

Prelude

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Easter
Mother's Day*

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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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name
on High”

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: **For they will be comforted.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

People: **For they will inherit the earth.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,

People: **For they will be filled.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: **For they will be shown mercy.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: **For they will see God.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers

People: **For they will be called children of God.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of
righteousness,

People: **For theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

People: **Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH 327

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but
its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all
eternity.

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WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

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Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet,
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only
Son Jesus Christ with great
triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:**



OPENING PRAYER

**Do not leave us comfortless,
but send us your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us, and exalt
us to that place where our
Savior Christ has gone
before; who lives and reigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, in
glory everlasting. Amen.**

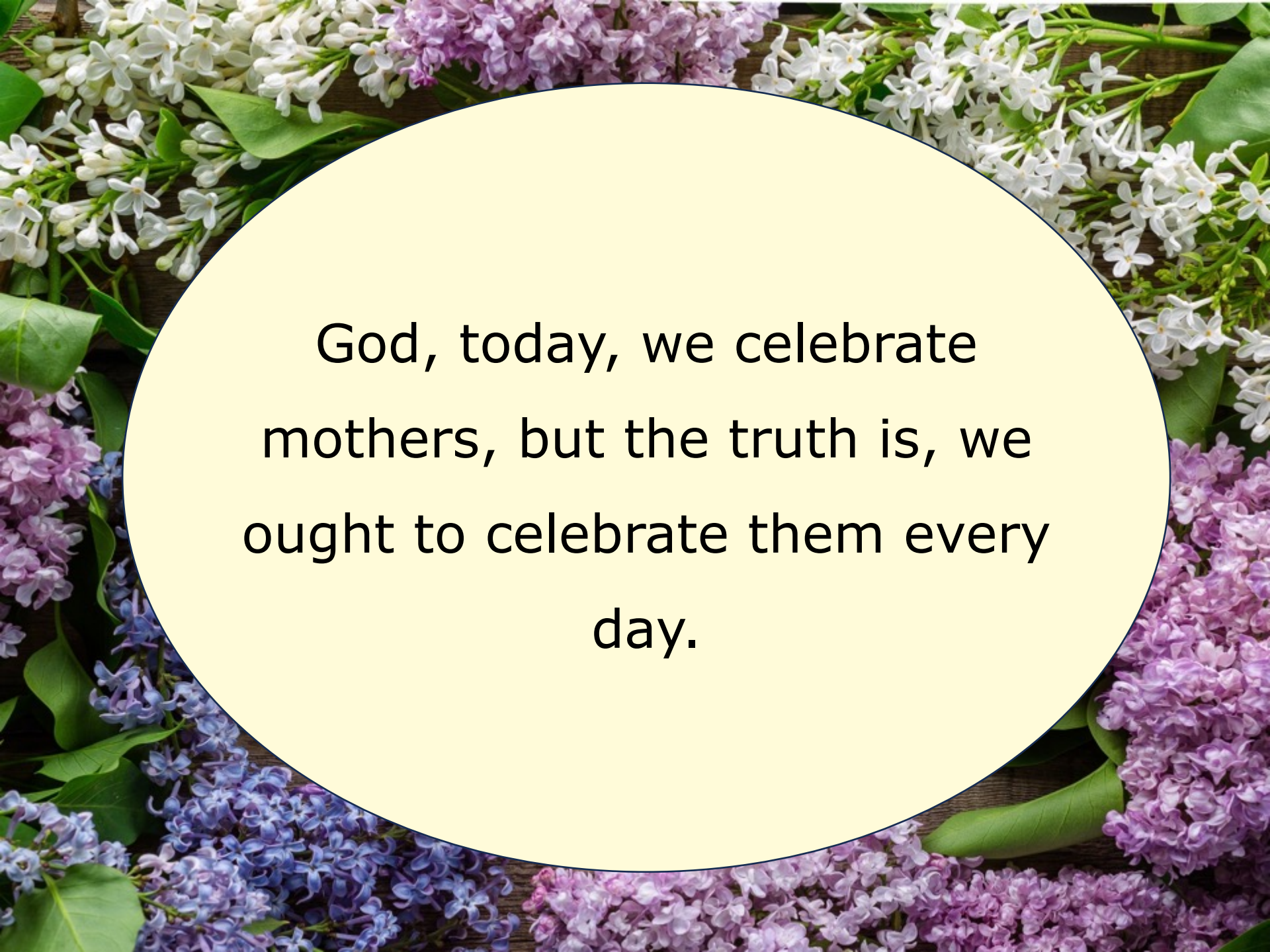




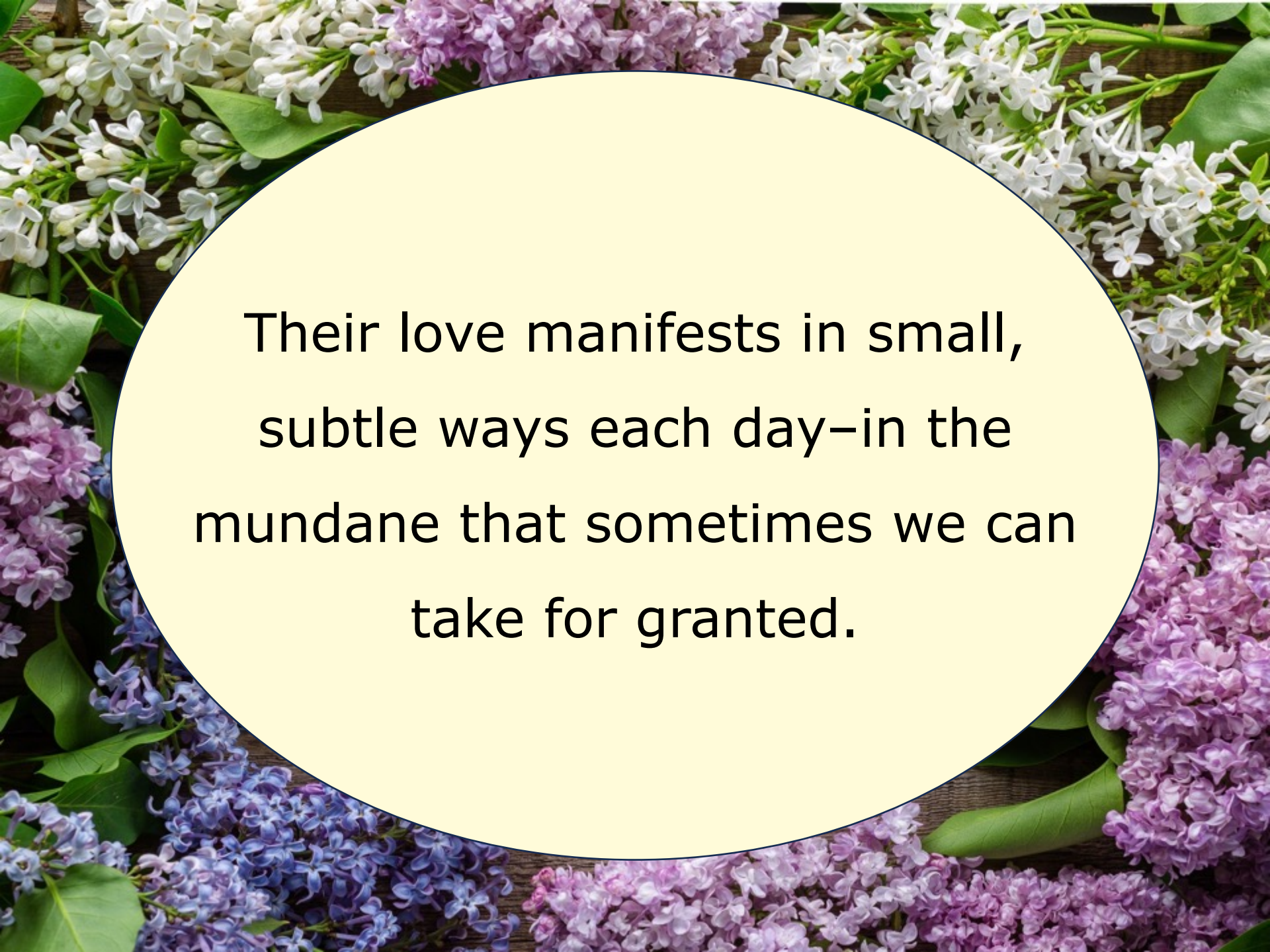
Young Disciples' Message
"Jesus Prays for His Disciples"

