



# PRELUDE

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WELCOME,  
ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
and  
CELEBRATIONS





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# PRELUDE

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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





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Sheltered by God,

**We come now to worship**

# CALL to WORSHIP

Invited by Christ,

**We come to now pray.**



# CALL to WORSHIP

Welcomed by the Spirit,

**We gather as the people of  
God.**

# “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH 377

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When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well,  
it is well with my soul.

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
and hath shed  
his own blood for my soul.

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My sin, oh, the bliss  
of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, O my soul!

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so,  
it is well with my soul.



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# OPENING PRAYER



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**Sheltering God, as we worship you this day, over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Gather us in the goodness of your grace, that we may experience your comforting presence and your powerful protection. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**







# YOUNG DISCIPLES MESSAGE

*“The Rich Man and Lazarus”*

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy and gracious God, you are the greatest of all. You are full of wonders that no mere human can comprehend. Lord, I seek to understand you and your ways so that I can live according to your commandments. I pray for your divine illumination in my heart and mind. Help me see what you intend for me to understand. Open my eyes and my ears to see you and hear your whispers. Amen.**





# First Scripture Reading



Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

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<sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15



# First Scripture Reading

<sup>3</sup>Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15



# First Scripture Reading

<sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’

<sup>8</sup>“Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin.’

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

# First Scripture Reading

Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’

“I knew that this was the word of the Lord;  
<sup>9</sup>so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15



# First Scripture Reading

<sup>11</sup>I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy—<sup>12</sup>and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

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# First Scripture Reading

<sup>13</sup>“In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: <sup>14</sup>“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. <sup>15</sup>For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15



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# PSALM READING

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Psalm 51:1-17  
UMH 785 - 786

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Psalm 51:1 thru 17      UMH 785 - 786

*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>Have 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:* <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

*People:* <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

# PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17      UMH 785 - 786

*Leader:* <sup>4</sup>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:* <sup>5</sup>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:* <sup>6</sup>Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

*People:* <sup>7</sup>Purge 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:* <sup>8</sup> Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

*People:* <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

# PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17     UMH 785 - 786

*Leader:* <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

*People:* <sup>11</sup> 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:* <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*People:* <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.



# PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17     UMH 785 - 786

*Leader:* <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

*People:* <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

# PSALM READING

Psalm 51:1 thru 17      UMH 785 - 786

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

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

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING



John 20:19-23



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**19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”** **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**John 20:19-23**

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**21** Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

**John 20:19-23**



# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

**John 20:19-23**



# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

**John 20:19-23**

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**28** Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **29** Then Jesus told him, “**Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**” **30** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:19-23**



