



PRELUDE

Ninth Sunday
After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

PRELUDE

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.



CALL to WORSHIP



CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God called Abraham and Sarah
And promised to bless them.

***People:* Through faith they
obeyed and received
God's inheritance.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God called Isaac and Jacob,
As heirs of that promise.

***People:* They too followed in faith,
Seeking God's realm.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to join them,
As heirs of that promise.

***People:* We come here in faith,
Assured by the hope that
was fulfilled
In the lives of your
servants.**

“Take Time to Be Holy” UMH 395

WORDS: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



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Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.

Make friends of God’s children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

“Take Time to Be Holy” UMH 395

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Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

“Take Time to Be Holy” UMH 395

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

“Take Time to Be Holy” UMH 395

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.

Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

OPENING PRAYER



OPENING PRAYER

**God of light and love,
You take delight in your
creation.**

**Ignite our spirits to worship
you with sincerity.**

**Illumine our minds with the
truth of your word.**

**Inspire our hearts to seek
your treasure alone,**



OPENING PRAYER

**That our hearts may be pure
And our actions may be noble
and just**

As we share love.

**Through Jesus Christ, our
hope and promise,
We pray. Amen.**



TREASURES
— IN —
HEAVEN



YOUNG DISCIPLE'S
MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING



Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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¹The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹“The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?” says the LORD. “I have more than enough of burnt

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

14Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. **15** When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

16Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

land; ²⁰but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739



PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739

1 Why do the nations conspire, and the people plot in vain? **2** The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the God and God's anointed, saying,

3 “Let us burst their bonds, and cast their cords from us.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739

4The One who sits in the heavens
laughs; and holds them in derision.

5Then God will speak to them in anger,
and terrify them in fury, saying,

6“I have set my king on Zion, my
holy hill.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord who said to me: “You are my son, today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 **Serve the Lord with fear, with
and trembling**

PSALM READING

Psalm 2 UMH 739

12 humble yourselves before the Lord
lest God be angry, and you will
perish in the way; for God's wrath is
quickly kindled.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in
the Lord.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I AM

The Way, The Truth, & The Life

John 14:1-14

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

- ¹“Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ²My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you?
- ³When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

⁴You know the way to the place I'm going." ⁵Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

⁷If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.” ⁹Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time?”

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

¹¹Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

¹³I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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: Savior of the World”



“What a Mighty God We Serve” TFWWS 2021

WORDS & MUSIC: Trad. African folk song; adapt. by Jack Schrader

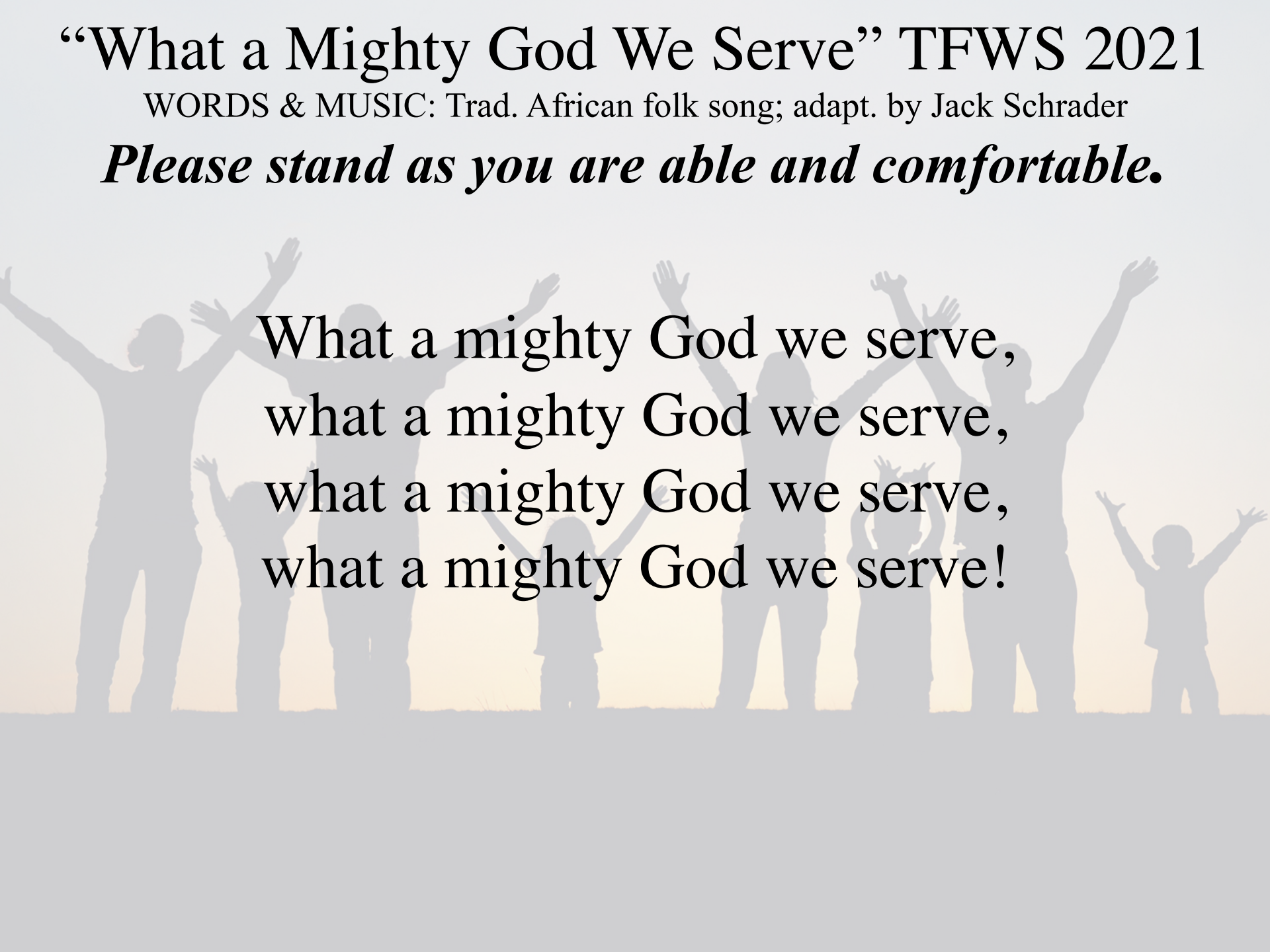
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What a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve!

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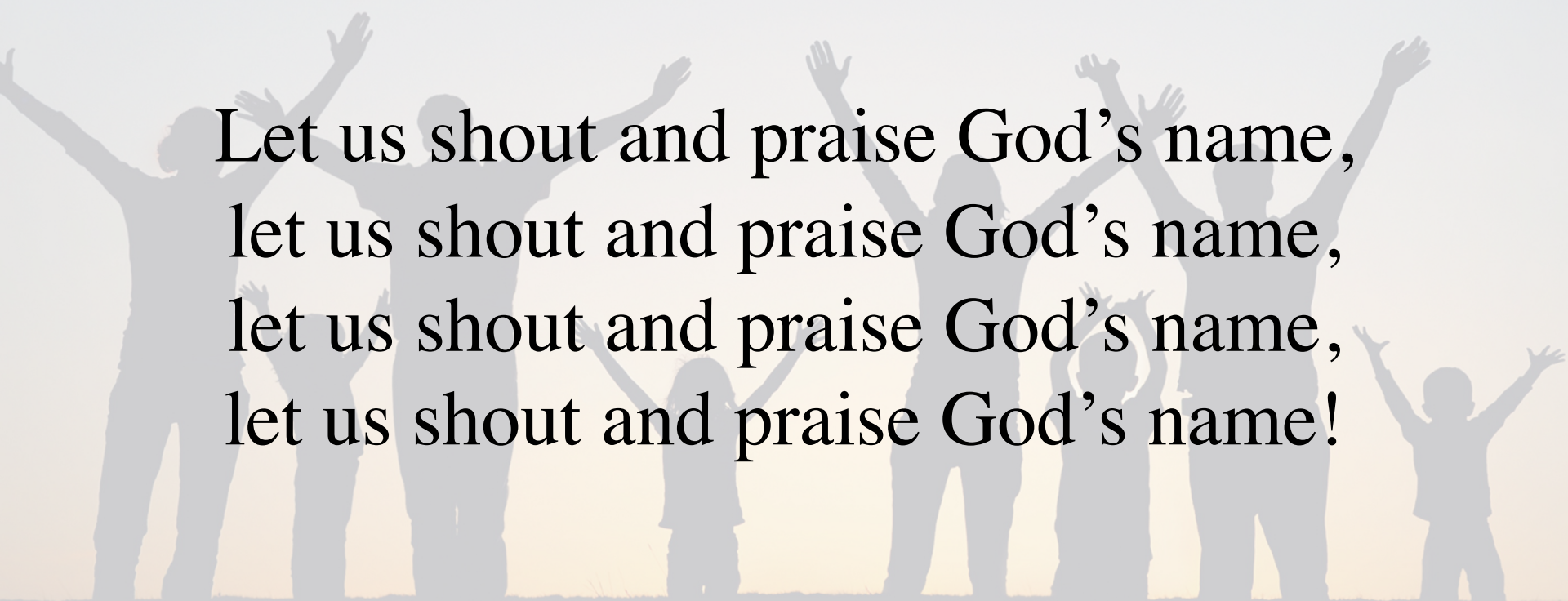
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Let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord!