*Happy Mother's
Day*






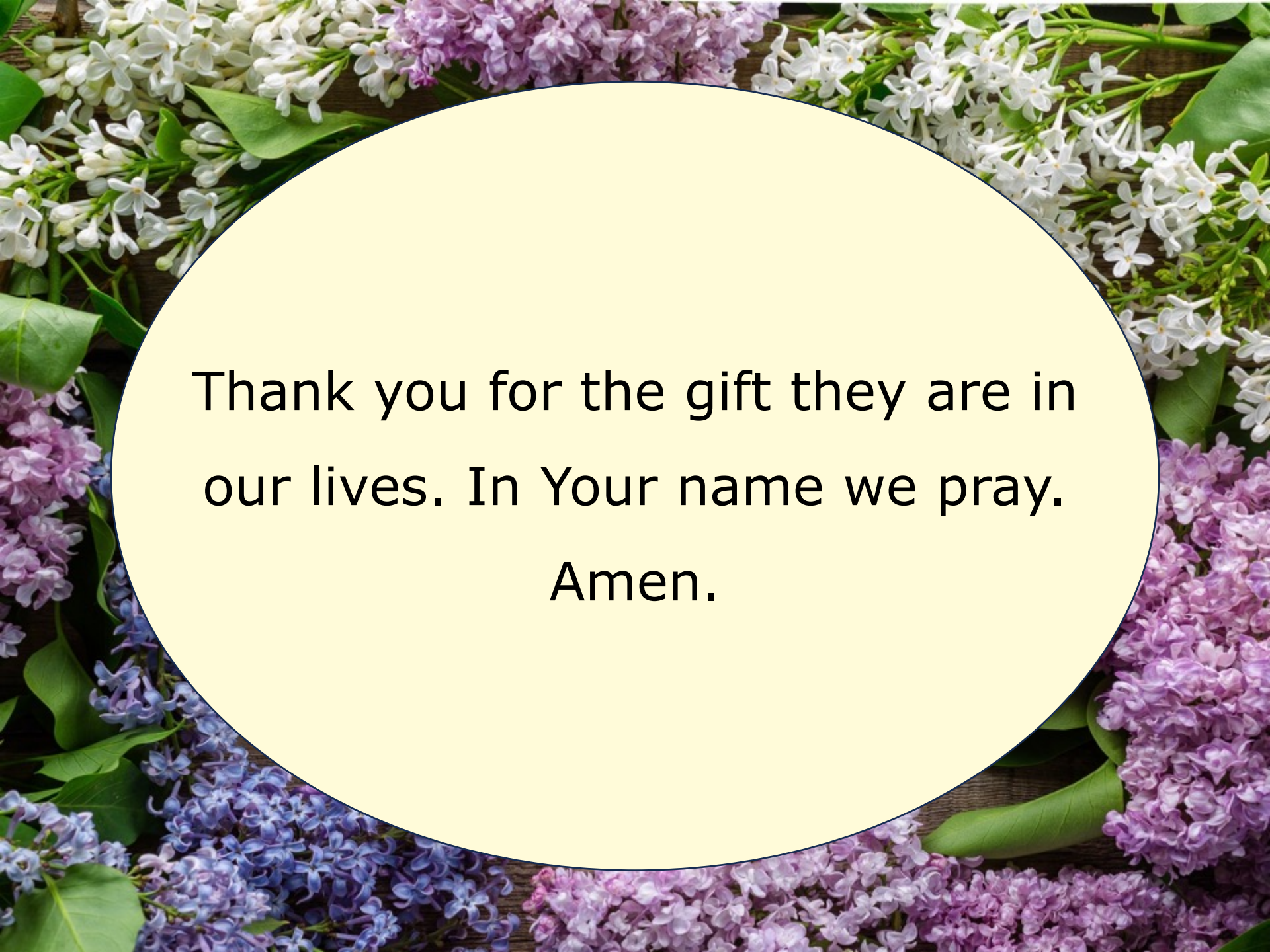
God, today, we celebrate
mothers, but the truth is, we
ought to celebrate them every
day.



