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Prelude

Pastor Eduardo
Carrillo

*Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, you search us and you know
us.

People: **You shape us with care, like a
potter at the wheel.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: You call us to follow with open hands and willing hearts.

People: **We come, ready to be formed by your love.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship the One who
shapes and sends.

People: **We worship with trust and
thanksgiving.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Creator God, you are the
Potter and we are your
clay. You shape our lives
with mercy and purpose.**

**As we worship today, help
us to release our grip on
comfort and control.**



OPENING PRAYER

**Mold us into disciples who
reflect your grace. In
Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**



“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH 382

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902

MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter;

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me

after thy will,

while I am waiting,

yielded and still.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,

wash me just now,

as in thy presence

humbly I bow.

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Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

**Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!**

**Power, all power,
surely is thine!**

**Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!**

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Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

**Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.**

**Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see**

**Christ only, always,
living in me!**

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, running away from the camera towards the horizon. 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.**



The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11

NRSVUE



The word that came to Jeremiah from
the LORD:

² “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and
there I will let you hear my words.”

³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and
there he was working at his wheel.

⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me:

⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,

⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

9 And at another moment I may declare
concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will
build and plant it,

10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening
to my voice, then I will change my mind about
the good that I had intended to do to it.

11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.



Luke 14: 25 – 33

NRSVUE

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him,
and he turned and said to them,

26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate
father and mother, wife and children, brothers
and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be
my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry the cross and
follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon

“In the Potter’s Hands.”

