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Prelude

Pastor Eduardo
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*Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost
World Communion*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come with your weariness, your wounds, your questions.

People: **We come to the Table, where all are fed.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come with your faith, your hope,
your longing.

People: **We come to be renewed by
God's grace.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: In every nation, across every language, God gathers us.

People: **We worship the Lord, united in Spirit and love.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of every land and
language, we gather
today with your people
across the globe. In our
sorrow, give comfort. In
our fear, give courage. In
our division, give unity.**



OPENING PRAYER

**And as we come to your
Table, renew in us a spirit
of hope that transcends
borders and binds us
together in Christ.
Amen.**



“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

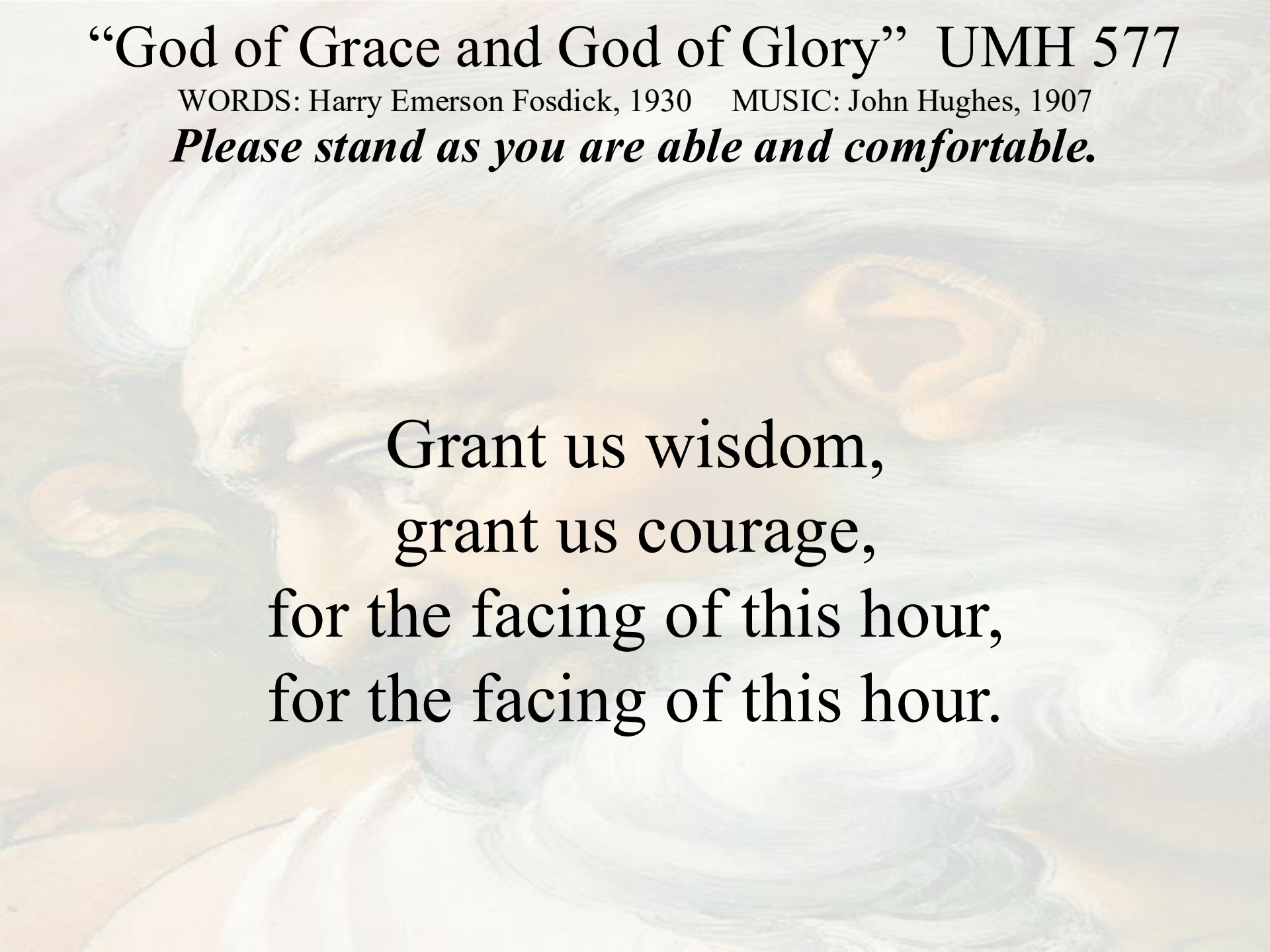
Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God of grace
and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient
church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