Their love manifests in small,
subtle ways each day—in the
mundane that sometimes we can
take for granted.



We thank you for their sacrificial
love and ask you to uplift them
today.



Thank you for the gift they are in
our lives. In Your name we pray.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, in you are
hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes that we
may see the wonders of
your Word;**



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**and give us grace that we
may clearly understand
and freely choose the way
of your wisdom; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Leviticus 19: 11-18



11 ""Do not steal.

""Do not lie.

""Do not deceive one another.

12 ""Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

13 ""Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

""Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

14 ""Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

15 “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

16 “Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

17 ""Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

18 ""Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

PSALM READING

Psalm 98 UMH 818



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Leader: ¹O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm have
gotten the victory.

People: ²**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the
sight of the nations.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 98 UMH 818

Leader: ³The Lord has remembered
his steadfast love and faithfulness to
the house of Israel.

People: **All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 98 UMH 818

Leader: ⁴Make a joyful noise
to the Lord, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous
song and sing praises!**

PSALM READING

Psalm 98 UMH 818

Leader: ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People: ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!

PSALM READING

Psalm 98 UMH 818

Leader: ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell in it!

People: ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let
the hills sing for joy together before the
Lord, ⁹ who comes to judge the earth. The
Lord will judge the world with
righteousness, and the peoples with equity.



Matthew 7: 12

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.



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

"By Doing No Harm"



“O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH 396

WORDS: John E. Bode, ca. 1866 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