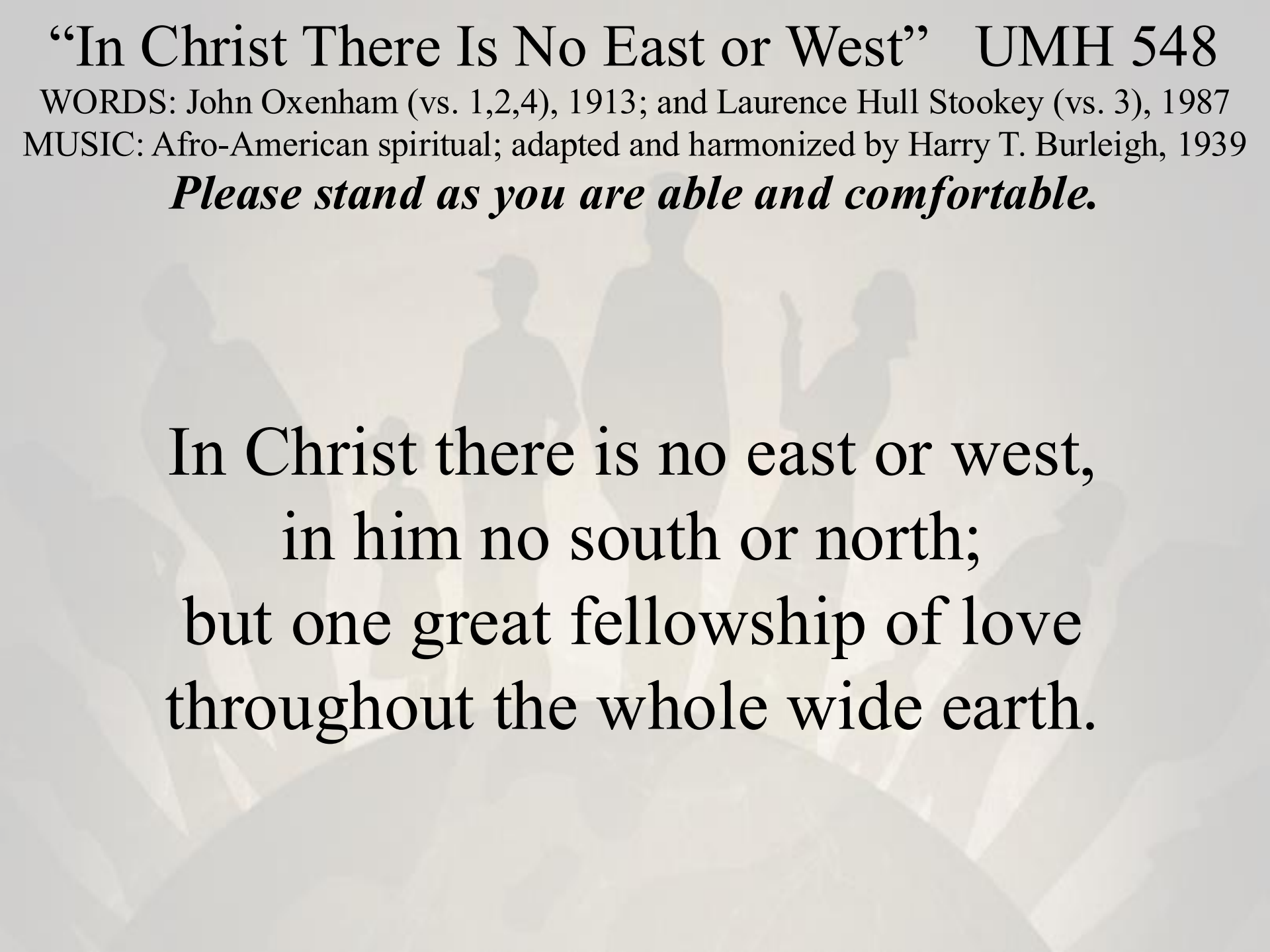


“In Christ There Is No East or West” UMH 548

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MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapted and harmonized by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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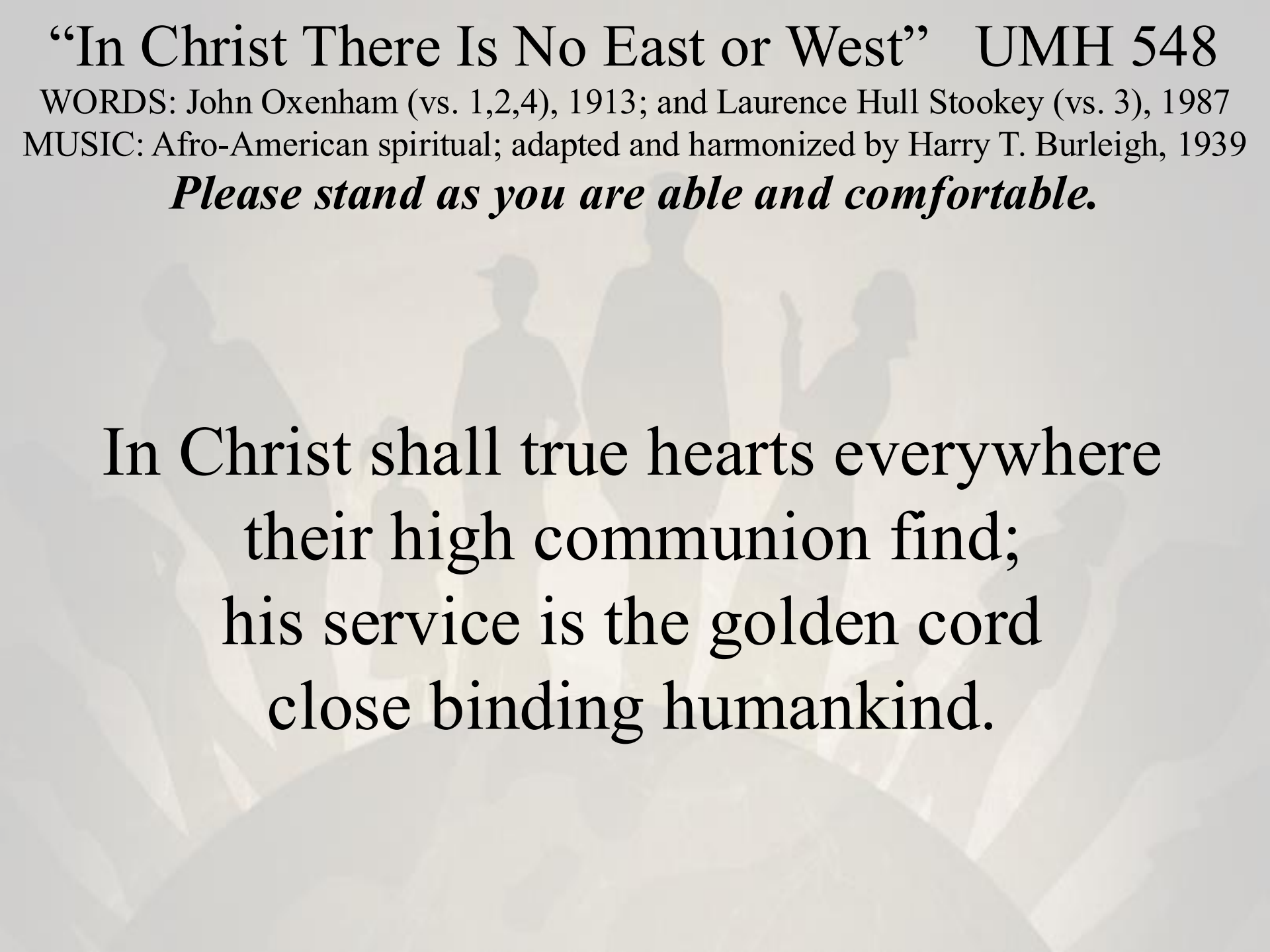
In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