# “Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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

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HOLY  
SPIRIT







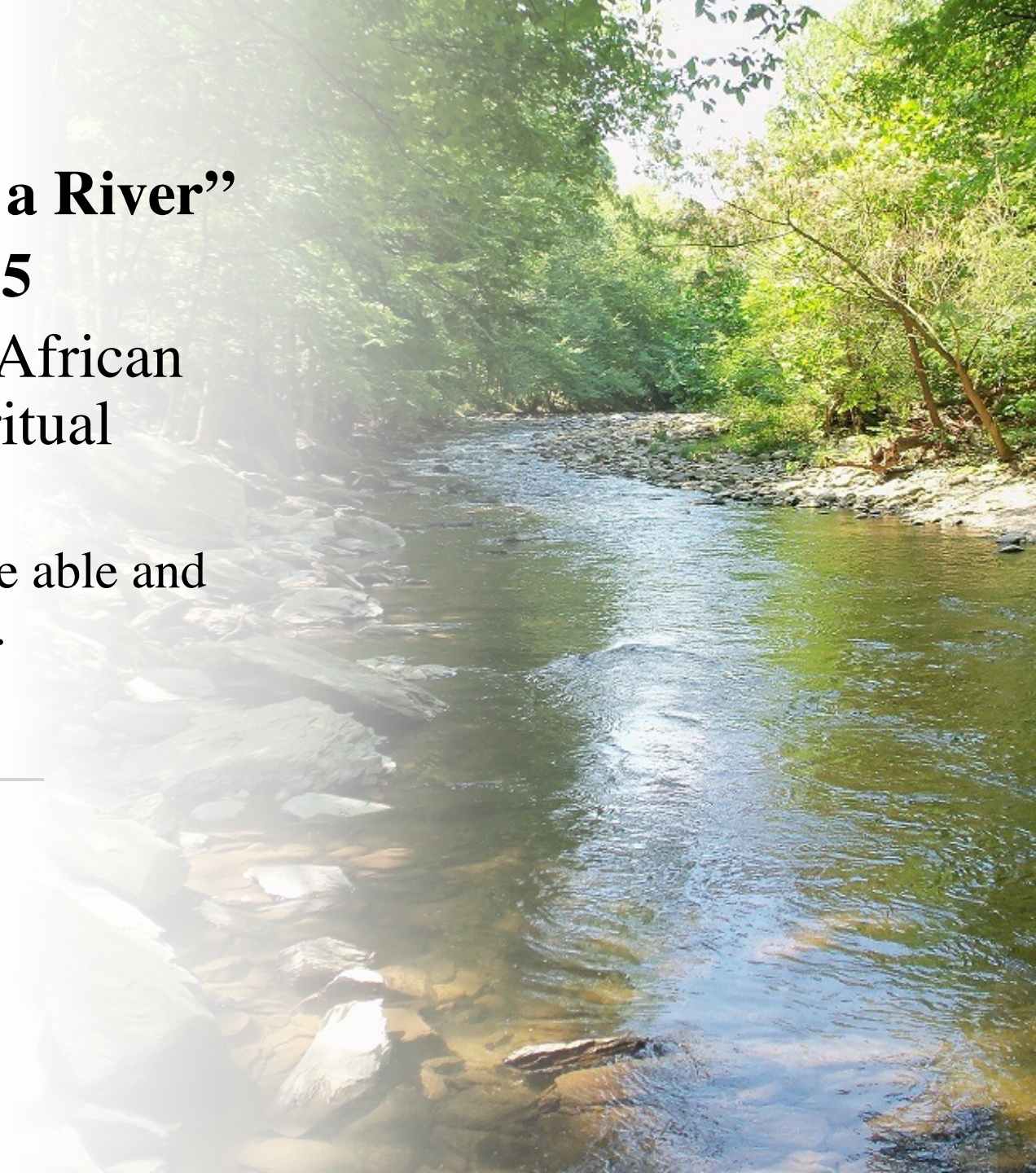
**“I Got Peace Like a River”**

**TFWS 2145**

**Words & Music: African  
American Spiritual**

Please stand as you are able and  
comfortable.

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# “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” TFWS 2145

WORDS & MUSIC: African American spiritual

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.



# “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” TFWS 2145

WORDS & MUSIC: African American spiritual

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.



# “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” TFWS 2145

WORDS & MUSIC: African American spiritual

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR  
FAITH UMH 882





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



# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH 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.





# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH 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

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!



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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 weathered wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, intersecting in the center. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. 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.





# “God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904    MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1905

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*



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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Be not dismayed what-e'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way,  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.



# “God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904    MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1905

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
    God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
    God will take care of you.

    God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way,  
    he will take care of you,  
    God will take care of you.



# “God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way,  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way,  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.



# “On Eagle’s Wings” UMH 143

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

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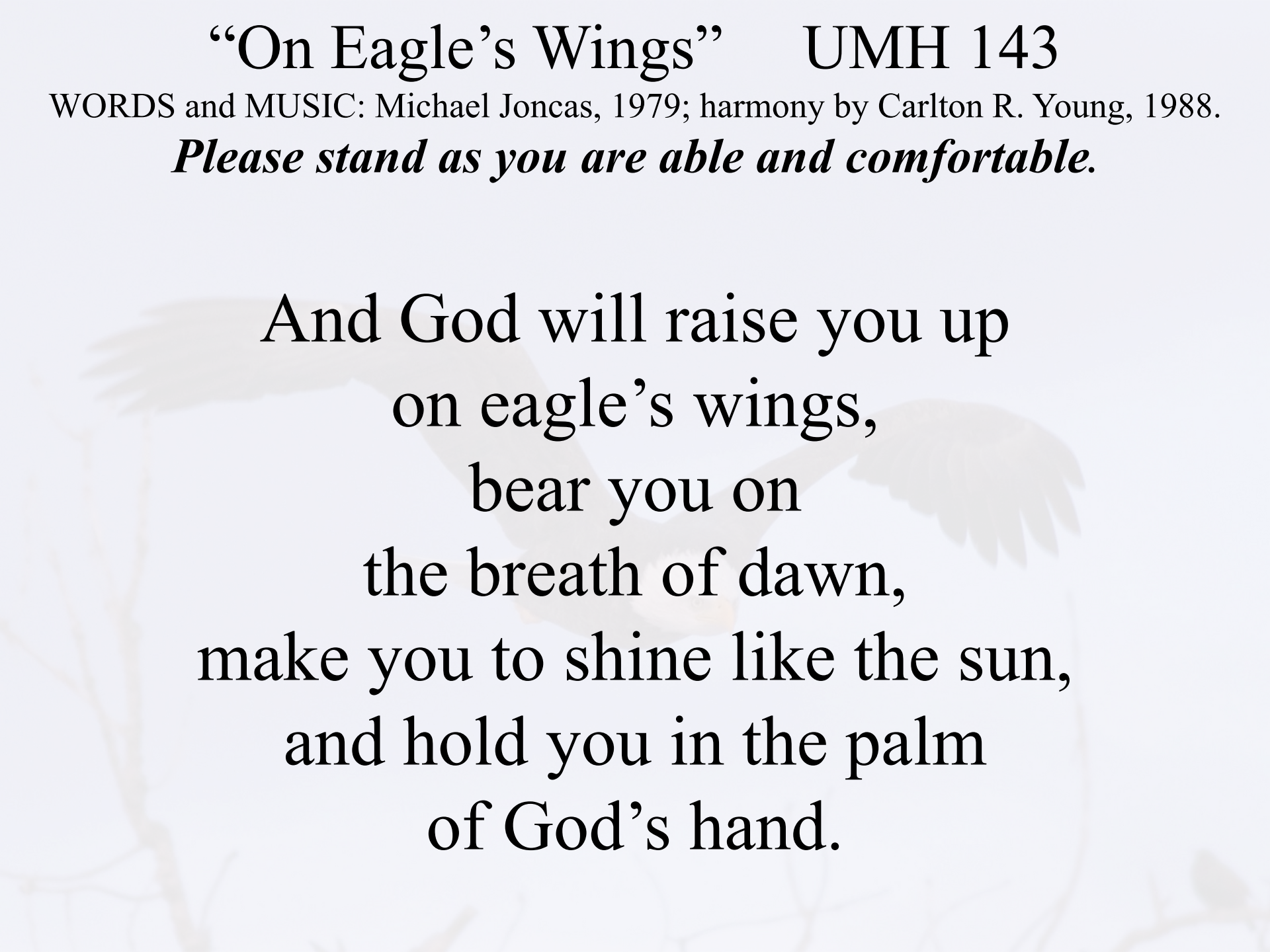




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And God will raise you up  
on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on  
the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm  
of God’s hand.

# Rectortown United Methodist Church

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