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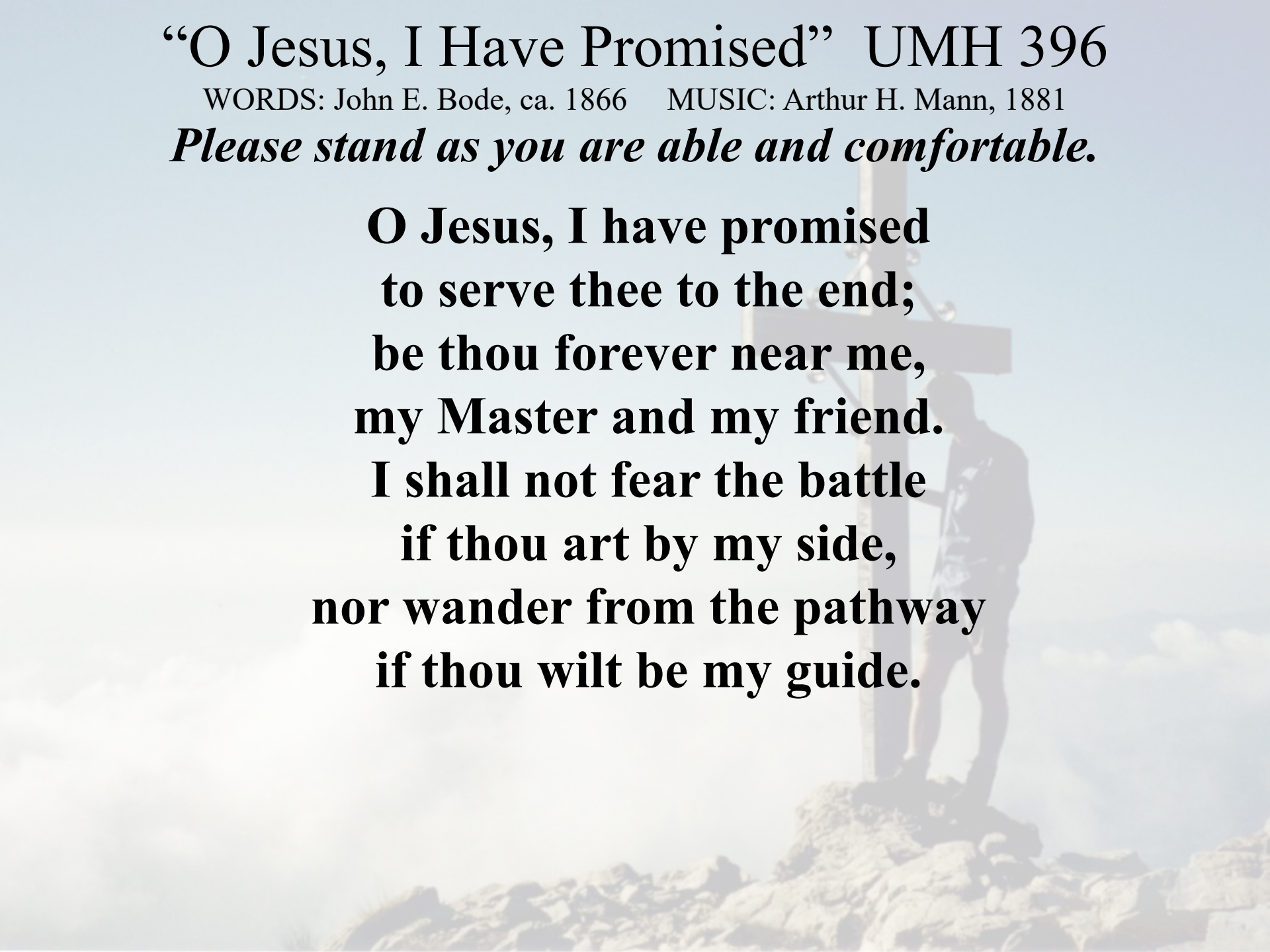