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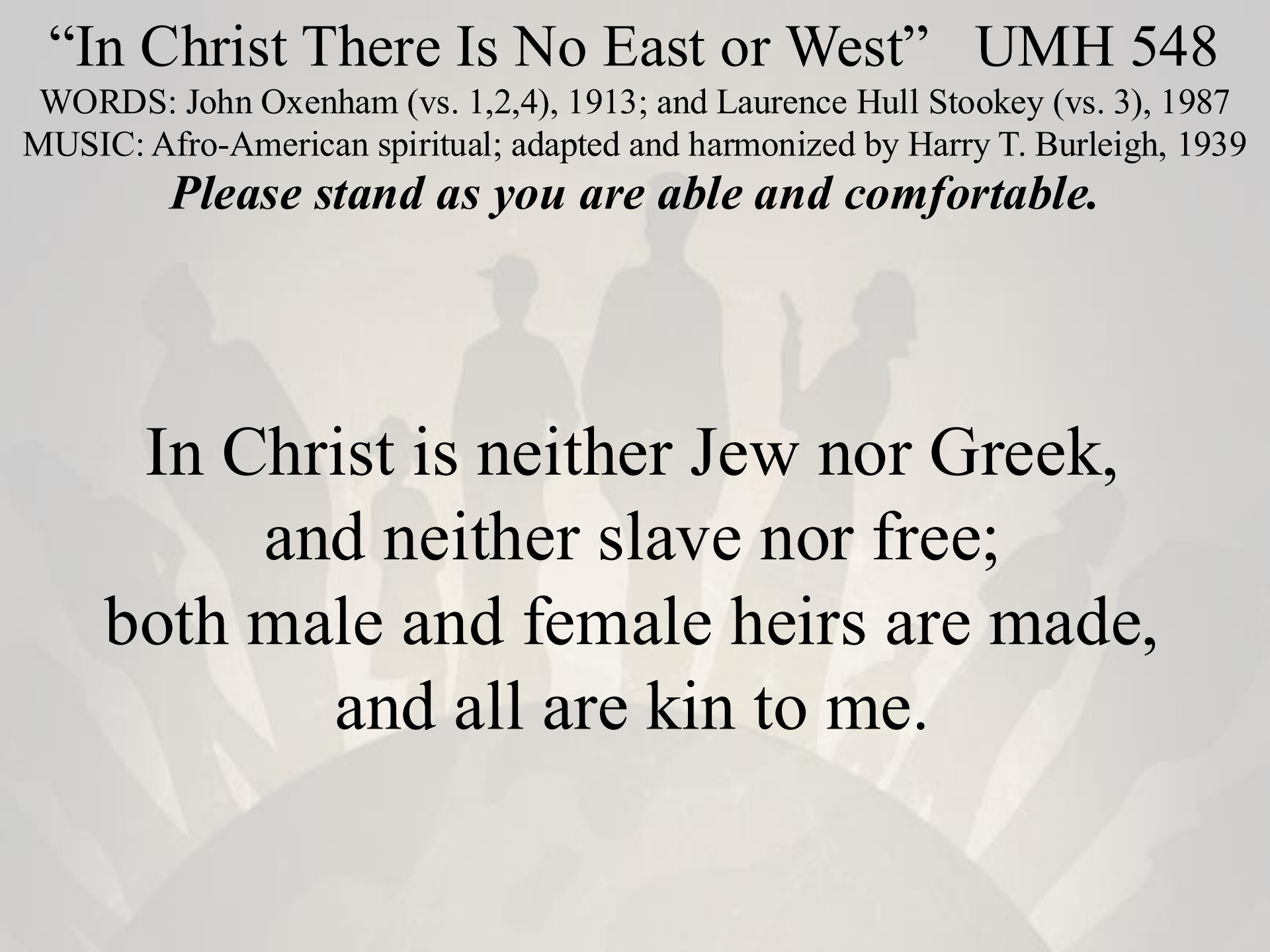
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

