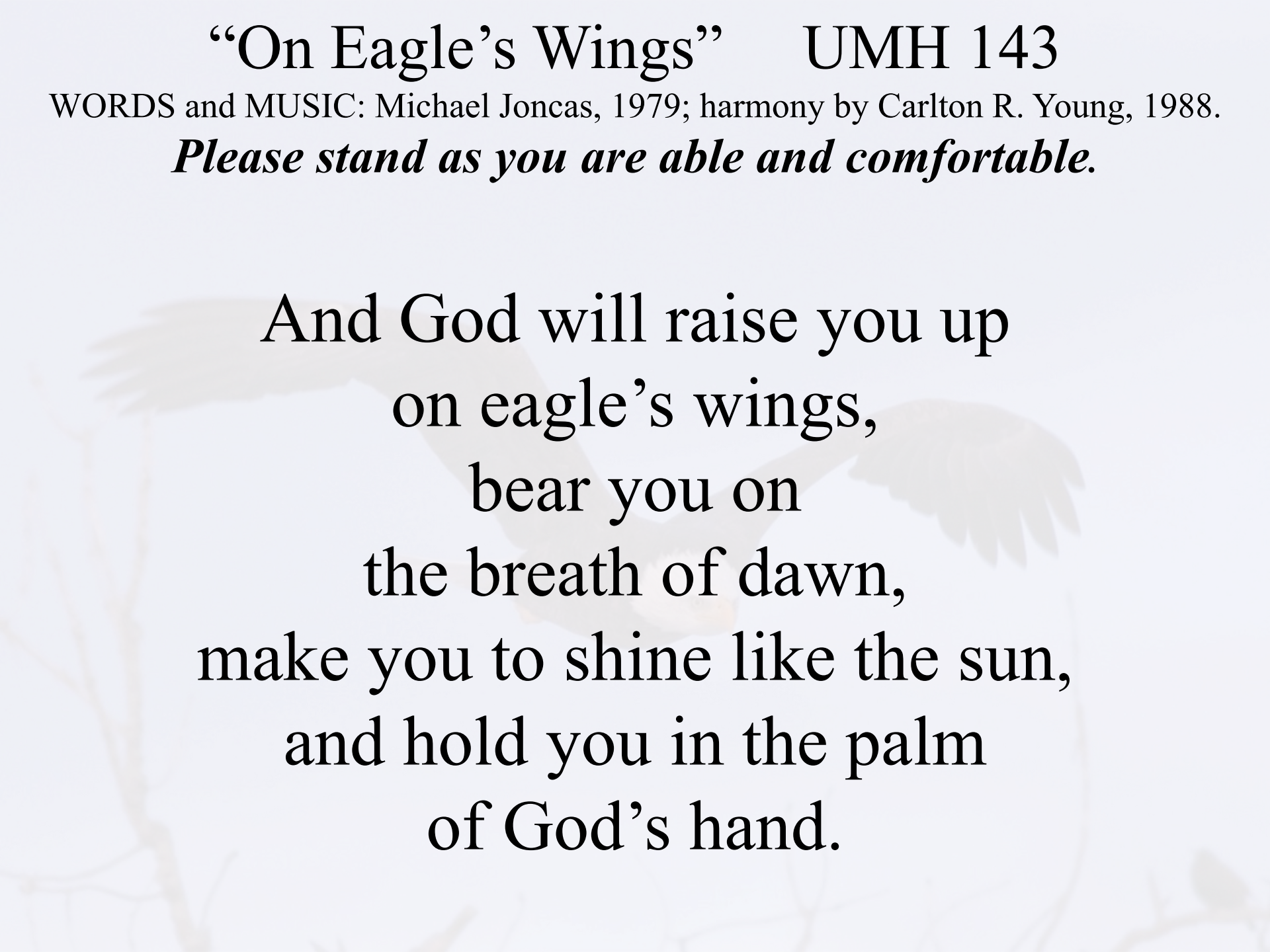
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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



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

How does Jesus impact
you today?

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
Prayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove
through **S**ervice.