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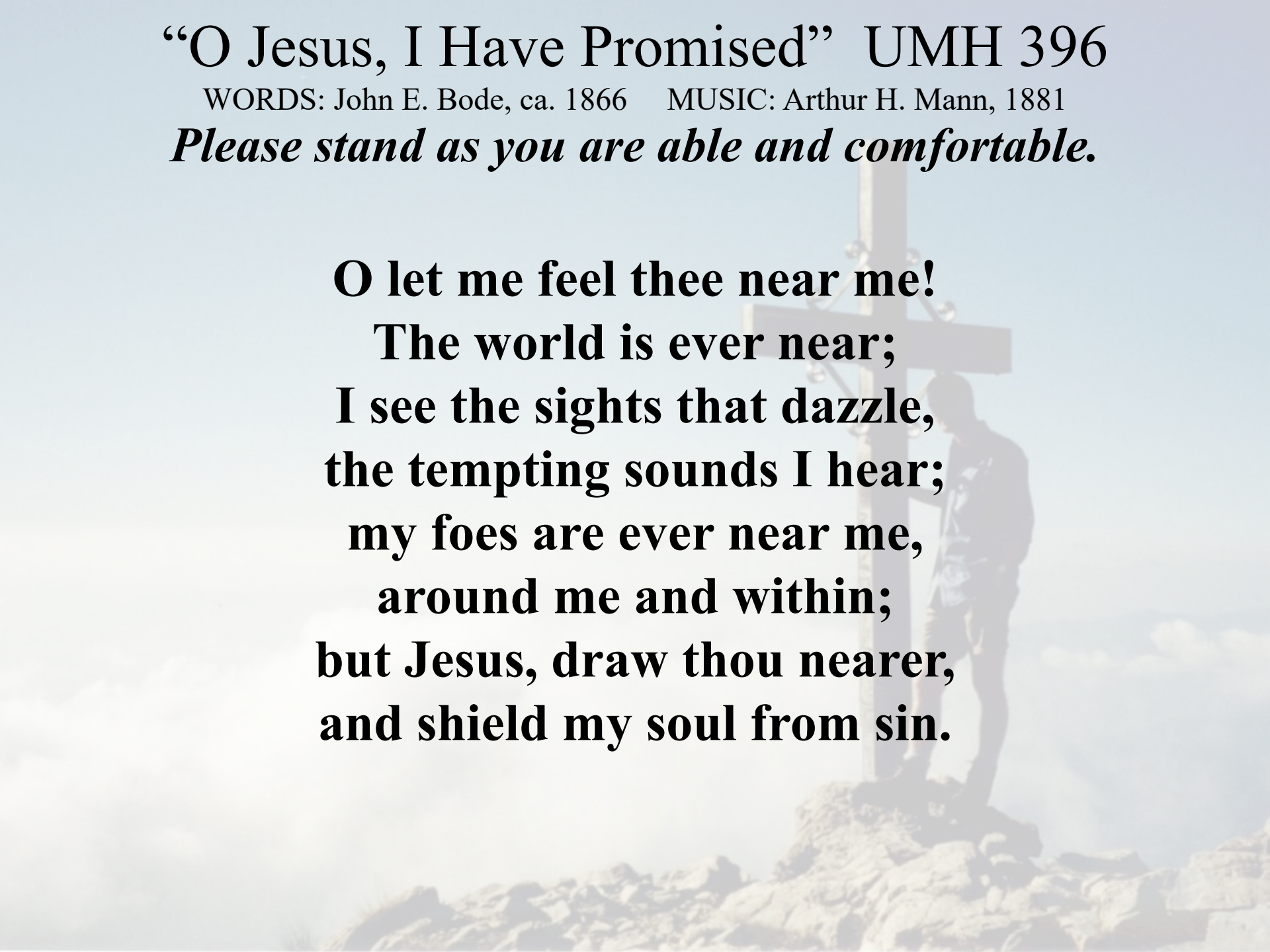
**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

A hiker is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a rocky mountain peak. In the background, a wooden cross is visible, partially obscured by the hiker's figure. The overall scene is serene and evokes a sense of spiritual journey and faith.