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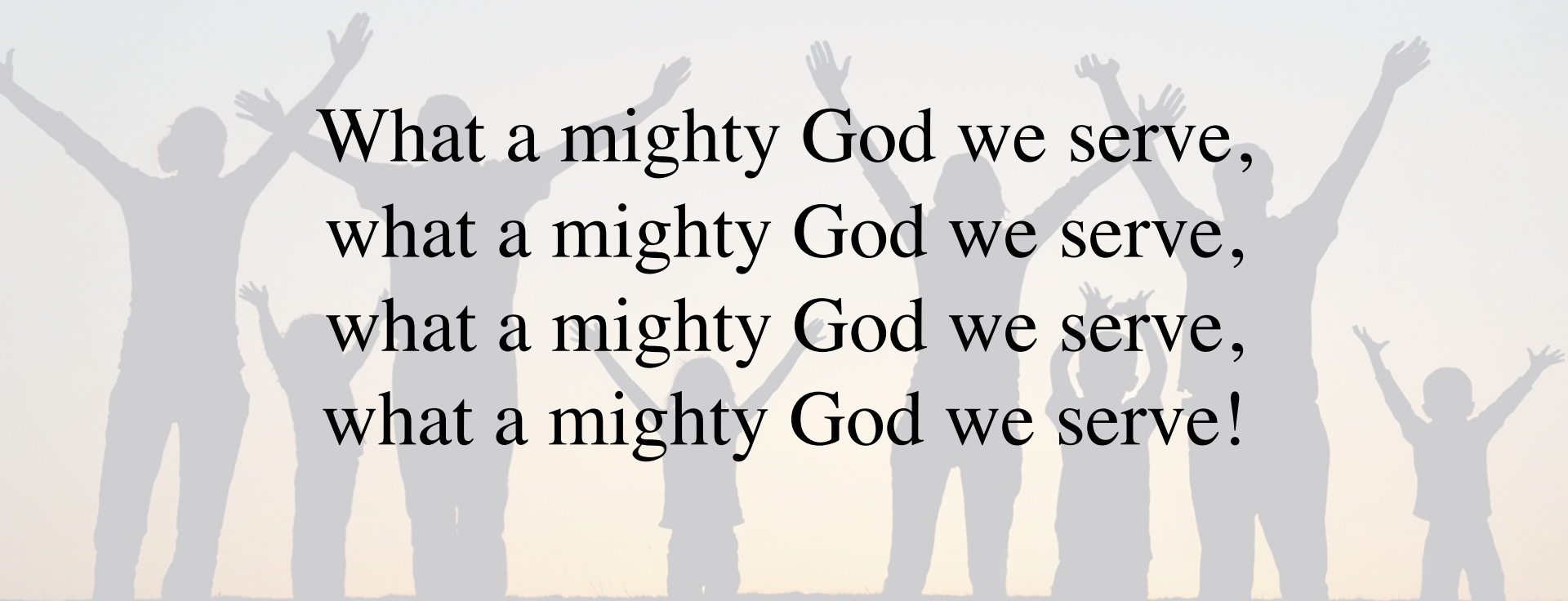
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Let us shout and praise God's name,
let us shout and praise God's name,
let us shout and praise God's name,
let us shout and praise God's name!

“What a Mighty God We Serve” TFWS 2021

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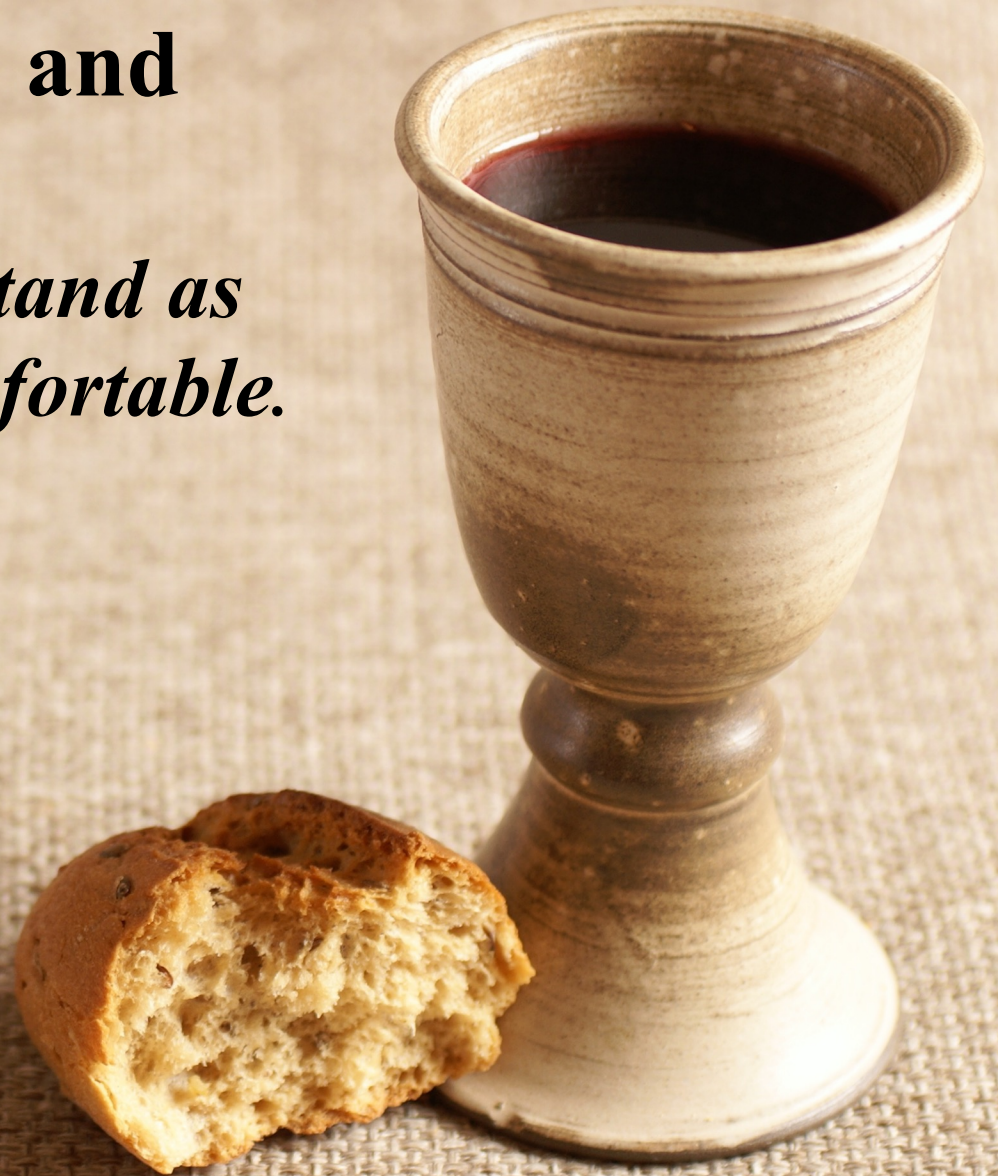
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What a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve!

**INVITATION,
CONFESSION, and
PARDON**

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



INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.



INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**God of unfailing love, it is often hard to
remain faithful.**

**You ask us to share our wealth with those
in need,**

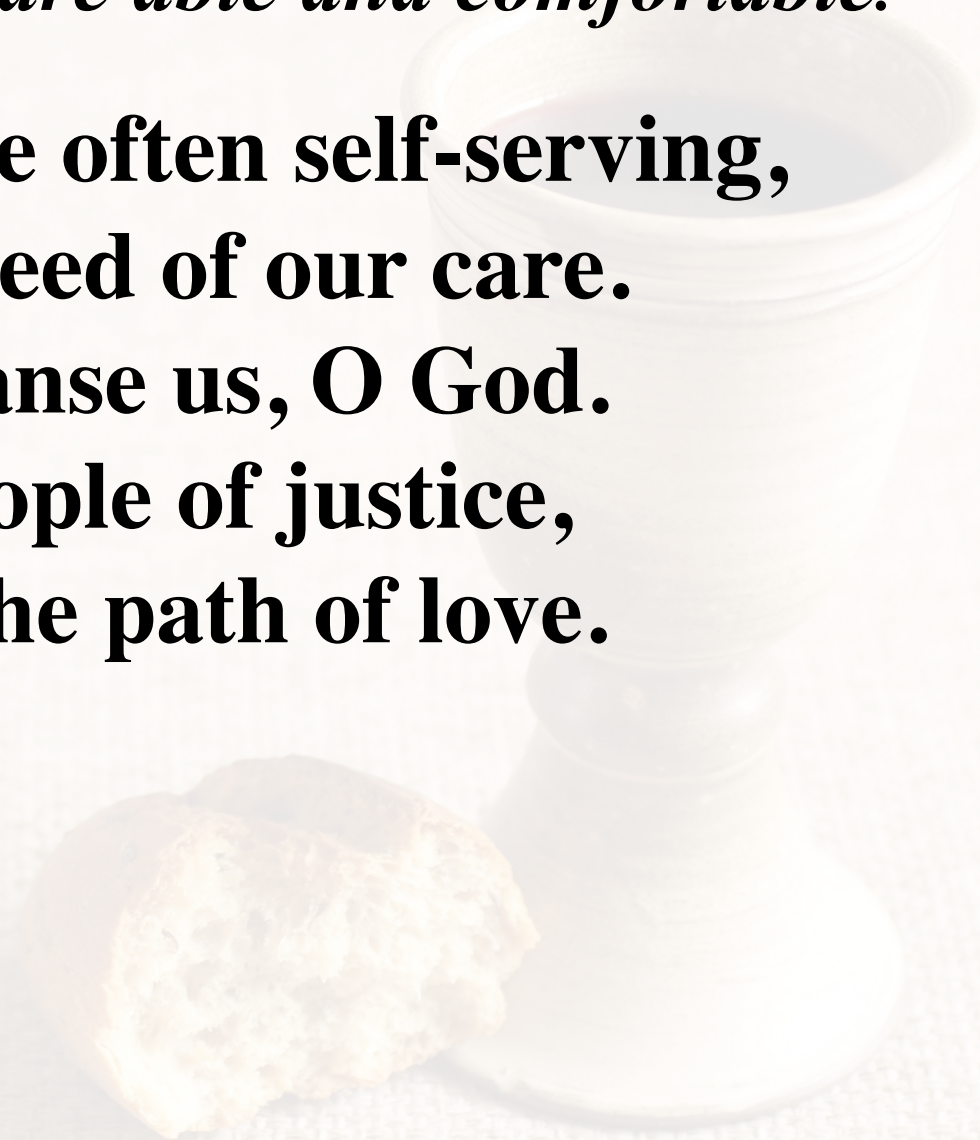
**Yet we hoard our possessions
And guard our wealth.**

**You call us to rescue the oppressed,
Defend the orphan, and plead for the
widow,**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Yet our pursuits are often self-serving,
Ignoring those in need of our care.
Forgive us and cleanse us, O God.
Move us to be a people of justice,
And propel us on the path of love.
Amen.**



INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

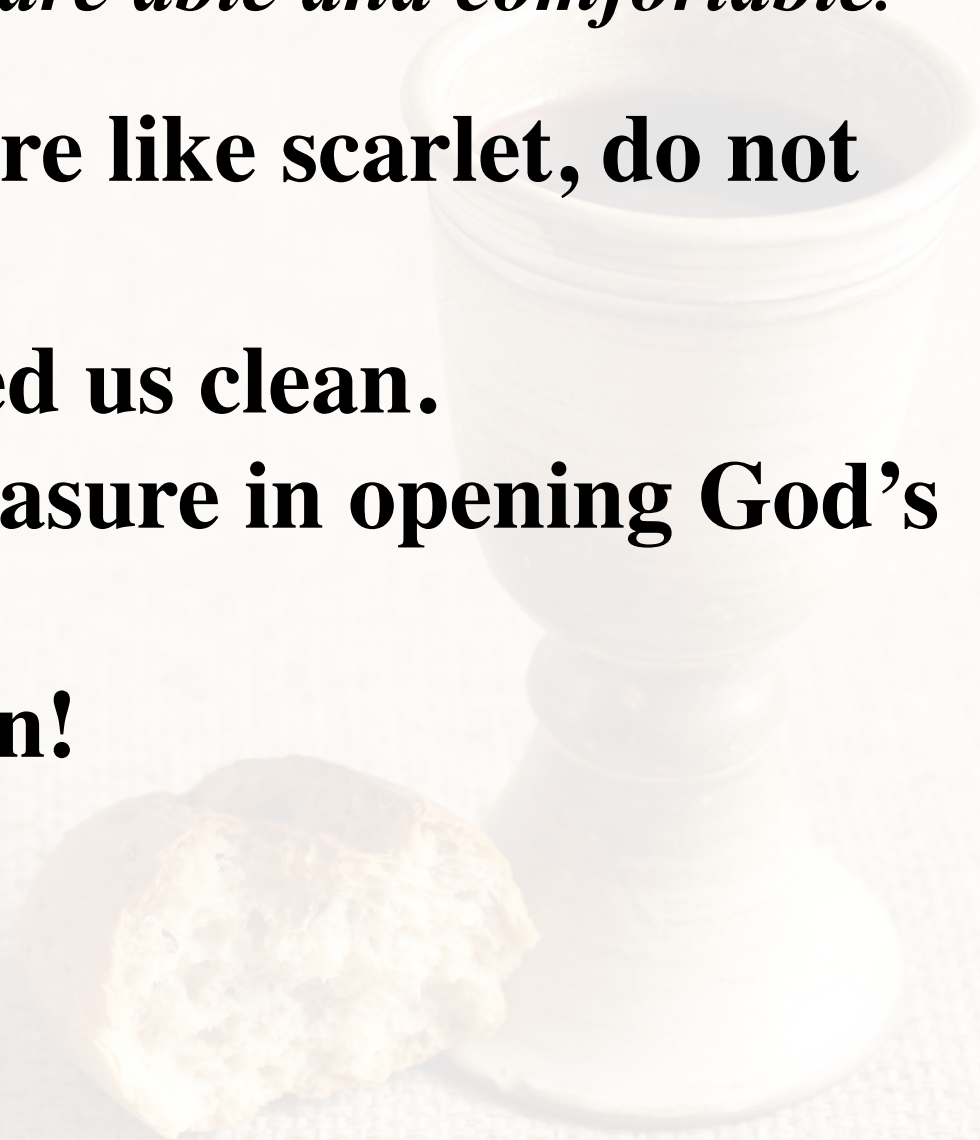
Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Through our sins are like scarlet, do not
be afraid,**

For God has washed us clean.

**The Lord takes pleasure in opening God's
realm to us.**

Rejoice and come in!



PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

LORD hear our
prayers



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



Pastoral Prayer

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



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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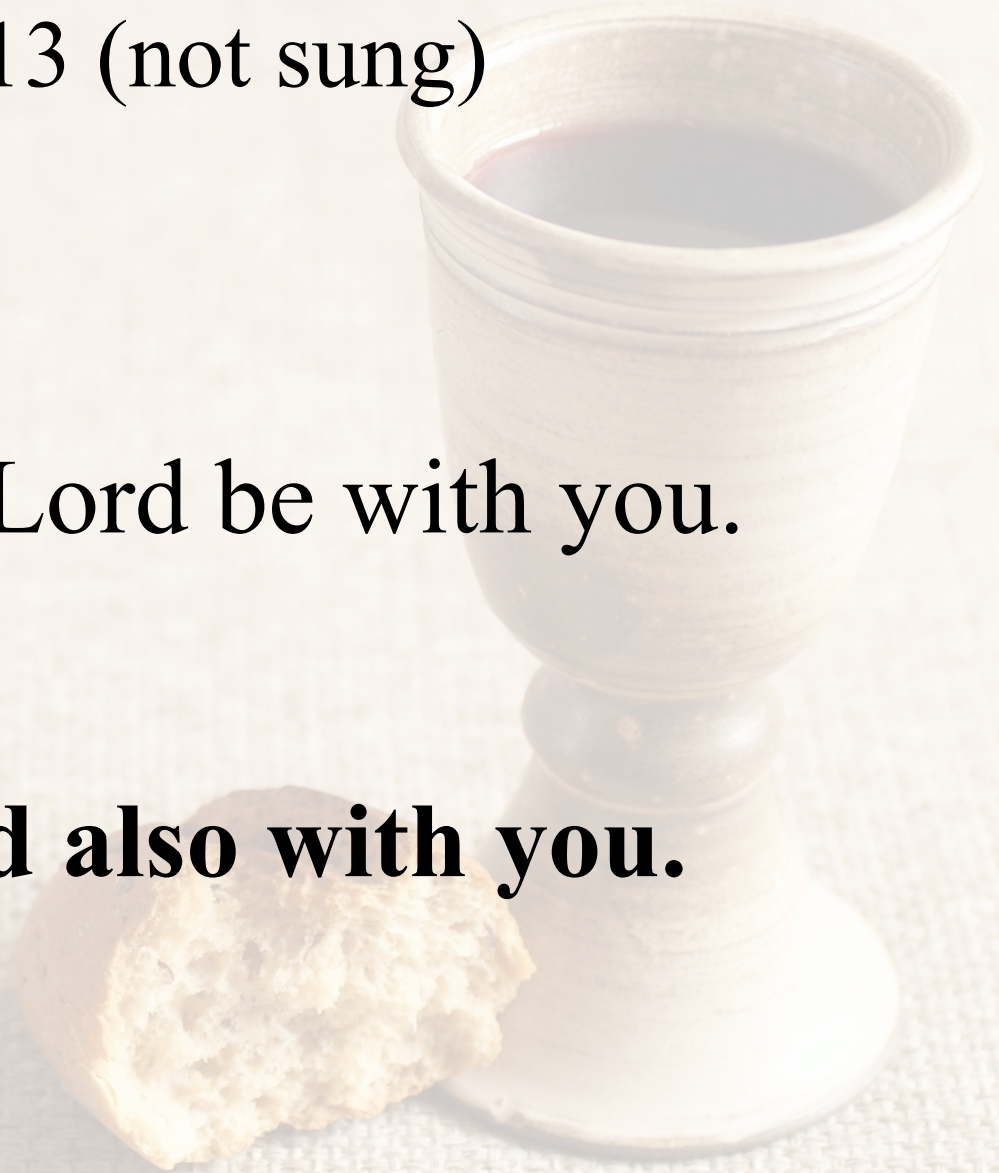


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13 (not sung)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

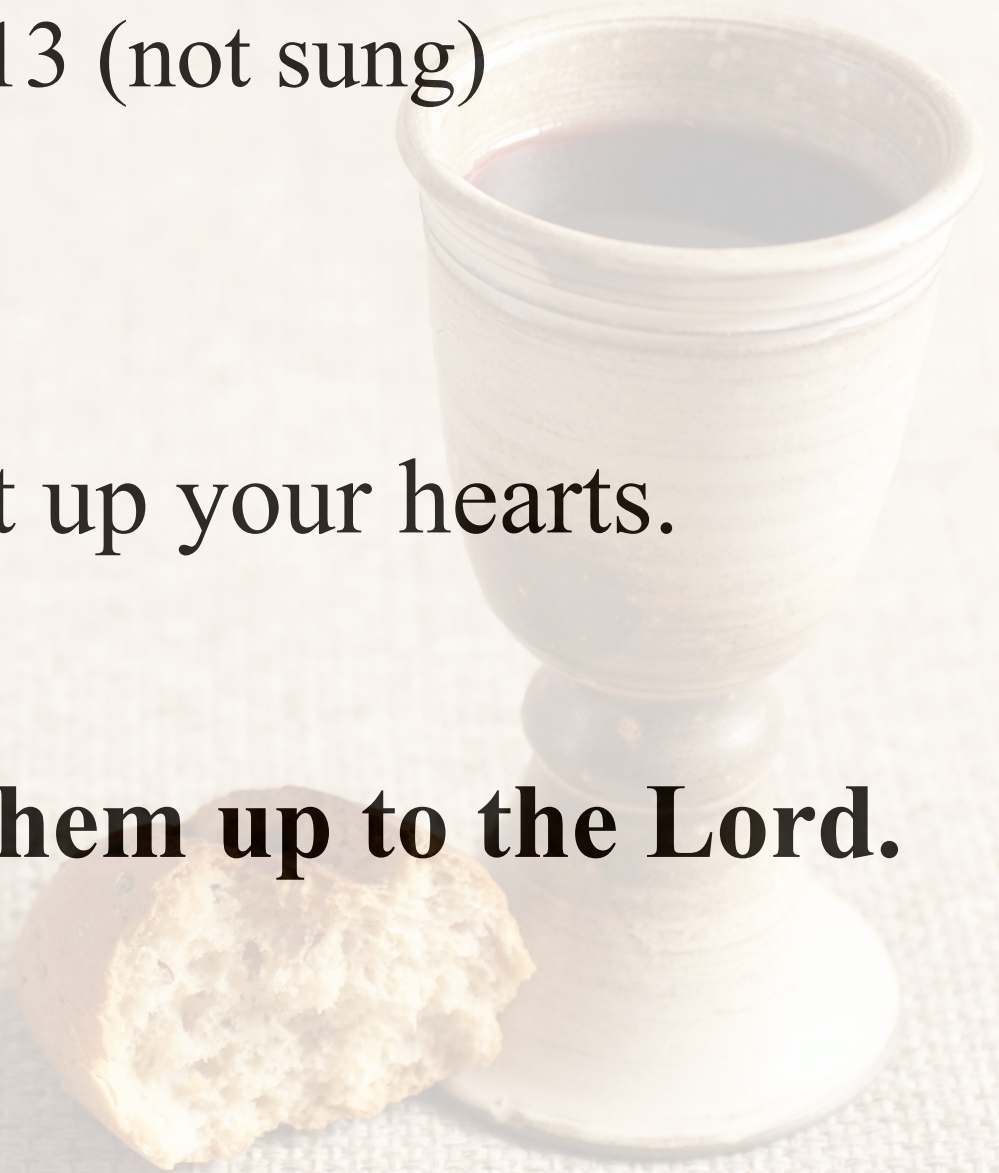


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Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

