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Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.

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Prelude

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*Second Sunday
after Pentecost*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God, how majestic is your name! You create, and through creation, we encounter your wisdom and power.

People: **How majestic is the name of
God, our Creator!**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: You redeem, and through Jesus Christ, we encounter your saving love and grace.

People: **How majestic is the name of God, our Redeemer!**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: You sustain us, and through your Spirit, we encounter your renewing presence.

People: **How majestic is the name of God, our sustainer!**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune
God!

People: **We gather to worship God,
Three in One and One in Three!
Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God our Potter, God who
becomes clay, God who
shapes us in the fire, we
are made new in your
presence. We come
seeking your wisdom,
crying out our concerns,
needing your peace.**



OPENING PRAYER

You call us your children.

You call us beloved.

Today, let the refrain:

**“There is no longer Jew or
Greek; there is no longer
slave or free; there is no
longer male and female**



OPENING PRAYER

**for all of you are one in
Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:29)
guide us with every step.
We pray this in Jesus’
name. Amen.**



“Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

WORDS: ancient Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905;

MUSIC: traditional Irish melody; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1963

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

“Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

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**Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

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**Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

A photograph of three children running through a vast field of colorful flowers, likely cosmos, under bright, warm sunlight. The children are seen from behind, moving away from the camera. The field is filled with a variety of flower colors including orange, yellow, pink, and white. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the children and the foreground flowers.

Young Disciples' Message

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**





Galatians 3: 23 – 29

NRSVUE

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

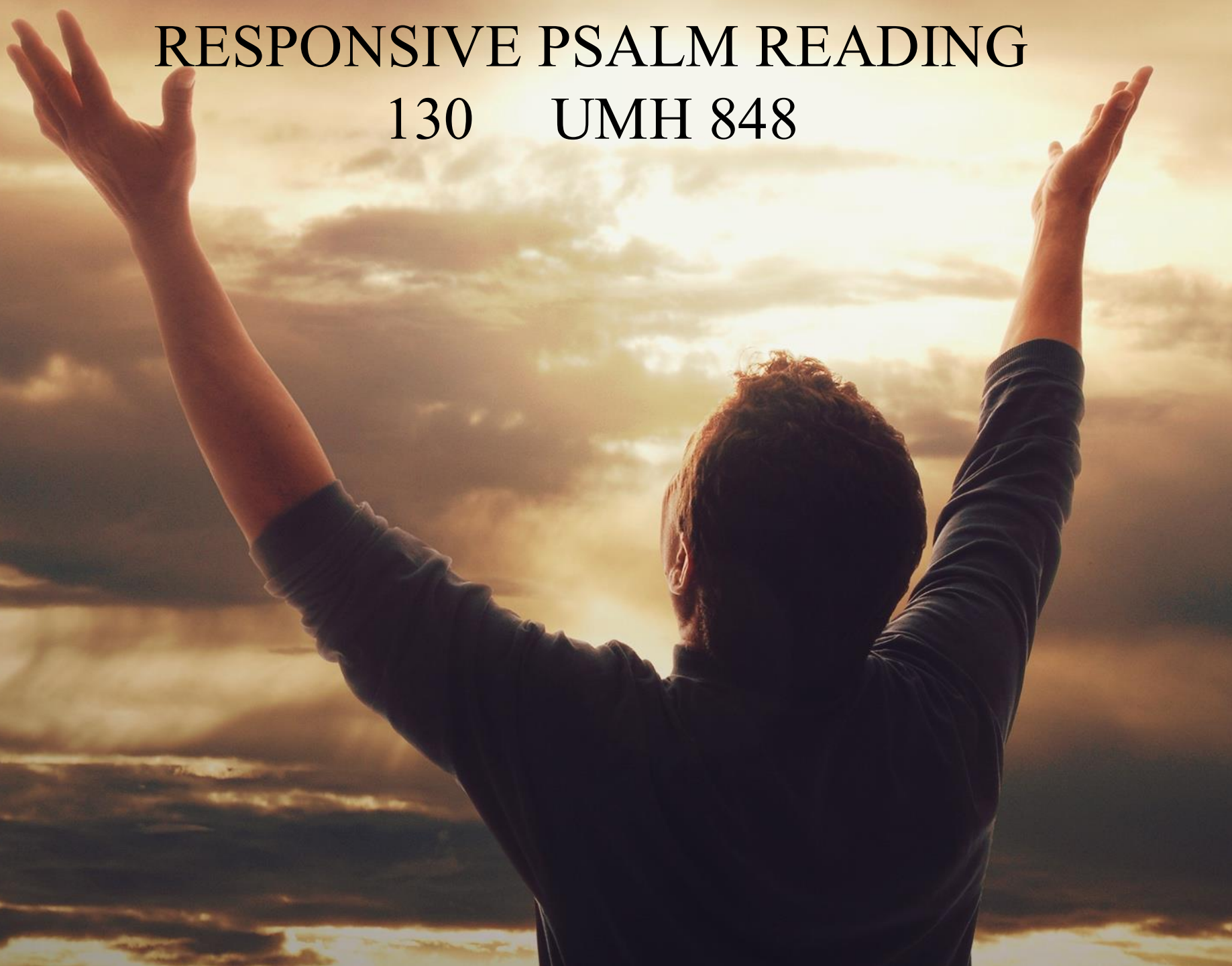
27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is
no longer slave or free; there is no longer
male and female, for all of you are one in
Christ Jesus.

