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Prelude

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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Bringing In The Light of Christ

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.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Long ago, God rescued God's people from slavery.

People: **We are enslaved today, in many different ways.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.

People: **Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,

People: **We will continue to follow God and trust in God's ways.**

AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place, draw near to us, O God. As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we celebrate the bounty of your provision, hearken to our need, Holy One.



OPENING PRAYER

**Transform this time and
place into our land of milk
and honey—**

**a land where you are
among us, a land where
your mighty hand and
your outstretched arm
protect us,**



OPENING PRAYER

**a land where you alone
are worthy of our worship
and service. We ask this
in the saving name of
Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)

1. A mighty fortress
is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and
power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)

2. Did we in our own
strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man
on our side,
the man of God's
own choosing.

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Dost ask who
that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must
win the battle.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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3. And though this world,
with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear,
for God hath willed
his truth to triumph
through us.

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The Prince of
Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word
shall fell him.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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4. That word above
all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and
the gifts are ours,
through him who
with us sideth.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

A photograph of three children running through a vast field of colorful flowers, likely daisies, under bright, warm sunlight. The children are seen from behind, their hair blowing in the wind. The field is filled with a variety of colors including yellow, orange, pink, and white. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text.

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.**



Deuteronomy 26: 1 -11

NRSVUE



“When you have come into the land that
the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance to possess and you possess it and
settle in it,

² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'

⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,

⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us,

⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;

9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.

11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH 810

Leader: ¹Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ²will say to the Lord...

People: “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH 810

Leader: ⁹Because you have made the Lord
your refuge, the Most High your habitation...

People: ¹⁰**no evil shall befall you, no
scourge come near your tent.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH 810

Leader: **11** For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways.

People: **12** They will bear you up on their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone. **13** You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH 810

Leader: ¹⁴Because they cleave to me in love,
I will deliver them...

People: **I will protect them,
because they know my name.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 UMH 810

Leader: ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

People: ¹⁶**I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.**



Luke 4: 1 -13

NRSVUE

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be
yours."

8 Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

9 Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

10 for it is written,
‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against
a stone.' "

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not
put the Lord your God to the test.' "

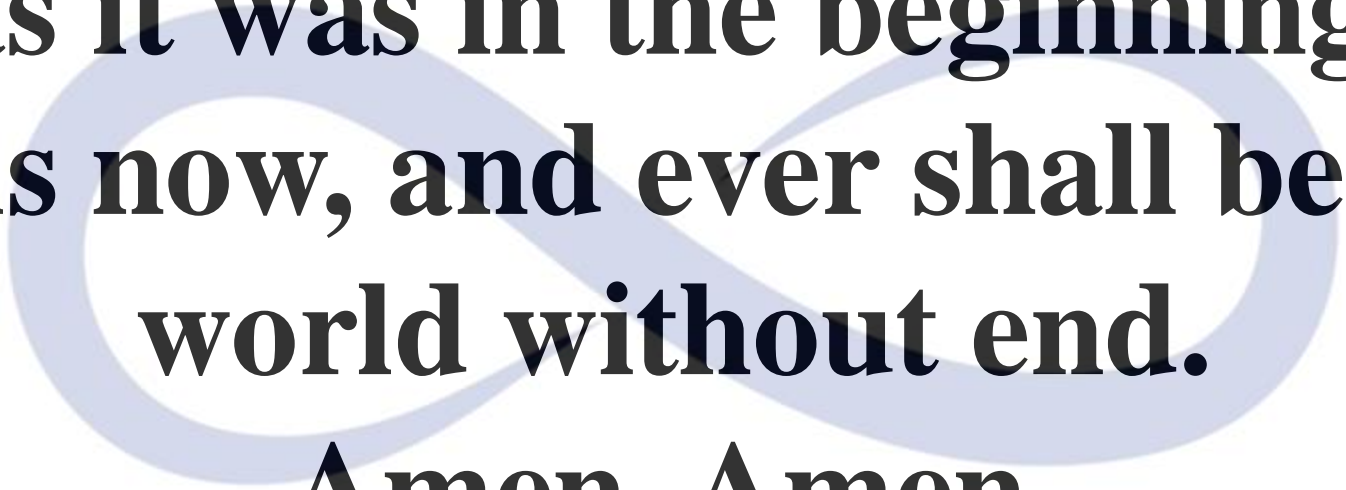
13 When the devil had finished every test, he
departed from him until an opportune time.