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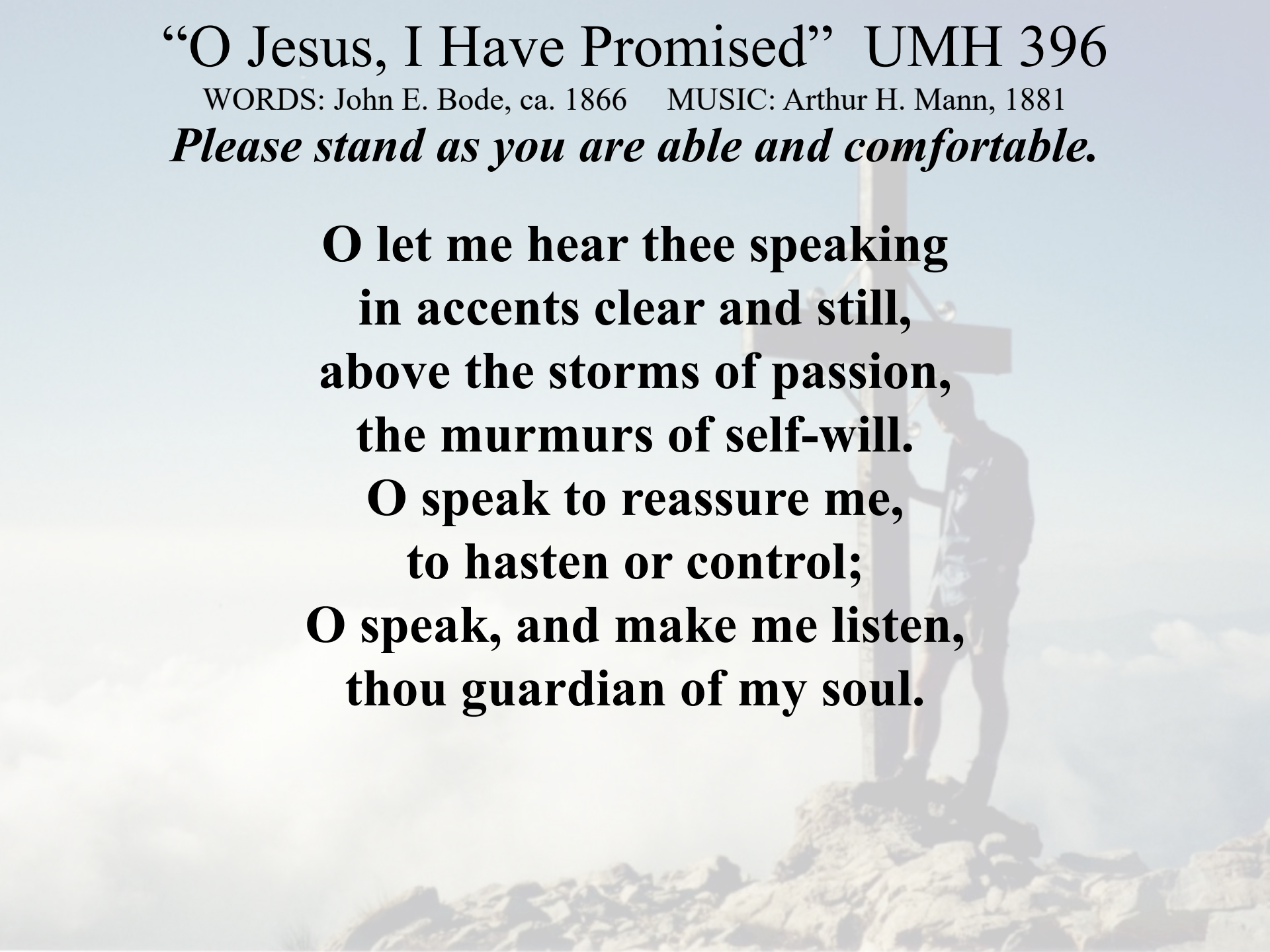
**O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