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are
Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the
promise.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848



A person is seen from behind, with their arms raised high in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing against a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Sung Response:

**In my distress I cry to the Lord:
“Deliver me, O Lord”**

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
²Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshipped.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope...

People: ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

People: ⁸And the Lord will
redeem Israel from all iniquities.

A person is seen from behind, with their arms raised high in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing against a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt. The overall mood is one of spiritual devotion and hope.

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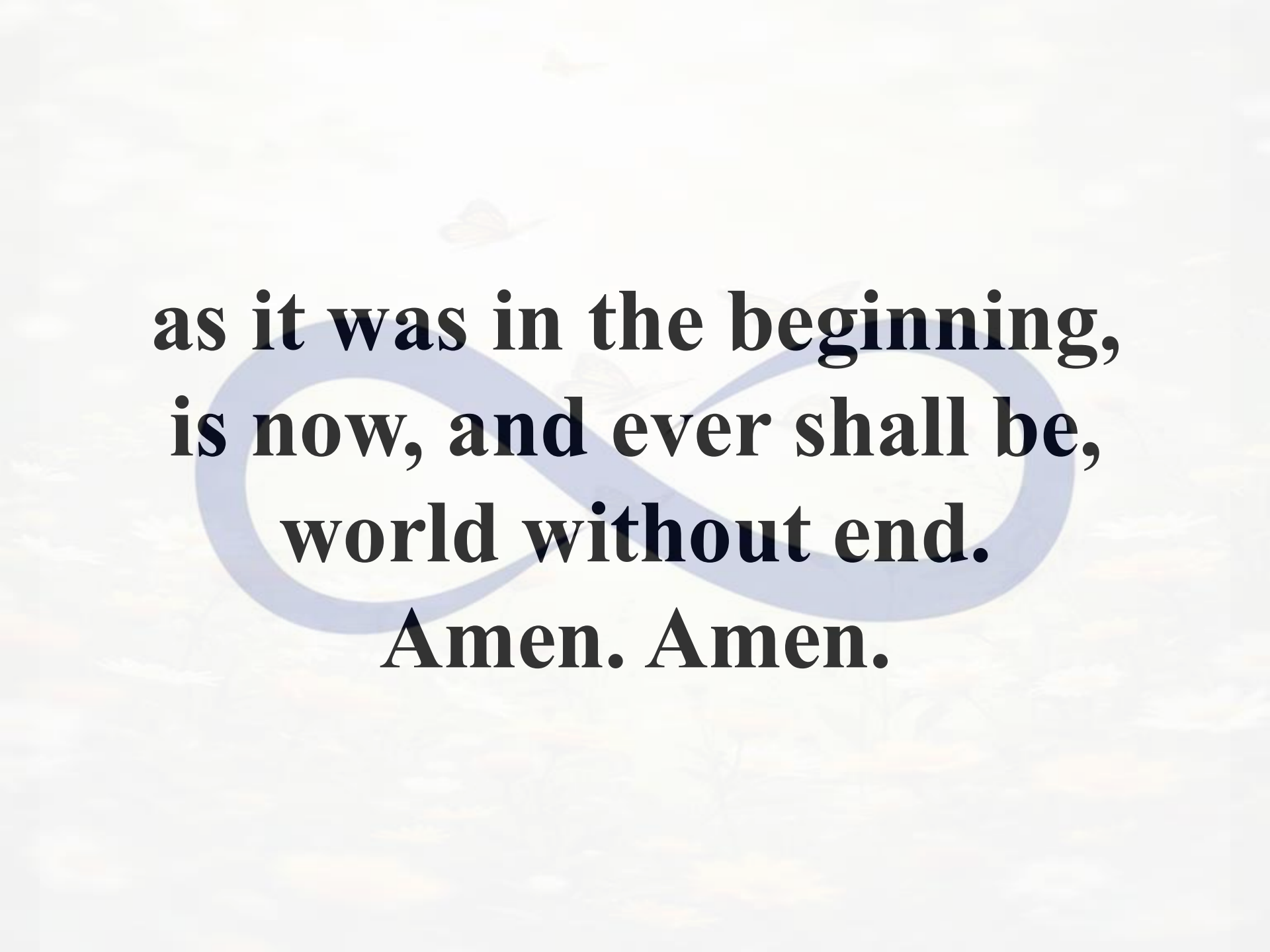
Glory Be to the Father