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.**



Sermon “Jesus in the Wilderness”

“Be Still, My Soul” UMH 534

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

leave to your God to order and provide;

in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

“Be Still, My Soul” UMH 534

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

“Be Still, My Soul” UMH 534

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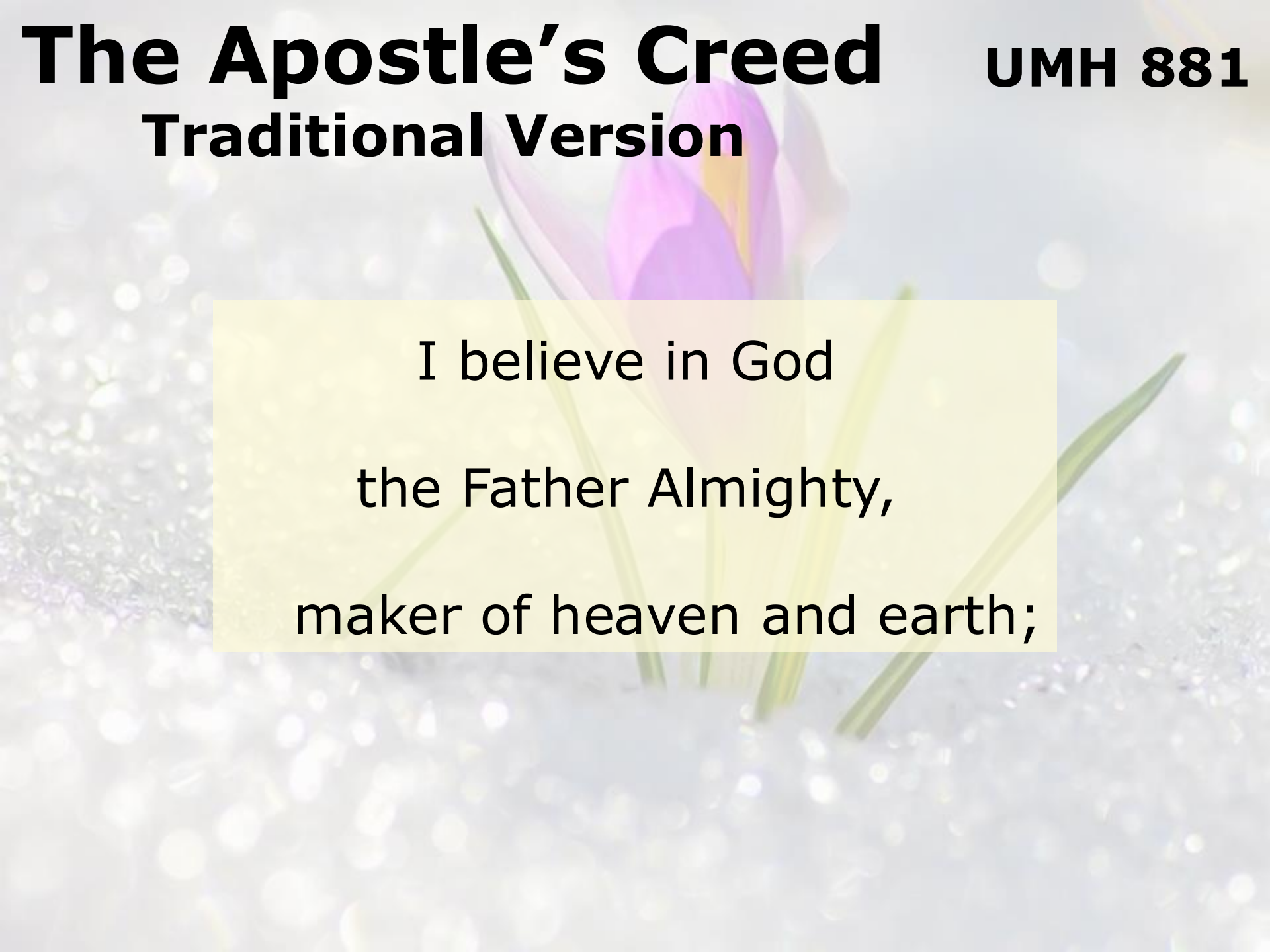
Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are
past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881



I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

And 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, dead, and buried;

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick

and the dead.

