



# PRELUDE

Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

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WELCOME,  
ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
and  
CELEBRATIONS





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# PRELUDE

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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





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The Lord calls to us to go into the world—

**We will go!**

# CALL to WORSHIP

God commands us speak as God  
commands—

**We will speak!**



# CALL to WORSHIP

God assures us, “Do not be afraid” —

**We trust that God will deliver us!**

**AMEN.**

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I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from  
heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

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I danced for the scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
they came to me  
and the dance went on.

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I danced on the sabbath  
when I cured the lame,  
the holy people  
said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high;  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die.

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I danced on a Friday  
and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance  
and I still go on.

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They cut me down  
and I leapt up high,  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me;  
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# OPENING PRAYER



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**God Who Knows Us,**

**In Jeremiah, we read how you formed our souls, long before anyone knew us. You consecrated us for kingdom work long before our birth. You've called us to be a prophet to the nations! We know that life moves in cycles of growth and destruction, picking and pulling, building and overthrowing.**

**Yet, we may rest in the assurance that we are known and loved by God, who creates beautiful things!**

**Amen.**







YOUNG DISCIPLES'  
MESSAGE

*“Jesus Heals on the Sabbath”*

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION





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**Living God, help us so to hear  
your holy Word that we may  
truly understand; that,  
understanding, we may  
believe, and, believing, we  
may follow in all faithfulness  
and obedience, seeking your  
honor and glory in all that we  
do; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



# **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**





# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>4</sup>The Lord's word came to me: <sup>5</sup>“Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>“Ah, Lord God,” I said, “I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child.”

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>7</sup>The Lord responded, “Don’t say, ‘I’m only a child.’ Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. <sup>8</sup>Don’t be afraid of them, because I’m with you to rescue you,” declares the Lord.

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**



# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, “I’m putting my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant.”

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Leader:* This is the word of God  
for the people of God.

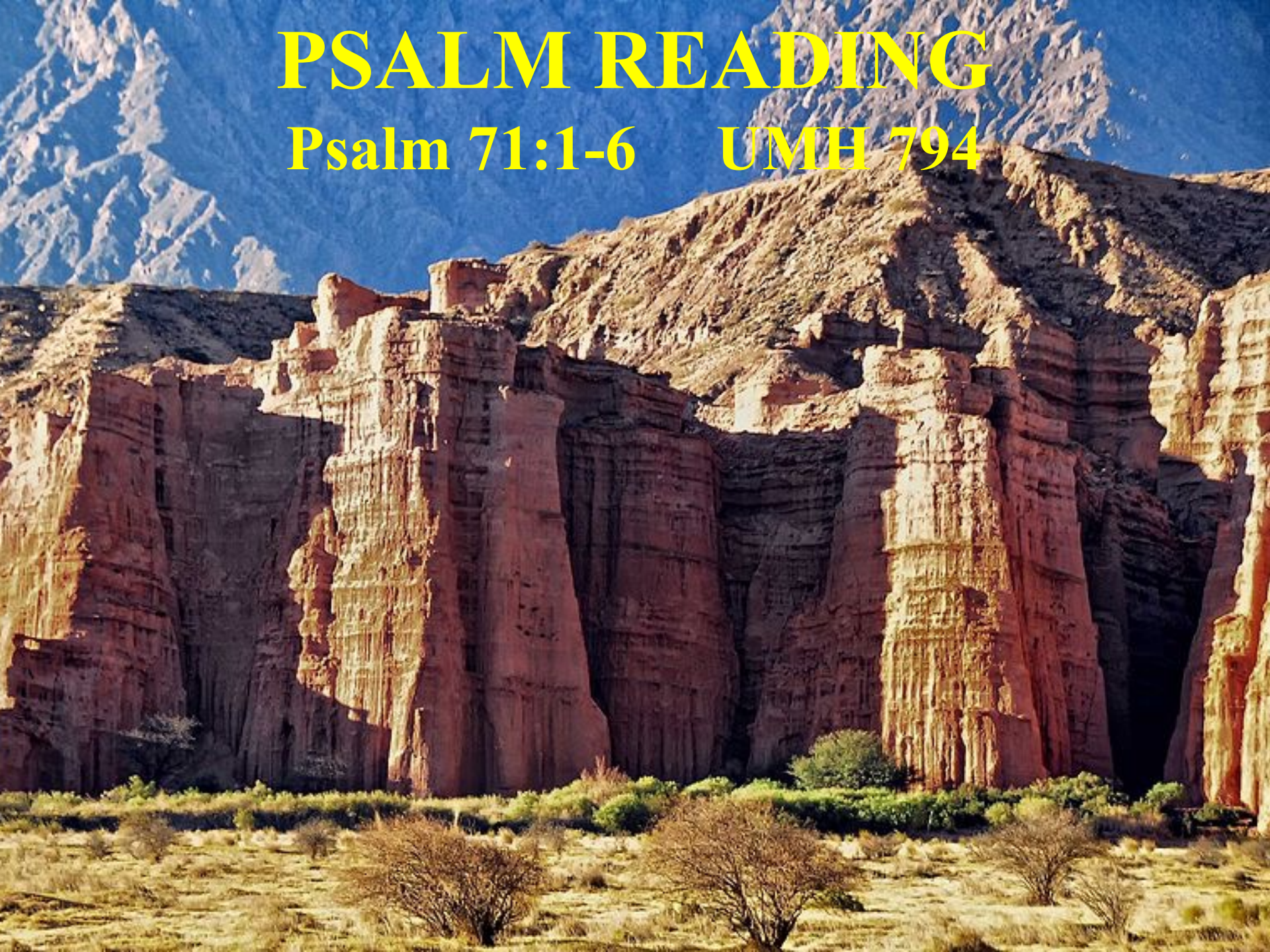
*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**



# PSALM READING

Psalm 71:1-6 UMH 794





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*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

*People:* <sup>2</sup>In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!