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

The background features a soft, ethereal illustration of a white dove in flight, surrounded by several small, colorful butterflies. A large, faint, light blue infinity symbol is centered behind the main text.

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

The background of the image features a soft-focus scene of numerous small, colorful butterflies in shades of orange, yellow, and white, scattered across a light blue and white sky. A large, faint, light blue infinity symbol is centered behind the text.

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

Sermon



“Waiting in
Expectant Hope”

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
became truly human. For our sake he
was

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On
the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; 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

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. 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, who has spoken through the prophets.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

We believe in the one holy catholic
and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life
of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of the People

Lord,
hear our prayers
as we lift up to
you, our joys
and concerns.



Pastoral Prayer

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

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!

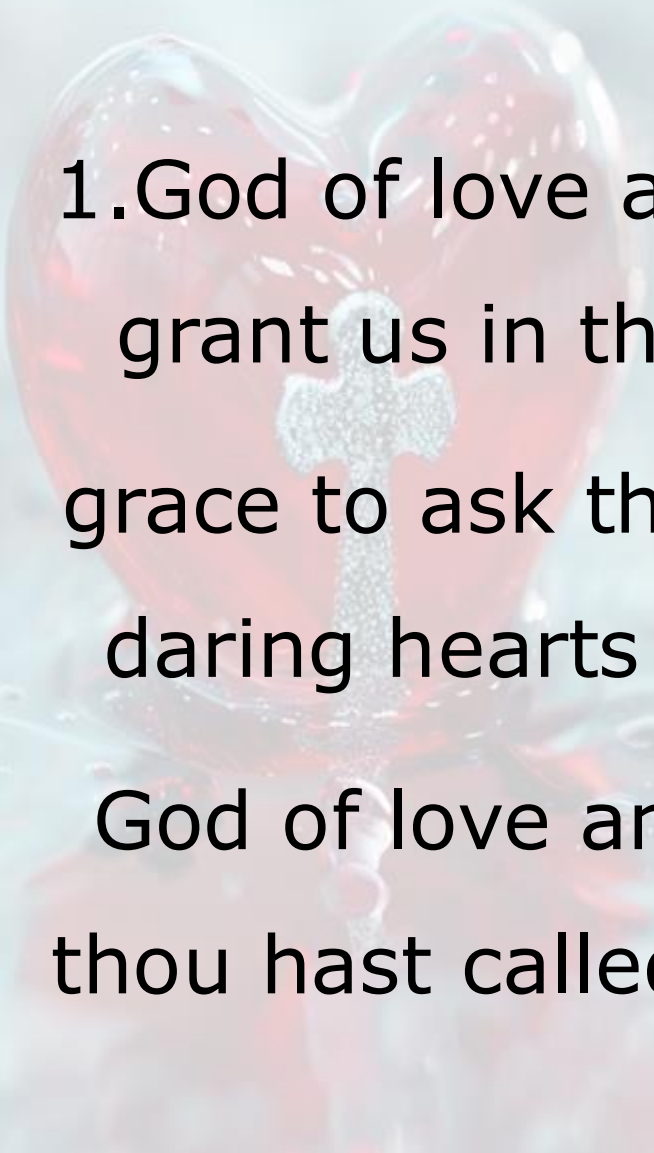
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer



God of Love and God of Power 578

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939

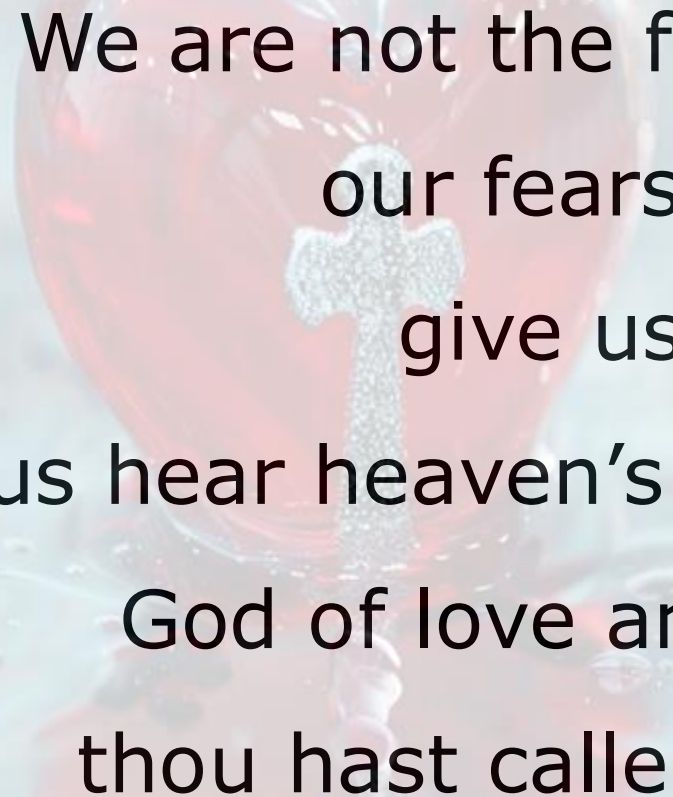


1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour,
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

God of Love and God of Power 578

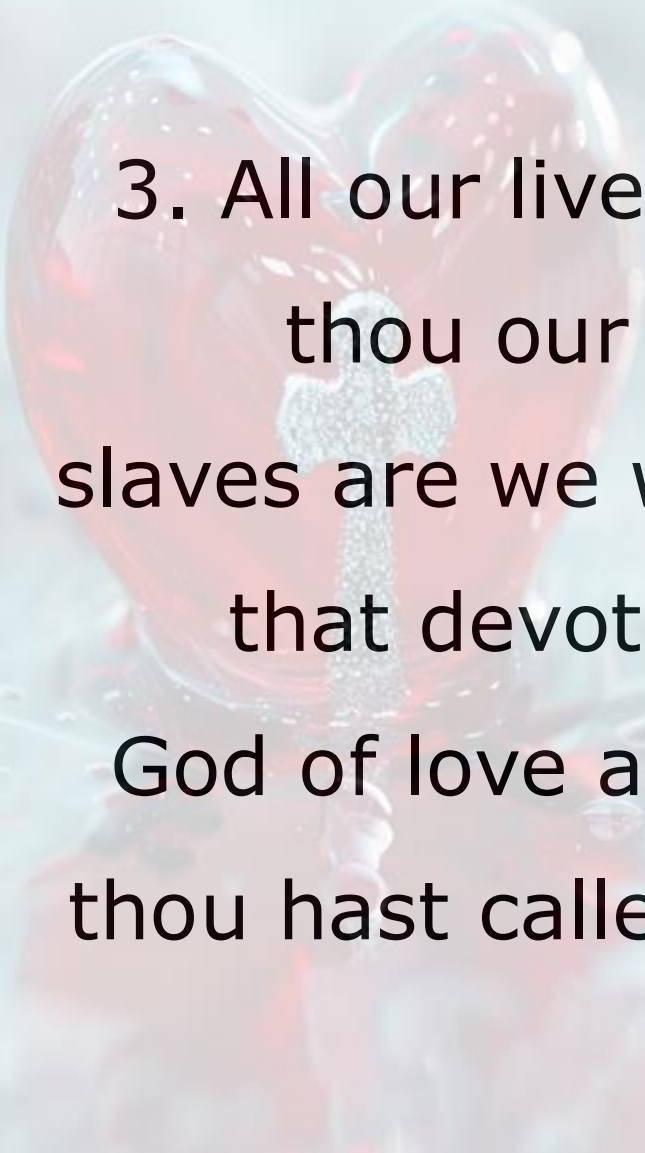
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2. We are not the first to be banished by
our fears from thee;
give us courage,
let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