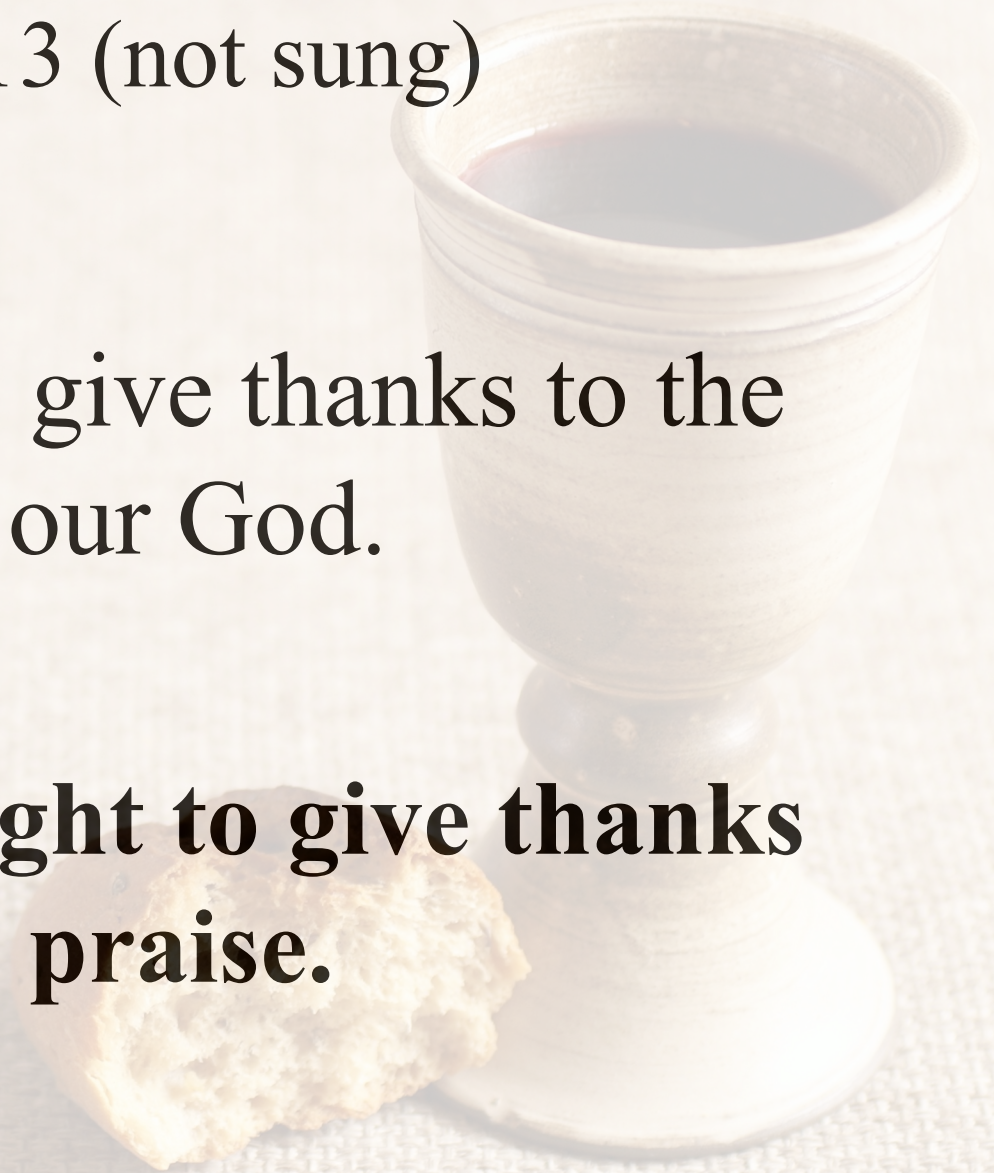


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13 (not sung)

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

People: It is right to give thanks
and praise.

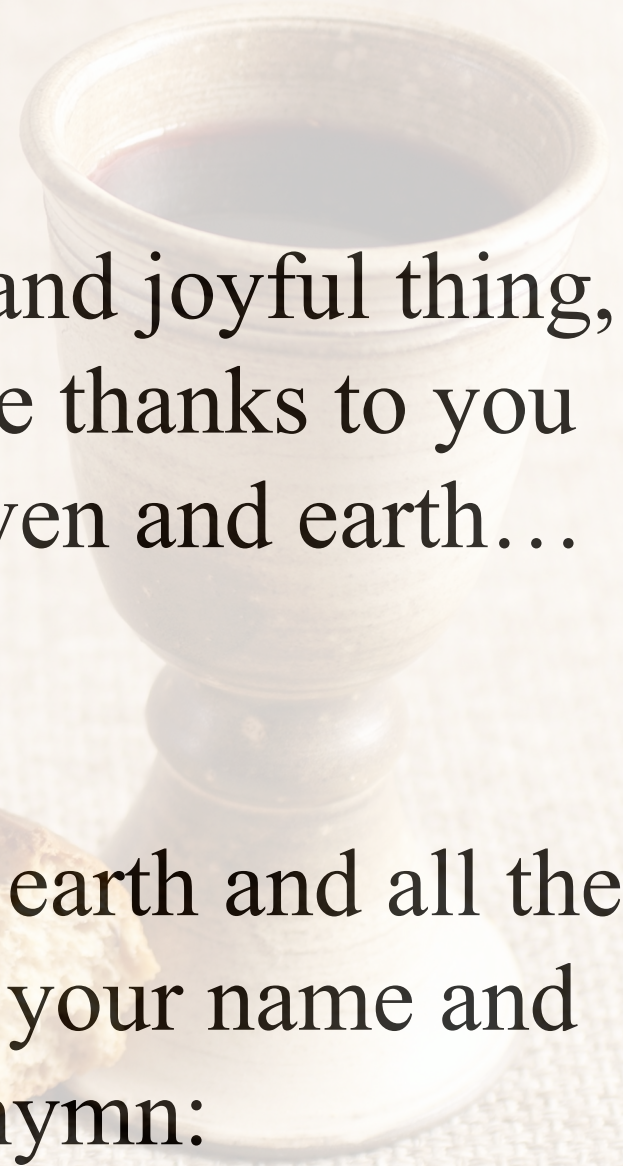


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

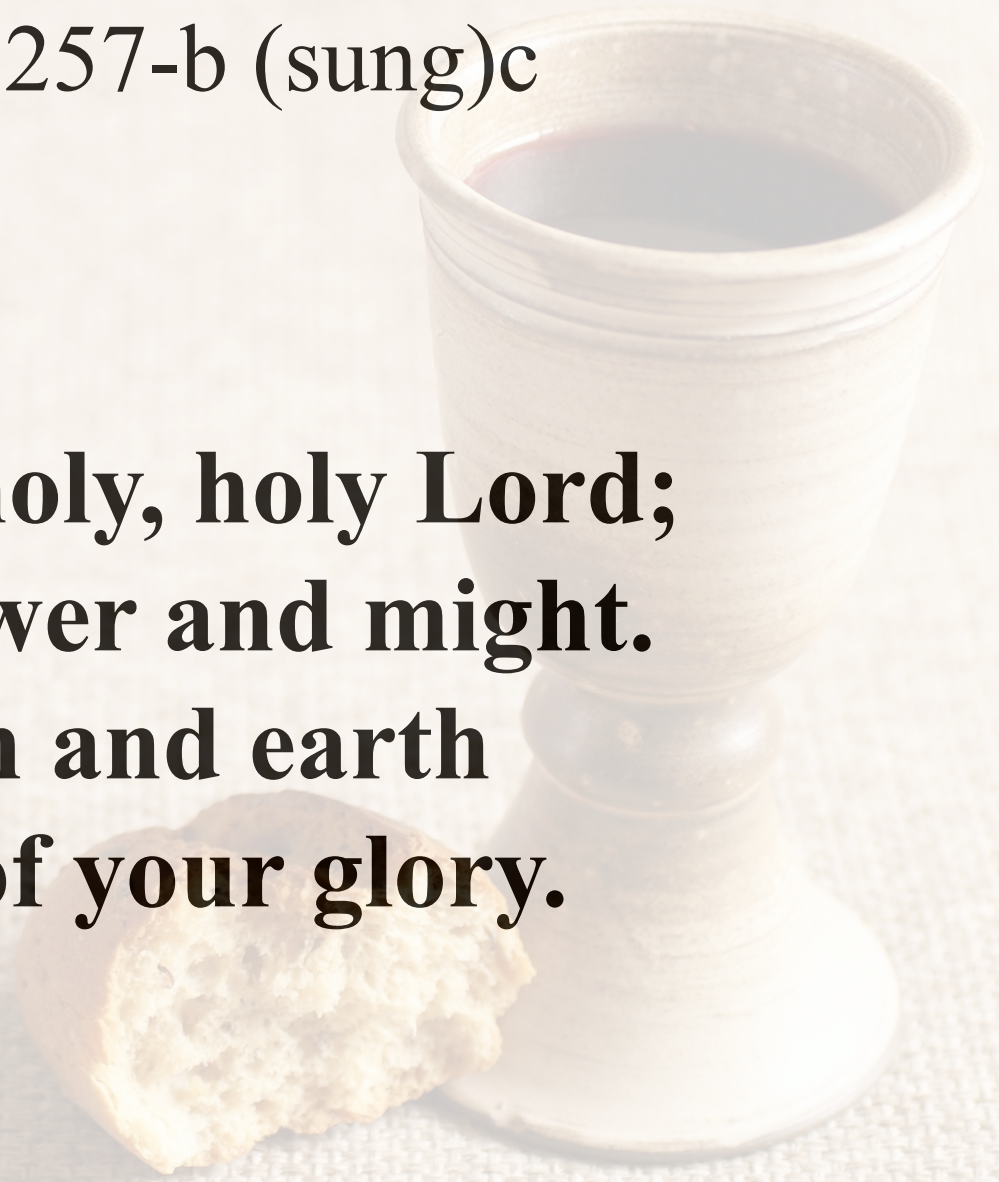
... and so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS #2257-b (sung)c

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS #2257-b (sung)