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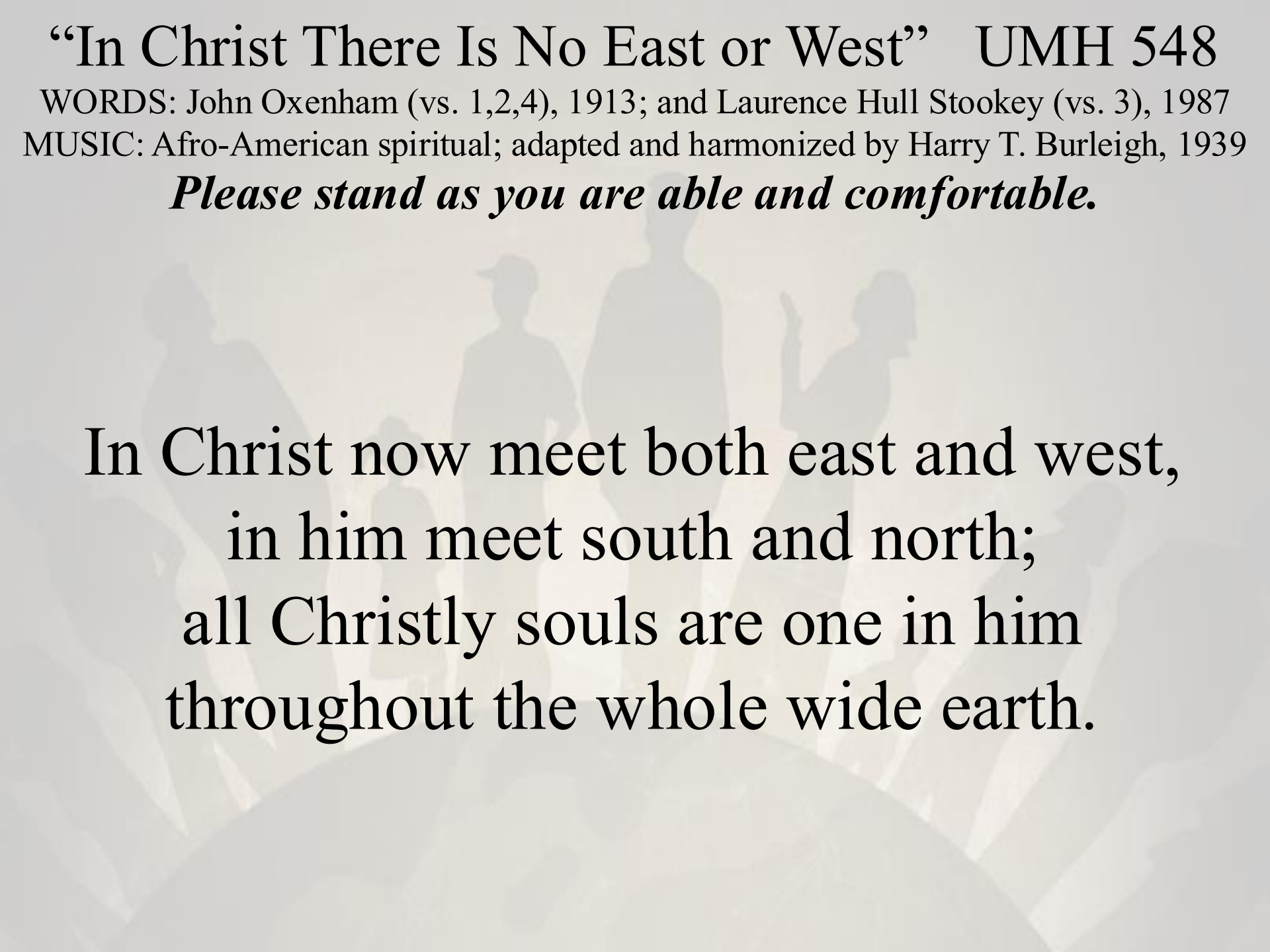
In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.