God of Love and God of Power 578

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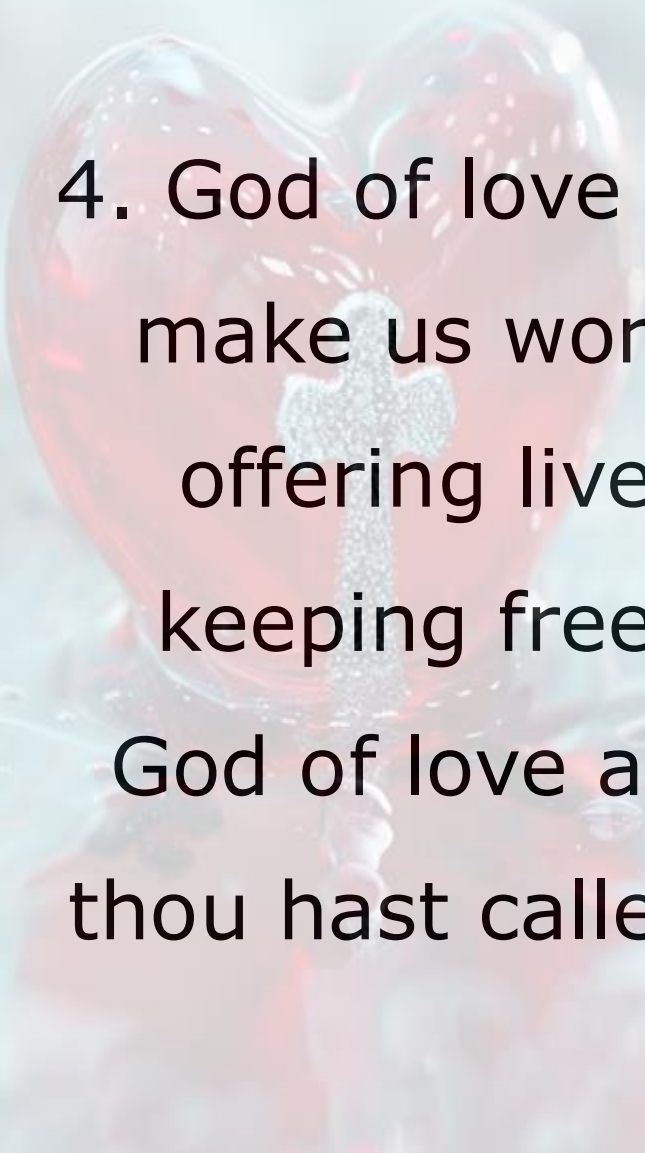


3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

God of Love and God of Power 578

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939



4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

A soft-focus photograph of a field of daisies in shades of pink and white. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a warm, golden glow and lens flare effects across the scene. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the background.

Benediction

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, Action, and Love
through Service.**