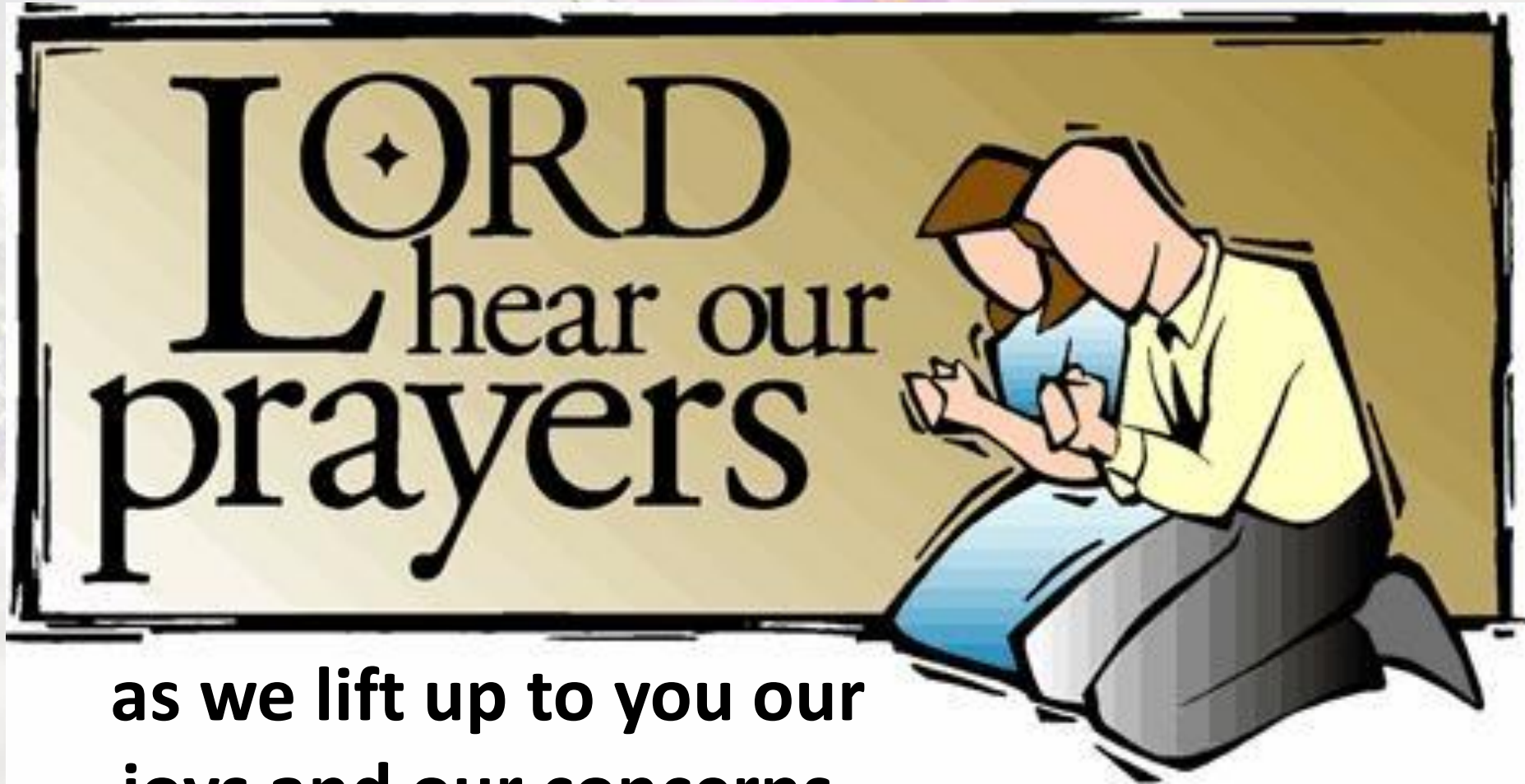
The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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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



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!