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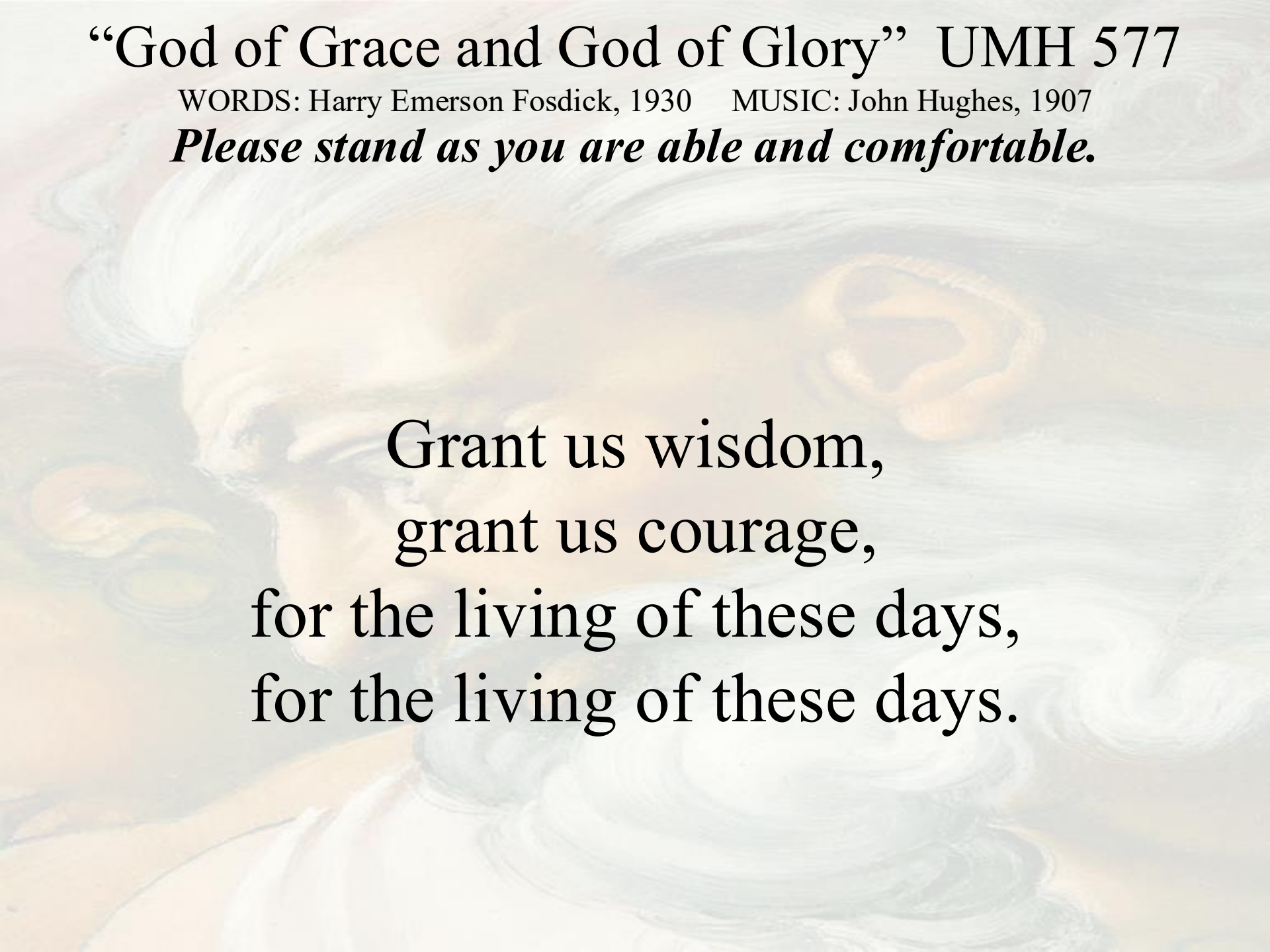
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Lo! the hosts
of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts
too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Cure thy chil-dren's
warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wan-ton,
selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