All: Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

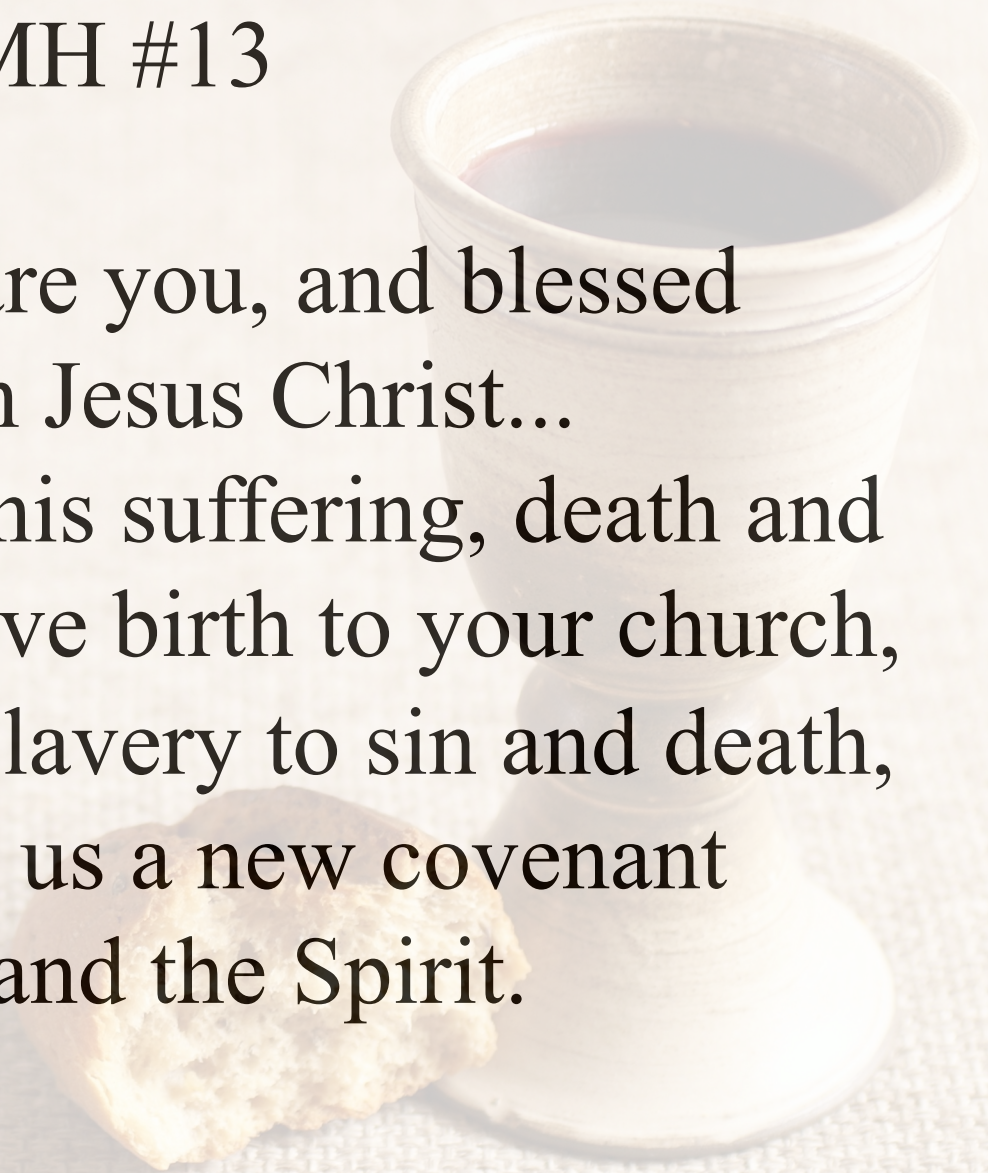


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ...

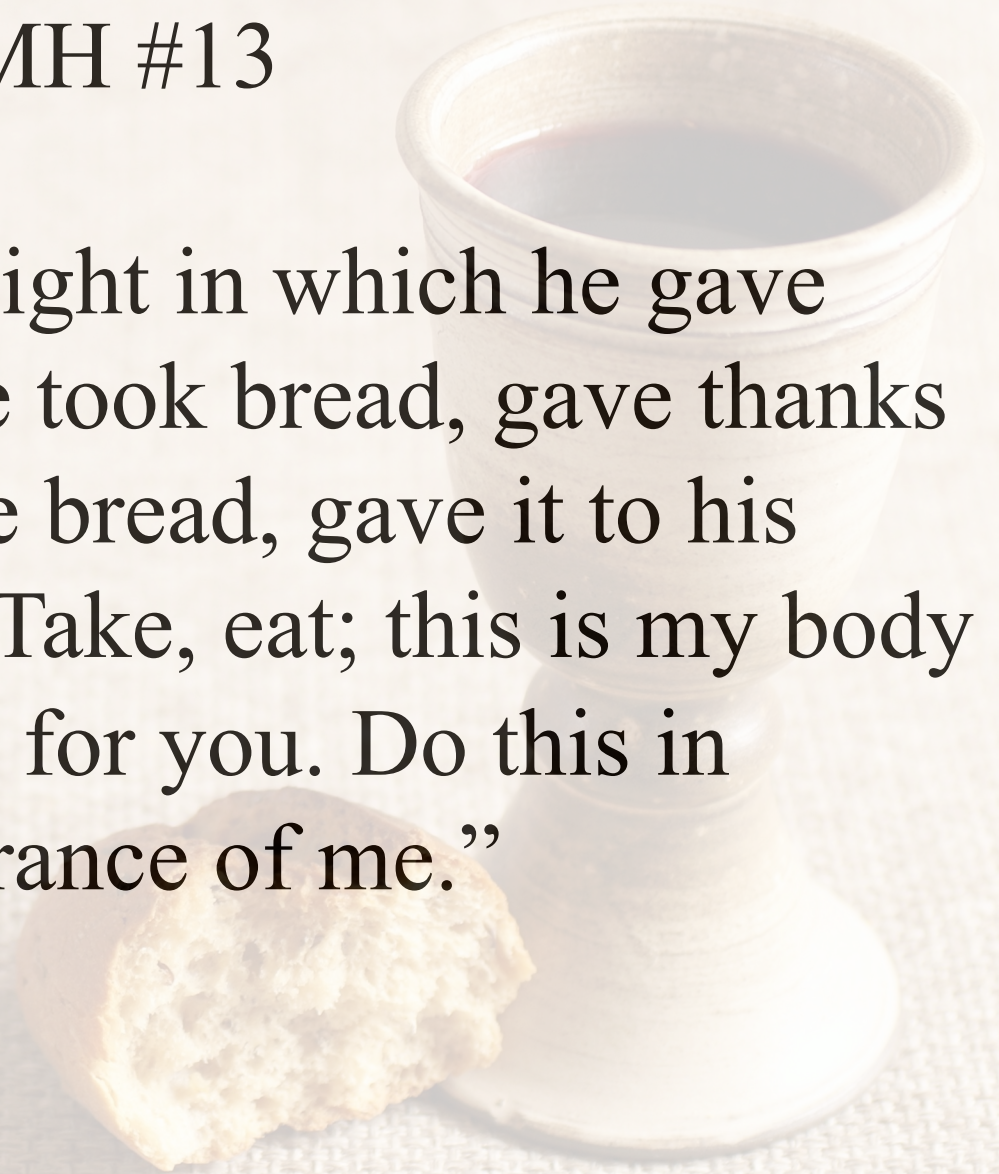
By the baptism of his suffering, death and
resurrection you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.