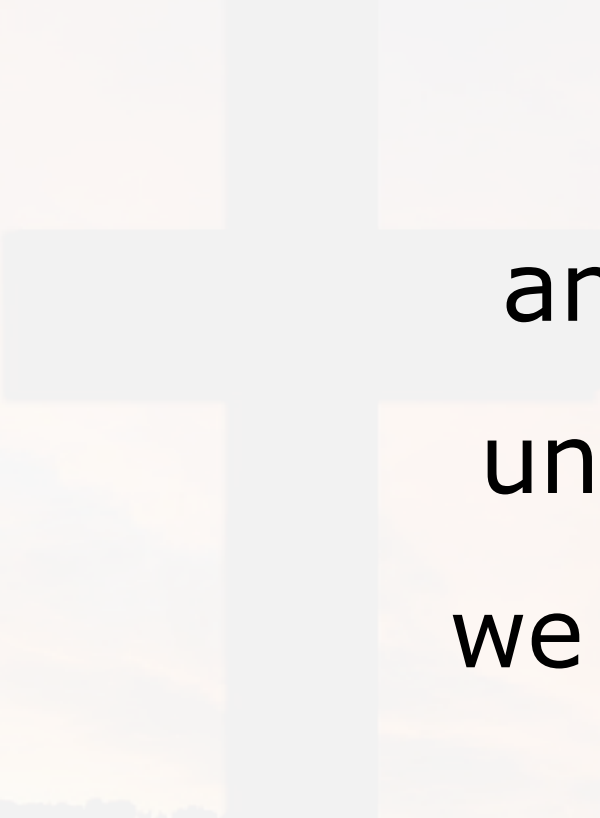


Offertory Prayer

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

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an Easter of
unending joy
we may attain
at last.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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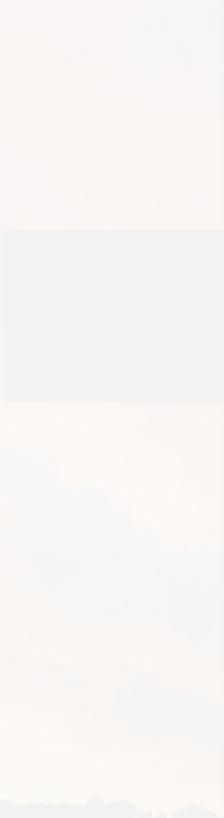
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1. Lord, who throughout
these forty days
for us didst
fast and pray,