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In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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

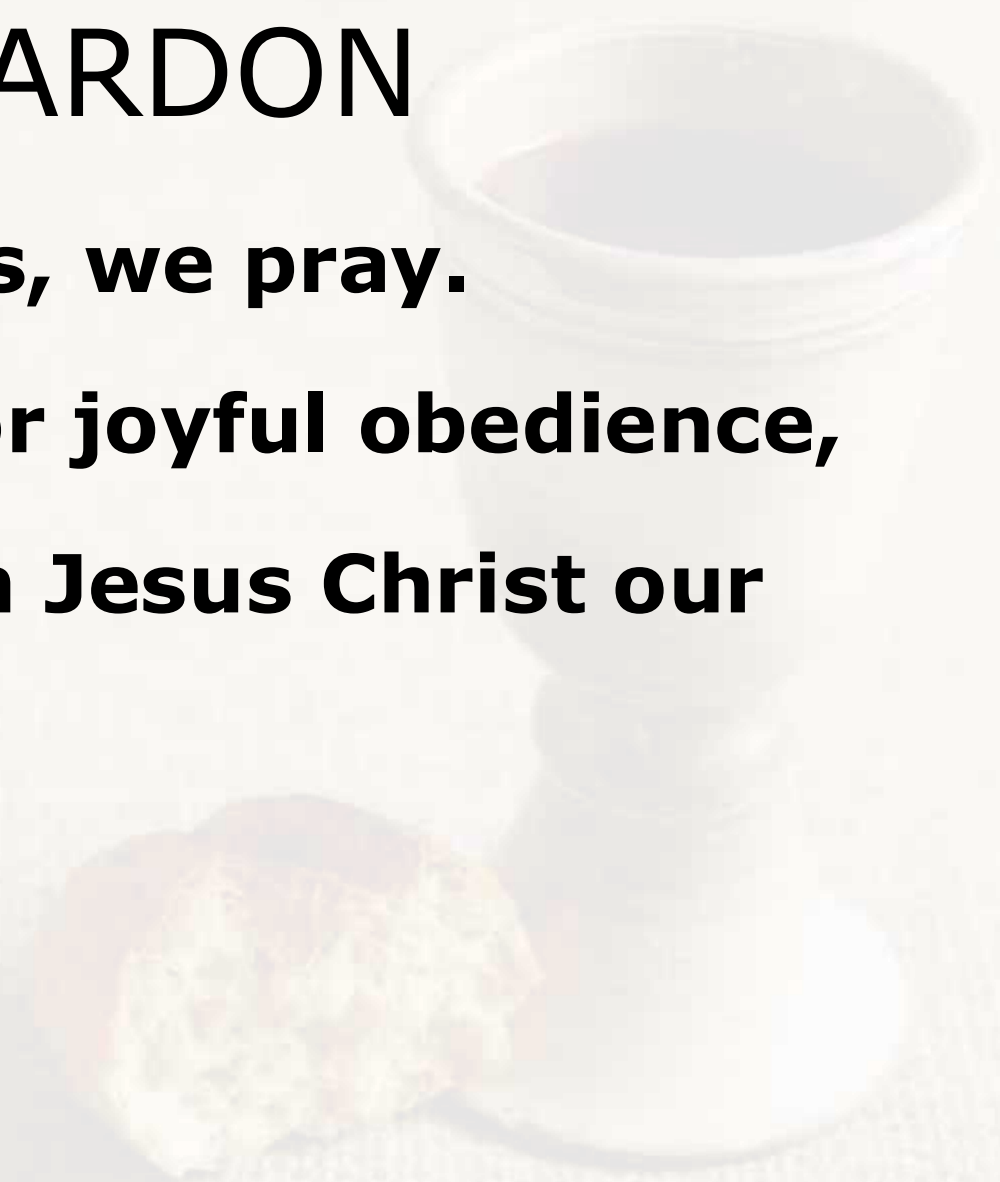
People: **We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we
have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy.**