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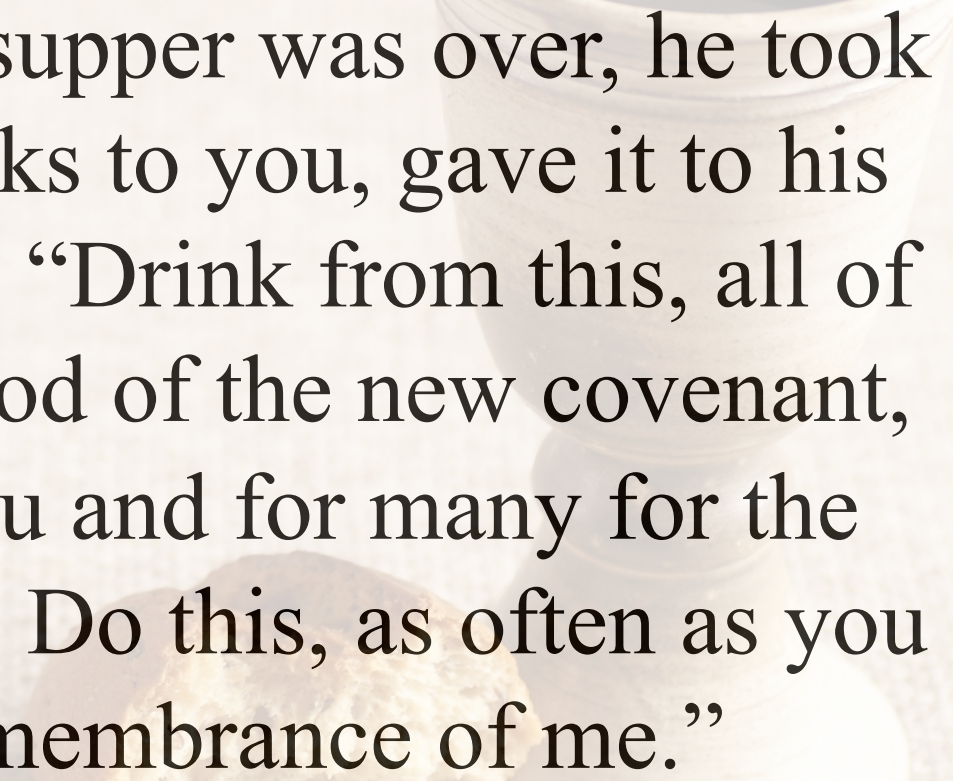
Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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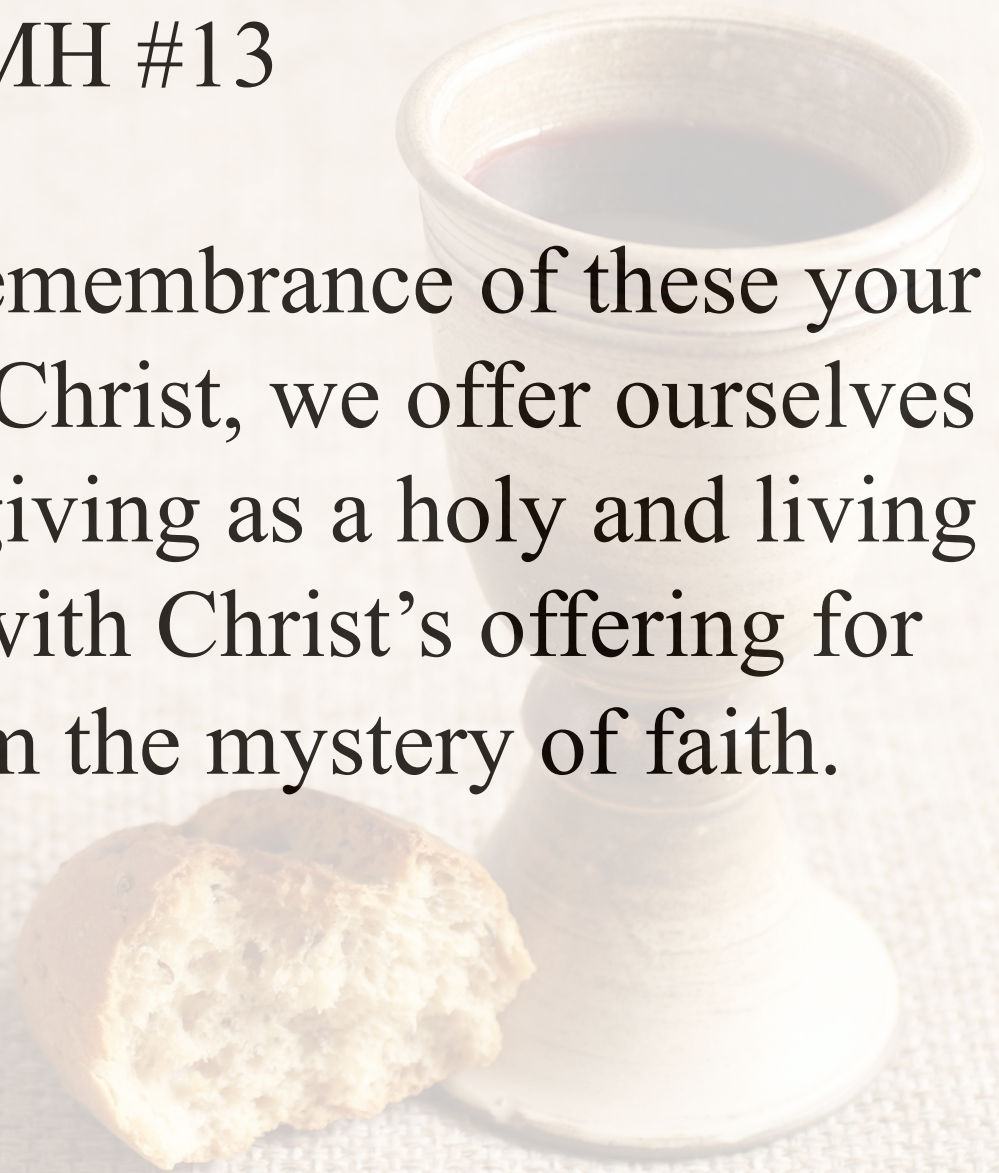
Leader: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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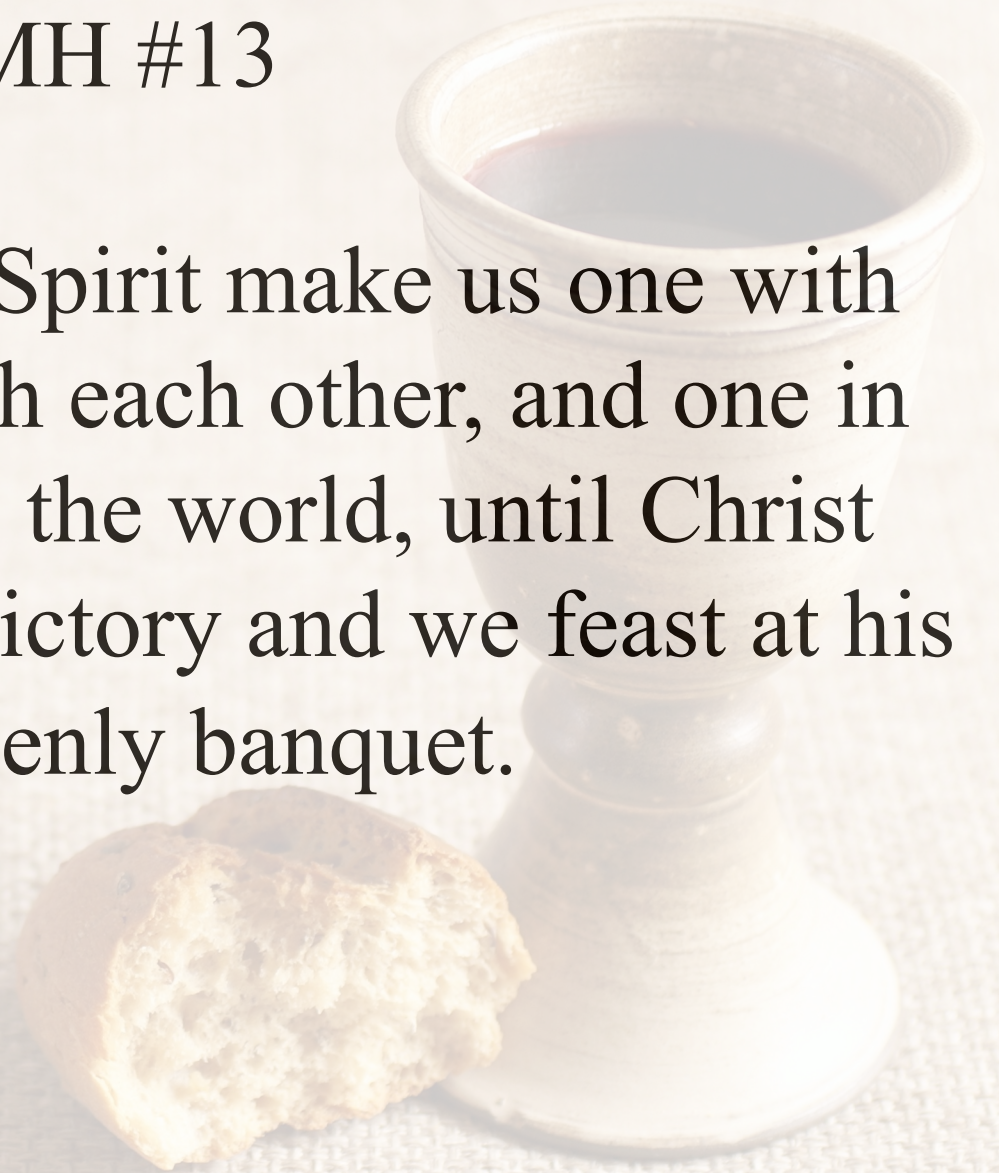
All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