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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teach us with thee
to mourn our sins
and close by
thee to stay.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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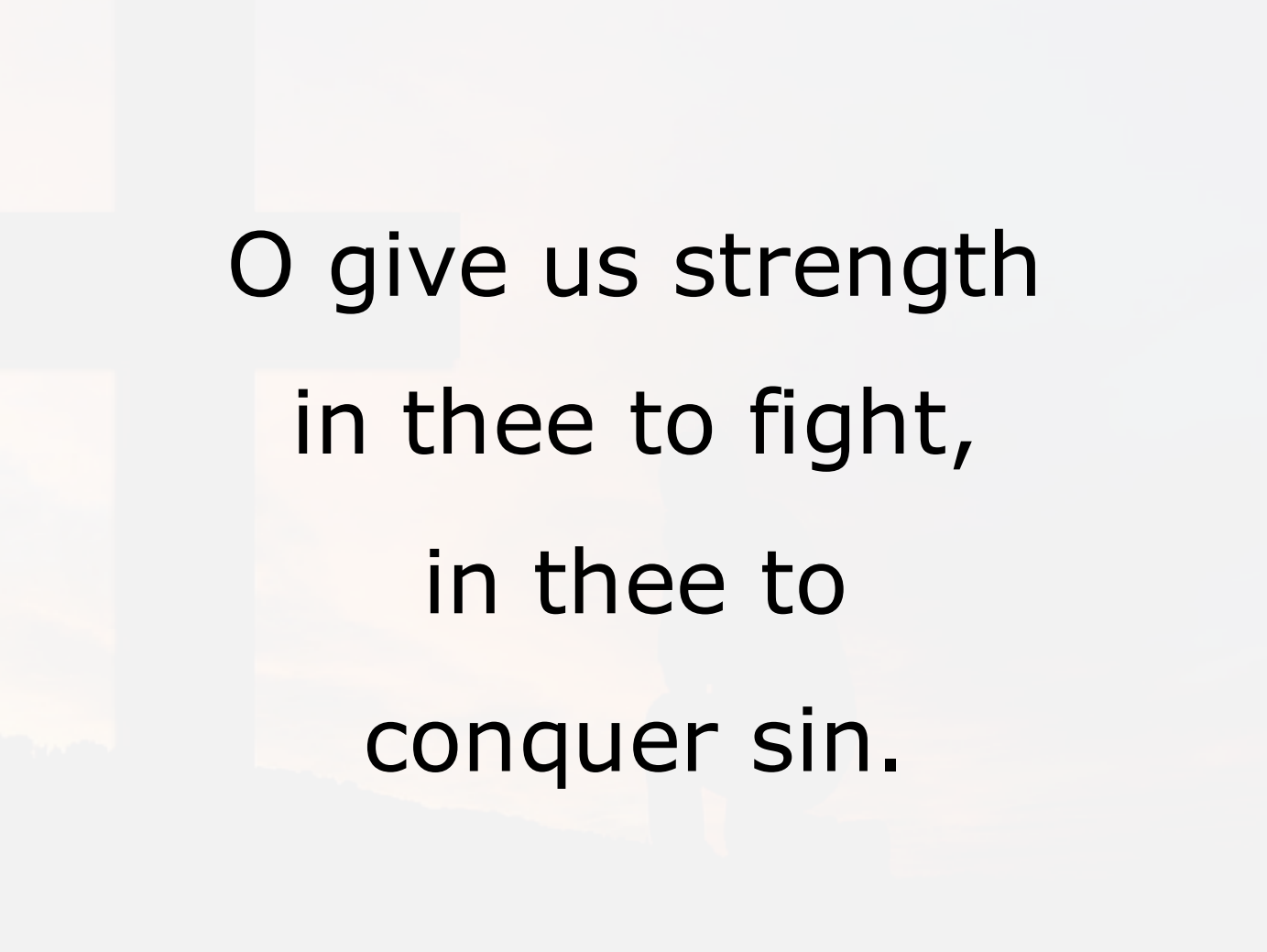
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2. As thou with Satan
didst contend,
and didst
the victory win,