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:

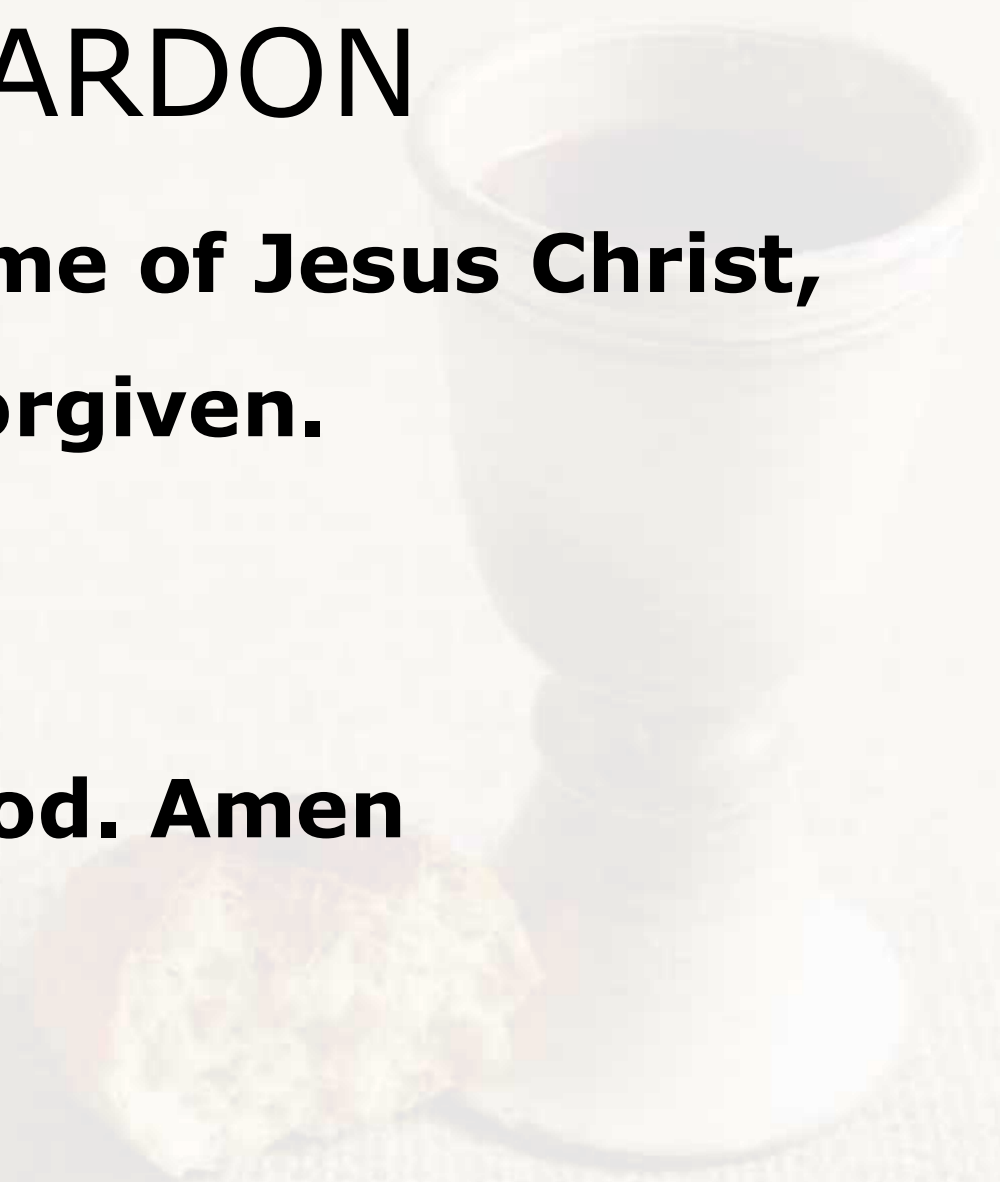
Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's
love toward us.