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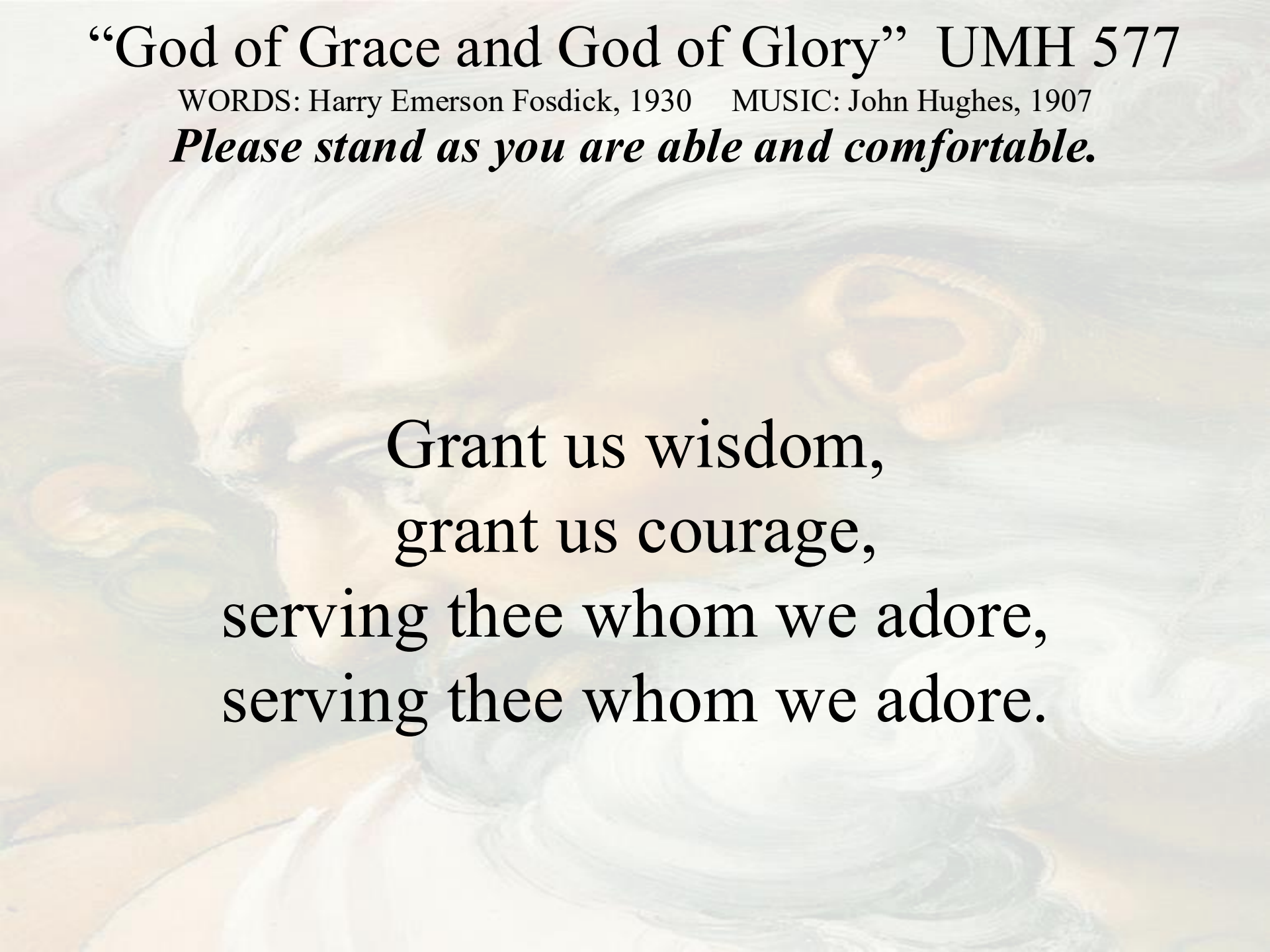


Save us from
weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search
for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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.**



Lamentations 1: 1 – 6

NRSVUE



¹How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor.