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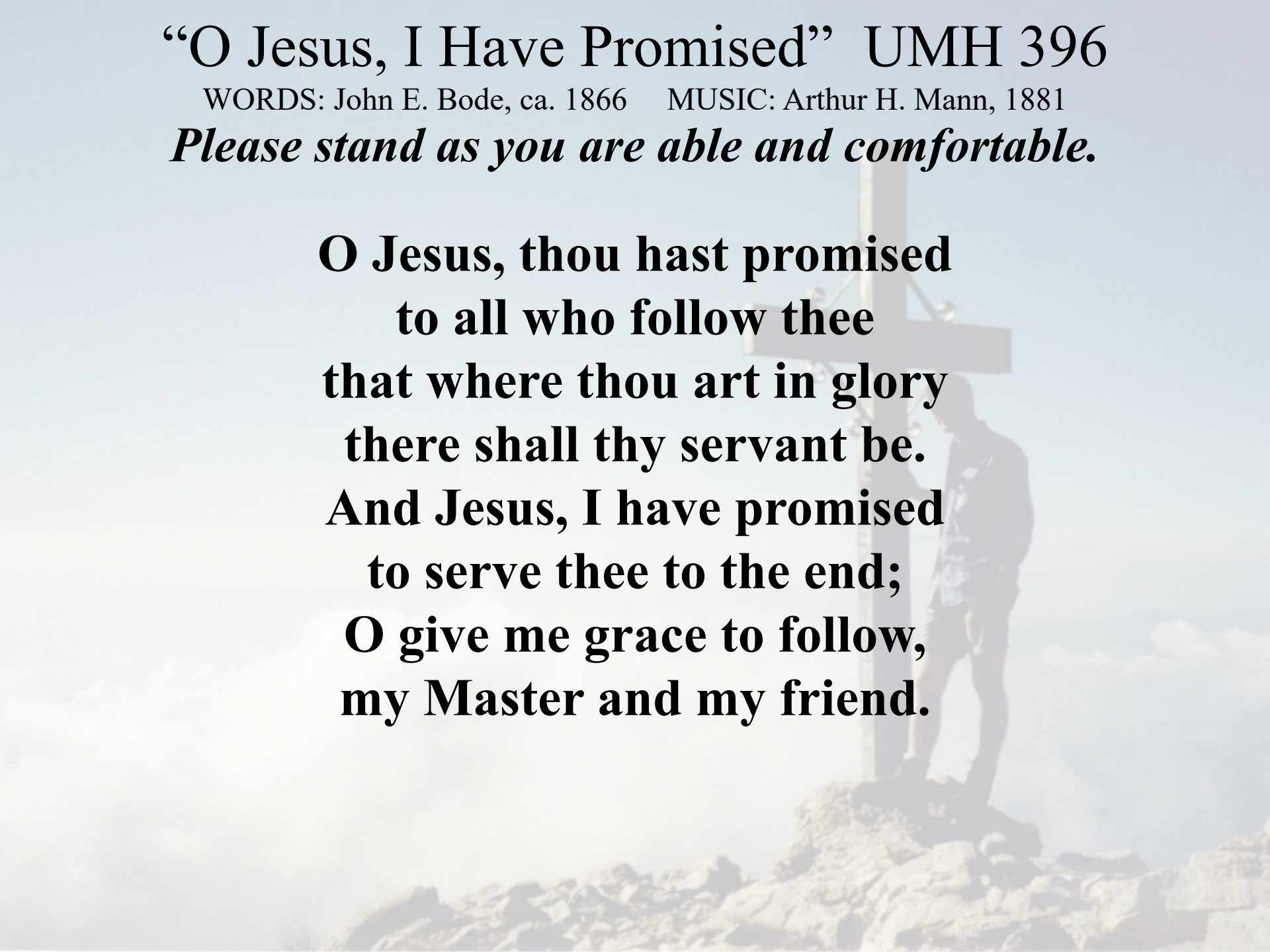
**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

A hiker is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a rocky mountain peak. In the background, a large wooden cross is visible, partially obscured by the hiker's form. The overall scene is serene and contemplative, with soft light filtering through the clouds.

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH 396

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.




**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED
ECUMENICAL VERSION**


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






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.






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.





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

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The background of the slide is a light blue wooden surface with a vertical grain. Scattered across the surface are several white cherry blossoms in various stages of bloom, some fully open with yellow stamens and pinkish centers, and others as single petals or buds. The flowers are primarily located around the perimeter of the slide, framing the central text.

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!

The image features a light blue wooden background with several white cherry blossoms scattered across it. The blossoms have five petals and prominent yellow stamens. Some blossoms are fully open, while others are buds. The text 'Offertory Prayer' is centered in a white rectangular box with a thin black border.

Offertory Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day
our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.



And lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.



“My Hope is Built” UMH 368

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

“My Hope is Built” UMH 368

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

When darkness veils his lovely face,

I rest on is unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

“My Hope is Built” UMH 368

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

“My Hope is Built” UMH 368

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,

O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.



BENEDICTION

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Till we meet,
till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus feet;
till we meet,
till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880


Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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God be with you till we meet again.



Question for Reflection

How can you learn from the phrase, "...do no harm," 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.