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

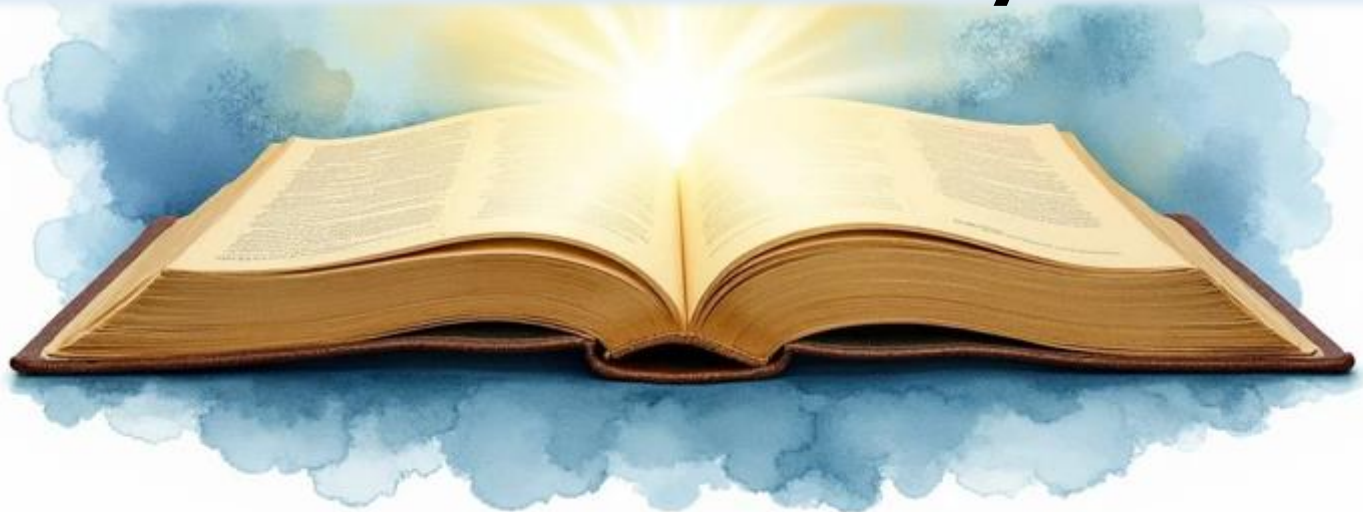


Prayers of the People

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



Pastoral Prayer





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.

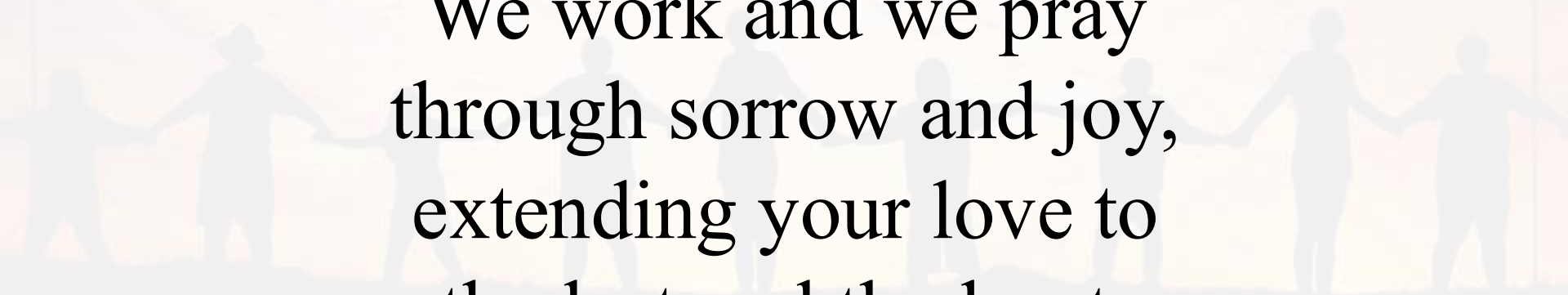
“Together We Serve” TFWS 2175

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1998

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God’s world
to the glorious feast.

We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to
the last and the least.