² She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes
to the festivals; all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan; her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

⁵ Her foes have become the masters; her
enemies prosper because the LORD has made
her suffer for the multitude of her
transgressions; her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶ From daughter Zion has departed all her
majesty. Her princes have become like
stags that find no pasture; they fled without
strength before the pursuer.

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

NRSVUE



¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands,

⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God,

9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald
and an apostle and a teacher,

12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I
am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom
I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is
able to guard until that day the deposit I have
entrusted to him.

13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

A close-up, soft-focus image of a hand holding a glowing, translucent heart. The heart is illuminated from within, casting a warm, golden light. The background is a blurred mix of soft colors, including pinks, purples, and blues, with bokeh light effects.

“Hold on to Grace”

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

632

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931 (Mt. 18:20)

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in thy name, two or
three are met together, thou art in the
midst of them.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

632

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931 (Mt. 18:20)

2. As disciples used to gather in the
name of Christ to sup, then with thanks
to God the Father break the bread and
bless the cup:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

So now bind our friendship up.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

632

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1931 (Mt. 18:20)

3. All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee, that by
caring, helping, giving, we may true
disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will serve thee faithfully.

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

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

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

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, & PARDON

People: **Merciful God, we confess that
we have not loved you with
our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an
obedient church.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

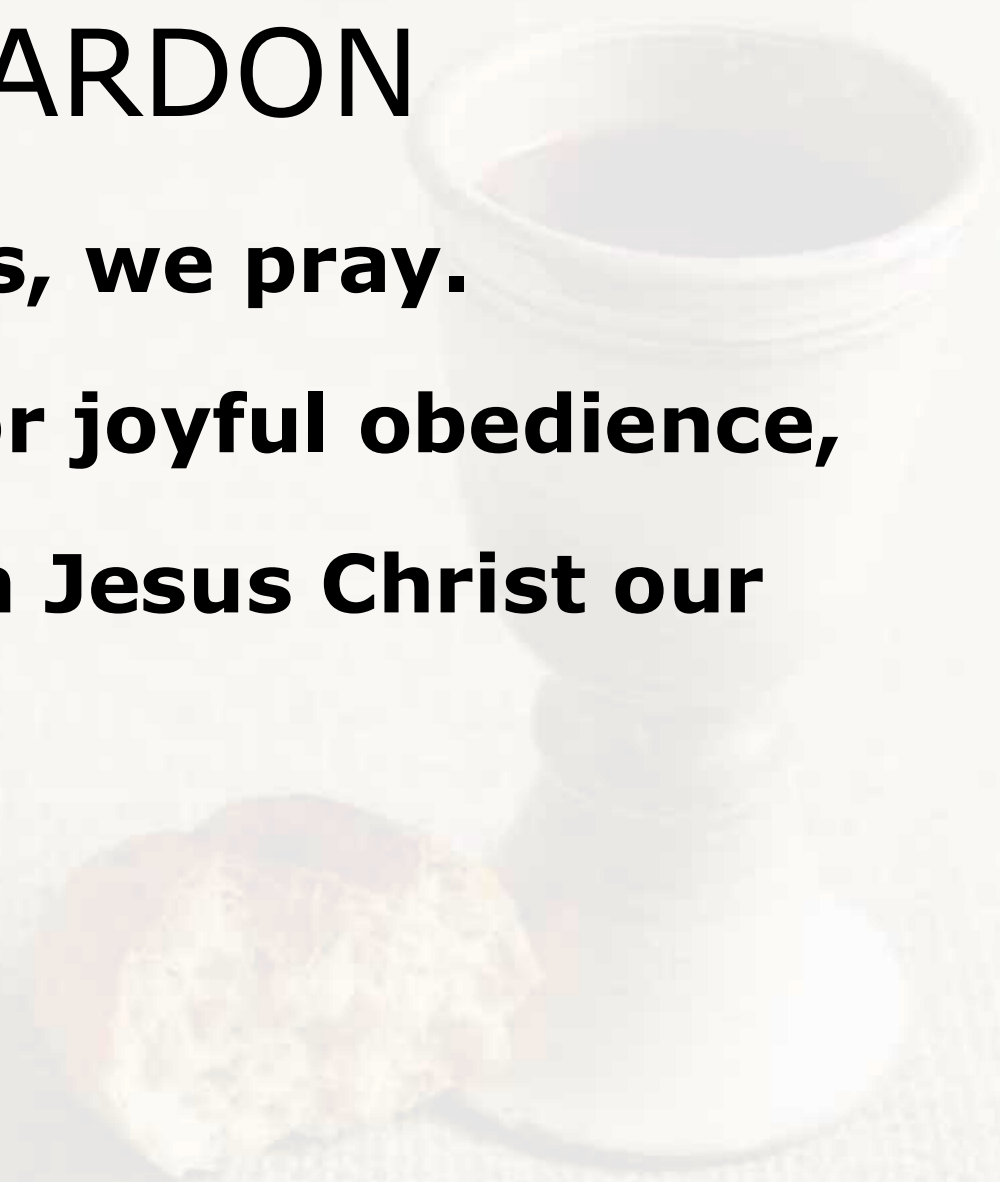
People: **We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we
have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