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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O give us strength
in thee to fight,
in thee to
conquer sin.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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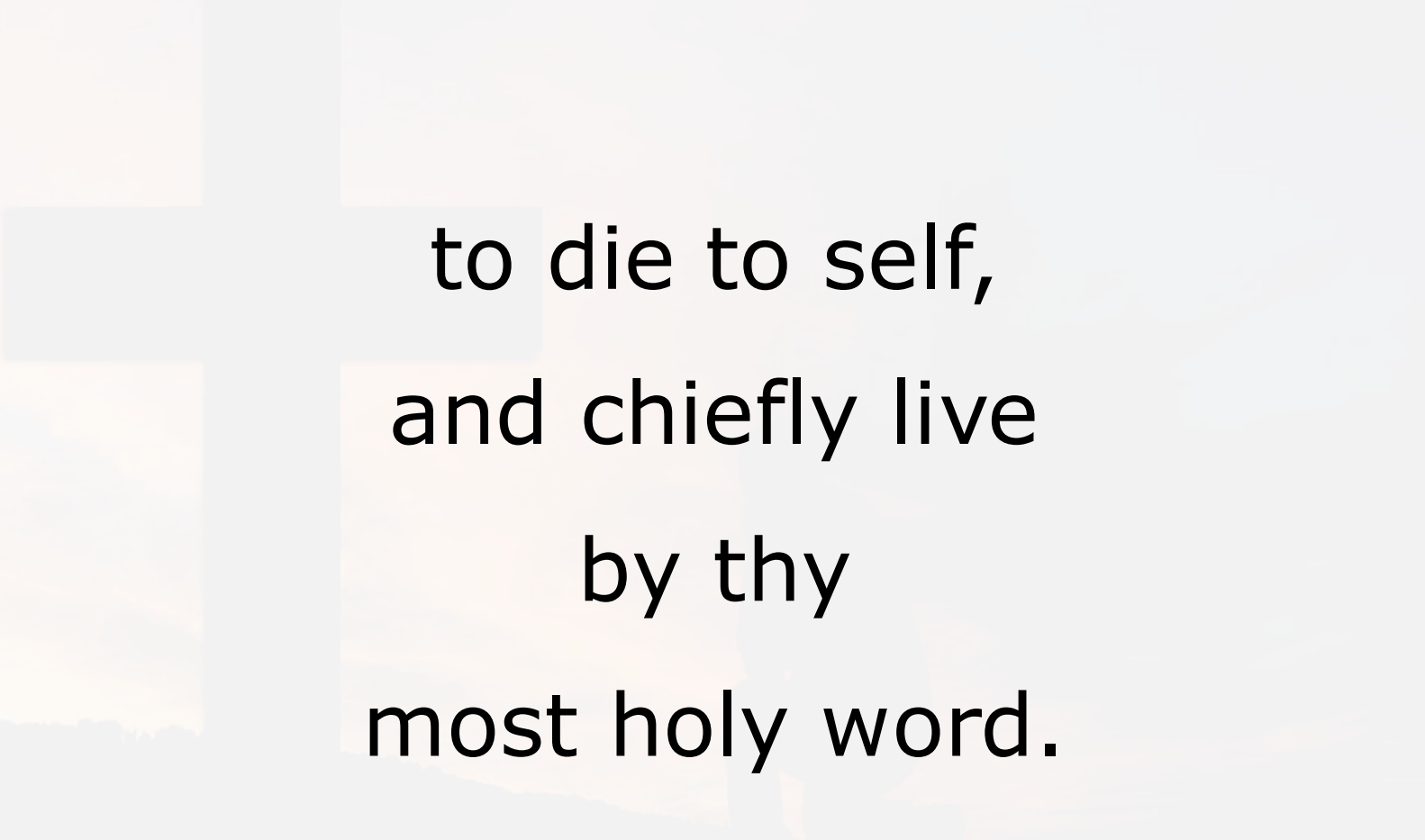
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3. As thou didst
hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us,
gracious Lord,

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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to die to self,
and chiefly live
by thy
most holy word.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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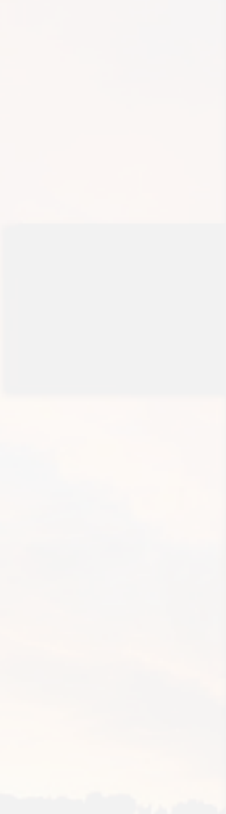
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4. And through these days
of penitence,
and through
thy passiontide,

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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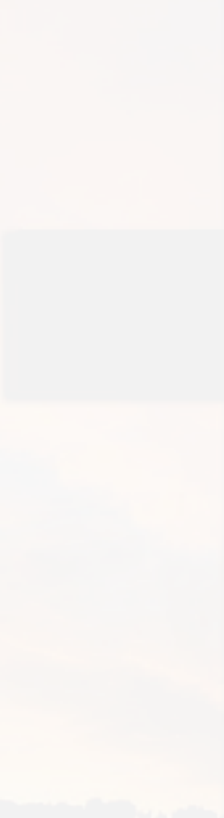


yea, evermore
in life and death,
Jesus, with
us abide.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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5. Abide with us,
that so,
this life of
suffering over past,

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