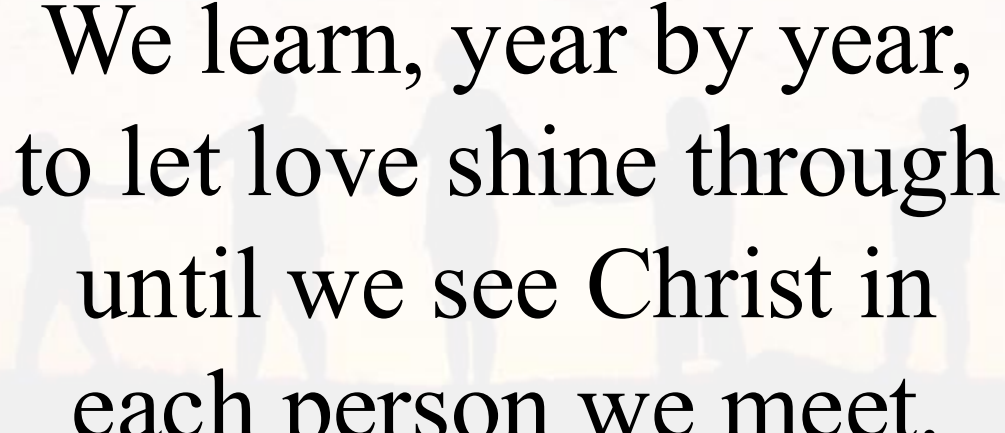


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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart
and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in
each person we meet.

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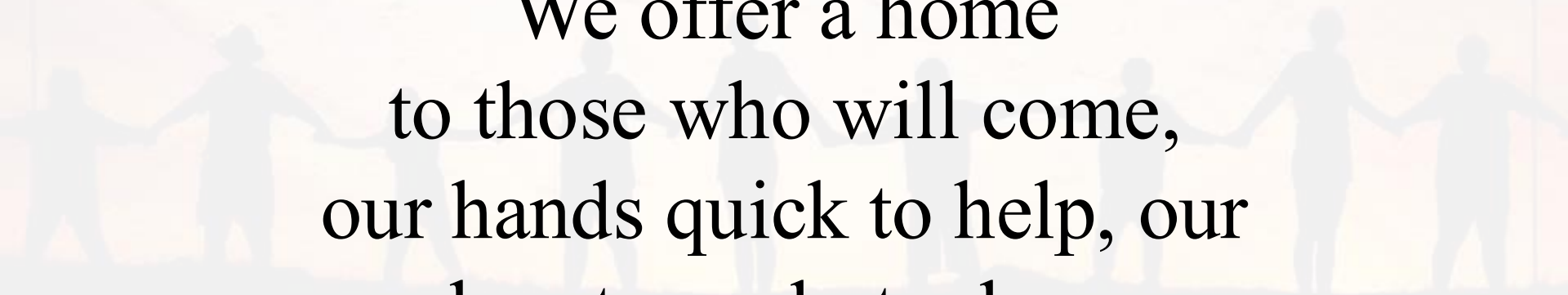
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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely,
and all who need care.

We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our
hearts ready to dare.



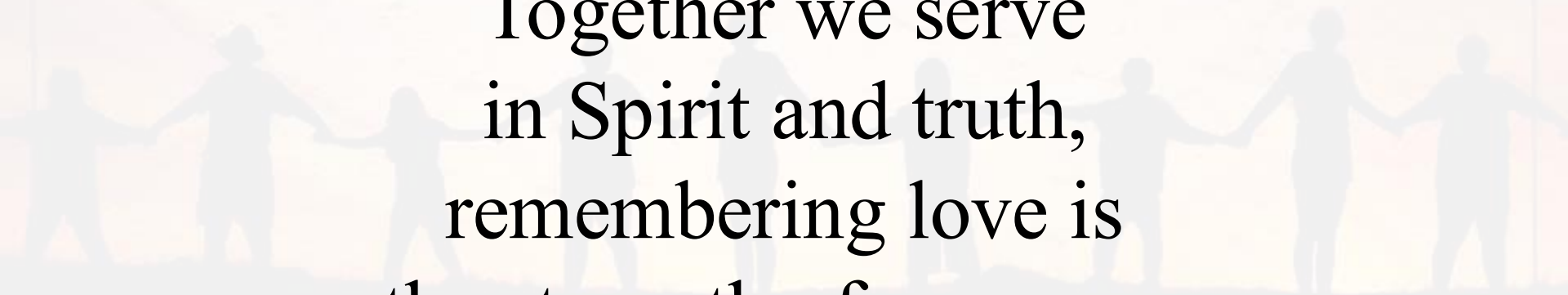
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Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus,
in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is
the strength of our song.



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.**