People: **Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

Amen.



INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:

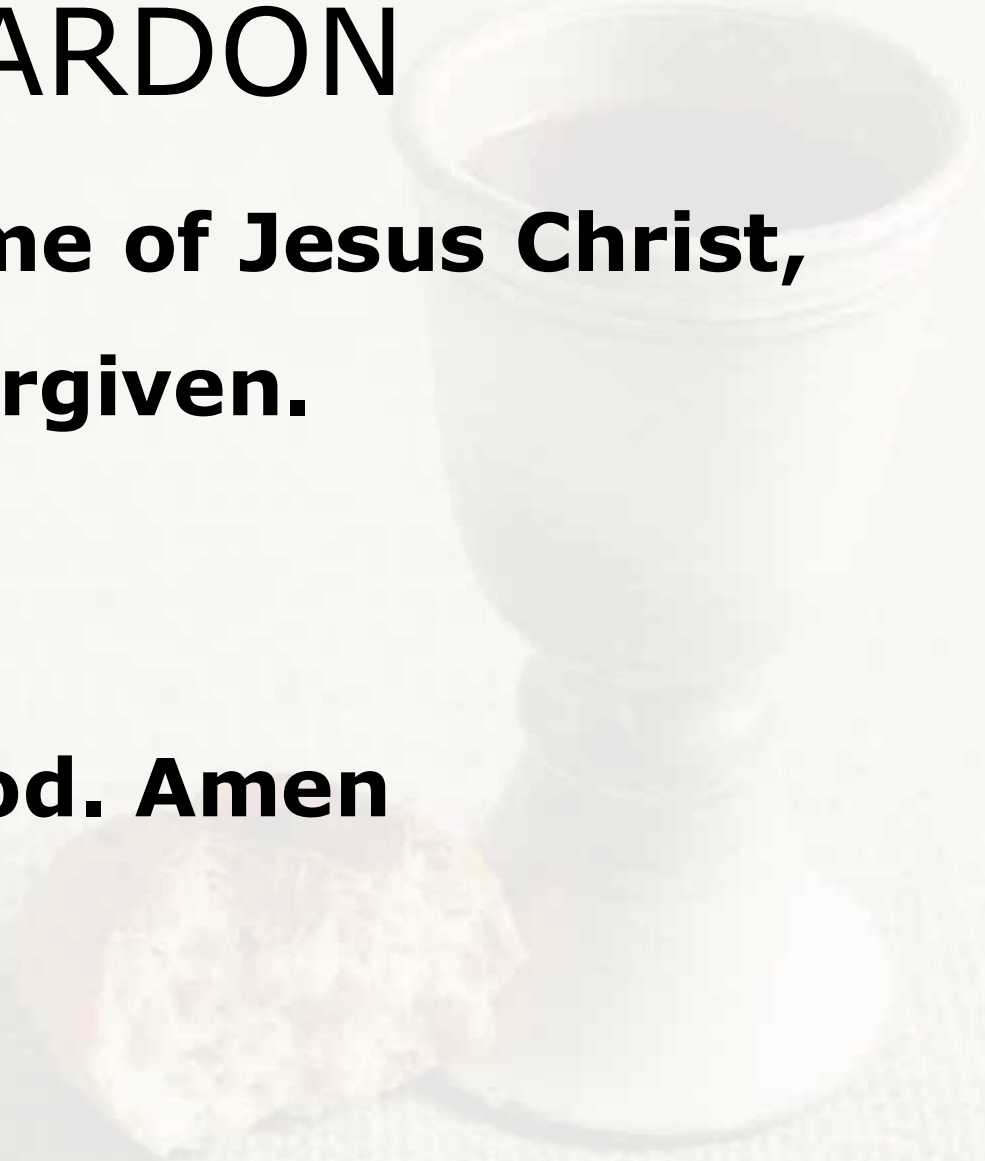
Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's
love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven!