Leader: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

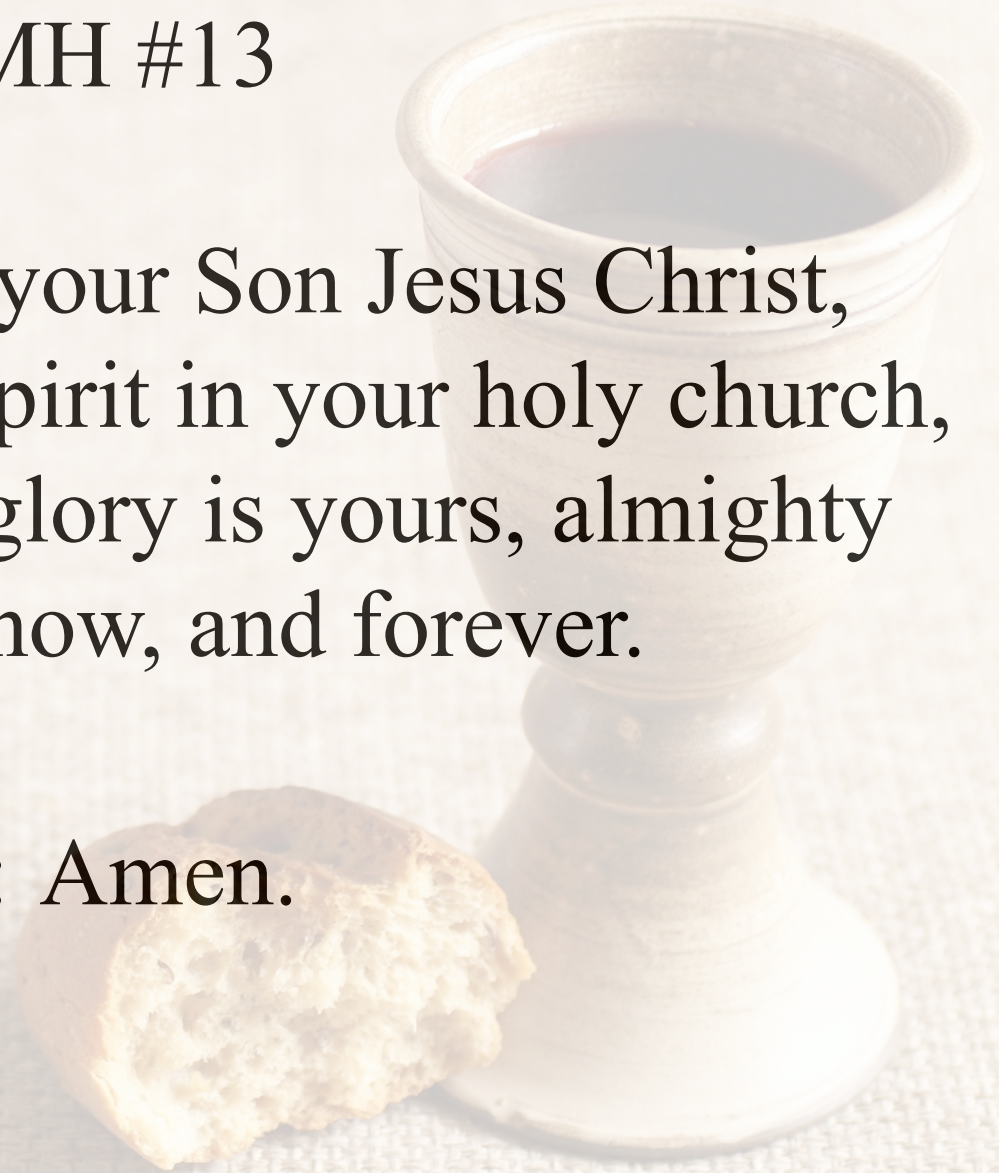


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

Leader: Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty
Father, now, and forever.

All: Amen.



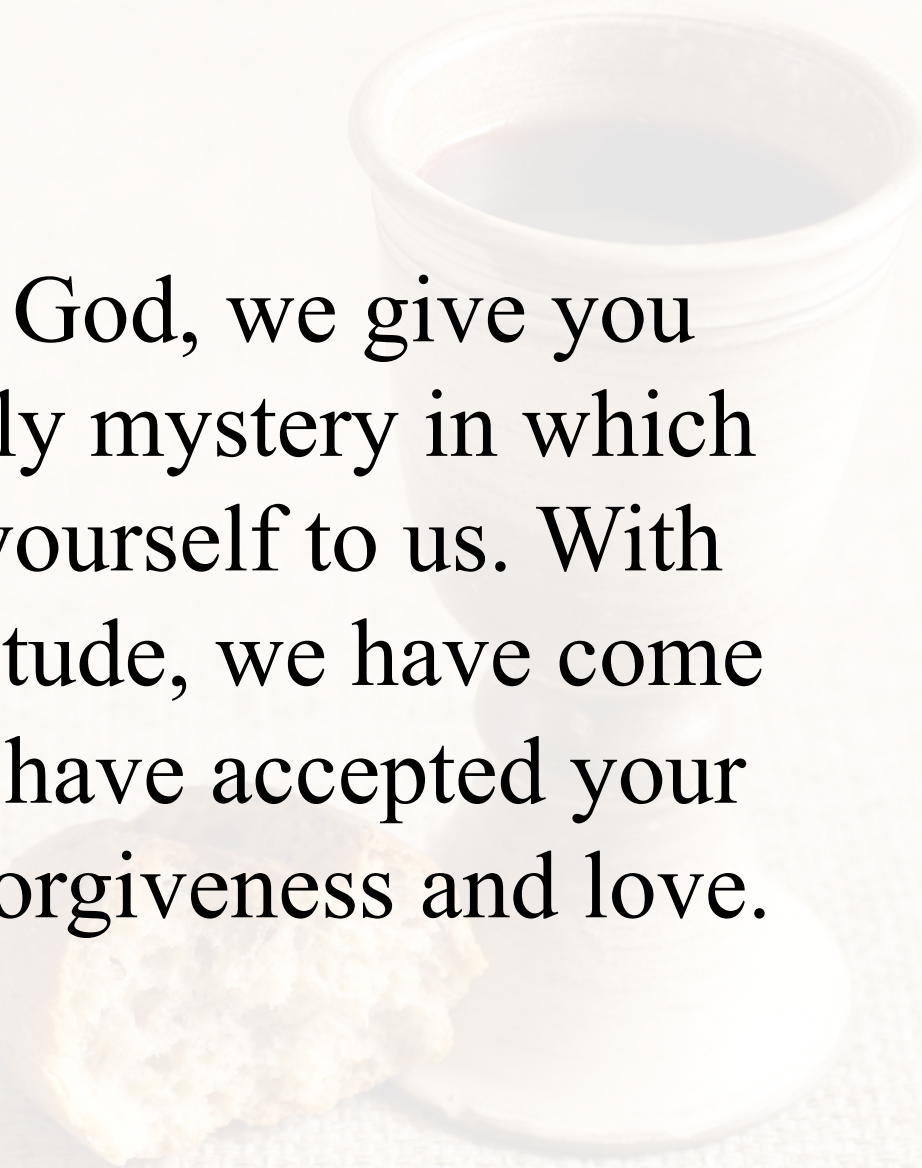
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Giving of the
Bread and Cup**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. With humility and gratitude, we have come to your table and have accepted your gracious gifts of forgiveness and love.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: And now, empowered by this sacrament, grant that together in Christ, we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news of your grace to everyone everywhere, and to love and bless one another in all the world. And all God's people said...

All: Amen.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

“Through It All” UMH 507

WORDS and MUSIC: Andrae Crouch, 1971

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



“Through It All” UMH 507

WORDS and MUSIC: Andrae Crouch, 1971

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend
upon God's word.

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.