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen**





Passing of the Peace

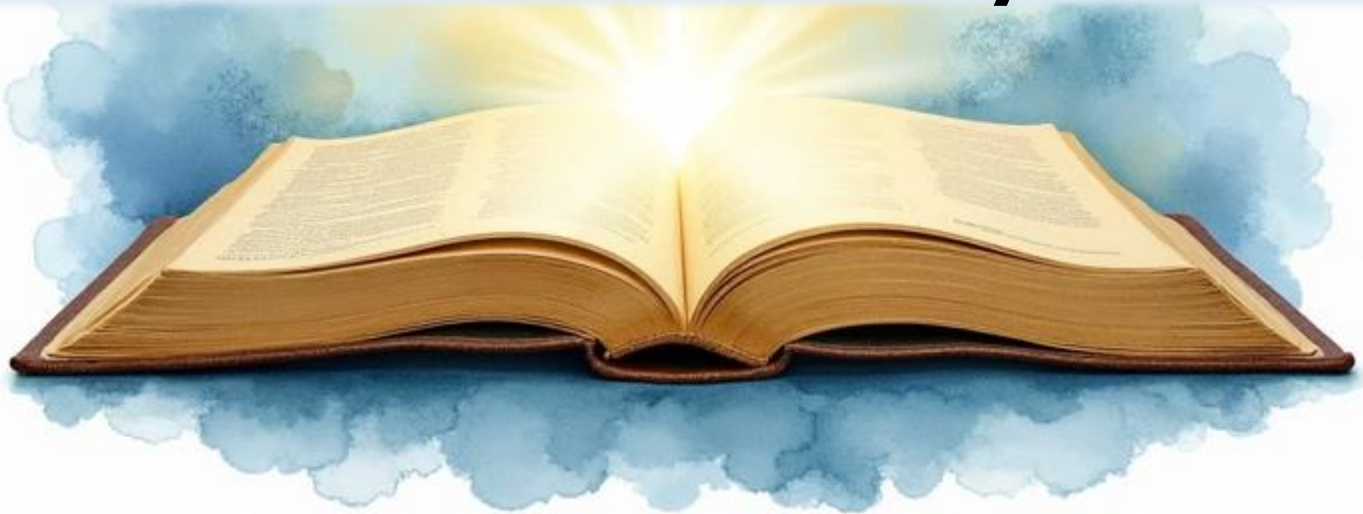


Prayers of the People

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



Pastoral Prayer



The background of the slide is a soft, yellowish-gold gradient. In the upper corners, there are illustrations of three orange and black butterflies. Scattered around them are various flowers, including purple lavender-like blooms, yellow daisies, and pink blossoms. The lower half of the slide features a dense field of colorful flowers, including blue, pink, yellow, and white daisies, set against a slightly darker, greenish-yellow background.

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

UMH 13

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the
Lord.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

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 (sung)

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

**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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

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

UMH 13

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

UMH 13

***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 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

Breaking the Bread & Giving the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A background image showing several hands of different skin tones stacked in a circle, symbolizing unity and community. The hands are positioned in a way that they form a protective ring around the text.

“Make Us One” TFWS 2224

WORDS and MUSIC: Carol Cymbala, 1991

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Make us one, Lord,
make us one;
Holy Spirit,
make us one.

Let your love flow
so the world will know
we are one in you.

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A soft-focus photograph of a field of daisies in shades of pink and white. The background is a warm, golden glow, suggesting sunlight filtering through the flowers. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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.**