# PSALM READING

Psalm 71:1-6    UMH 794

*Leader:* <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

*People:* <sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.



# PSALM READING

Psalm 71:1-6    UMH 794

***Leader:*** <sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

***People:*** <sup>6</sup>Upon you I have leaned from  
my birth; it was you who took me from  
my mother's womb. My praise is  
continually of you.

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING



Acts 26:9-23



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<sup>9</sup>“I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup>Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme.

Acts 26:9-23

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

<sup>12</sup>“On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup>About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup>We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic,

Acts 26:9-23



# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

<sup>15</sup>“Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup>**Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.** <sup>17</sup>I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles.

Acts 26:9-23



# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup>“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. <sup>20</sup>First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should

Acts 26:9-23

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. <sup>21</sup>That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup>But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— <sup>23</sup>that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

Acts 26:9-23



# “Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century    MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

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



*“Paul: Witness to the Nations”*

# “Amazing Grace” UMH 378

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19<sup>th</sup> Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*



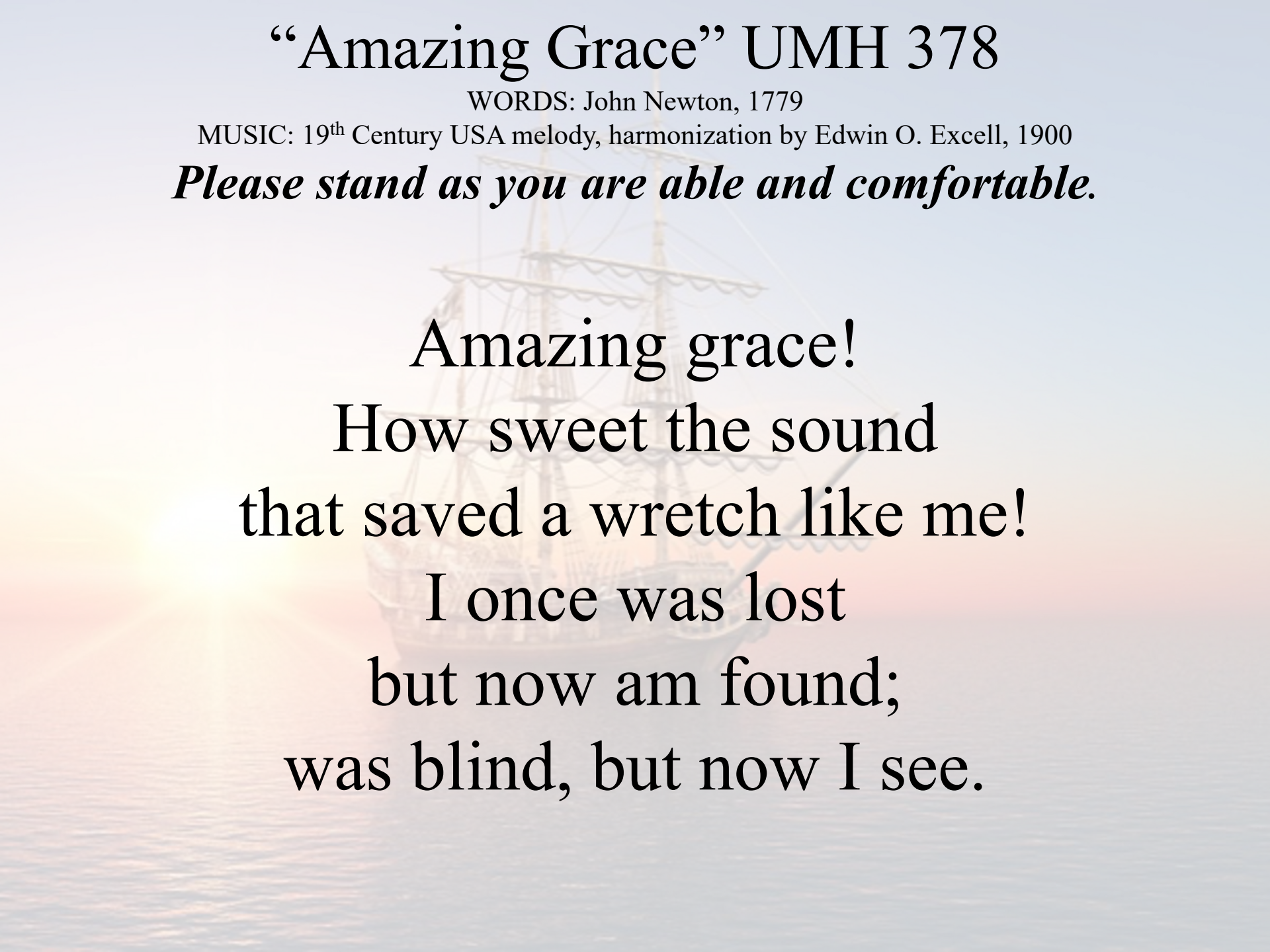


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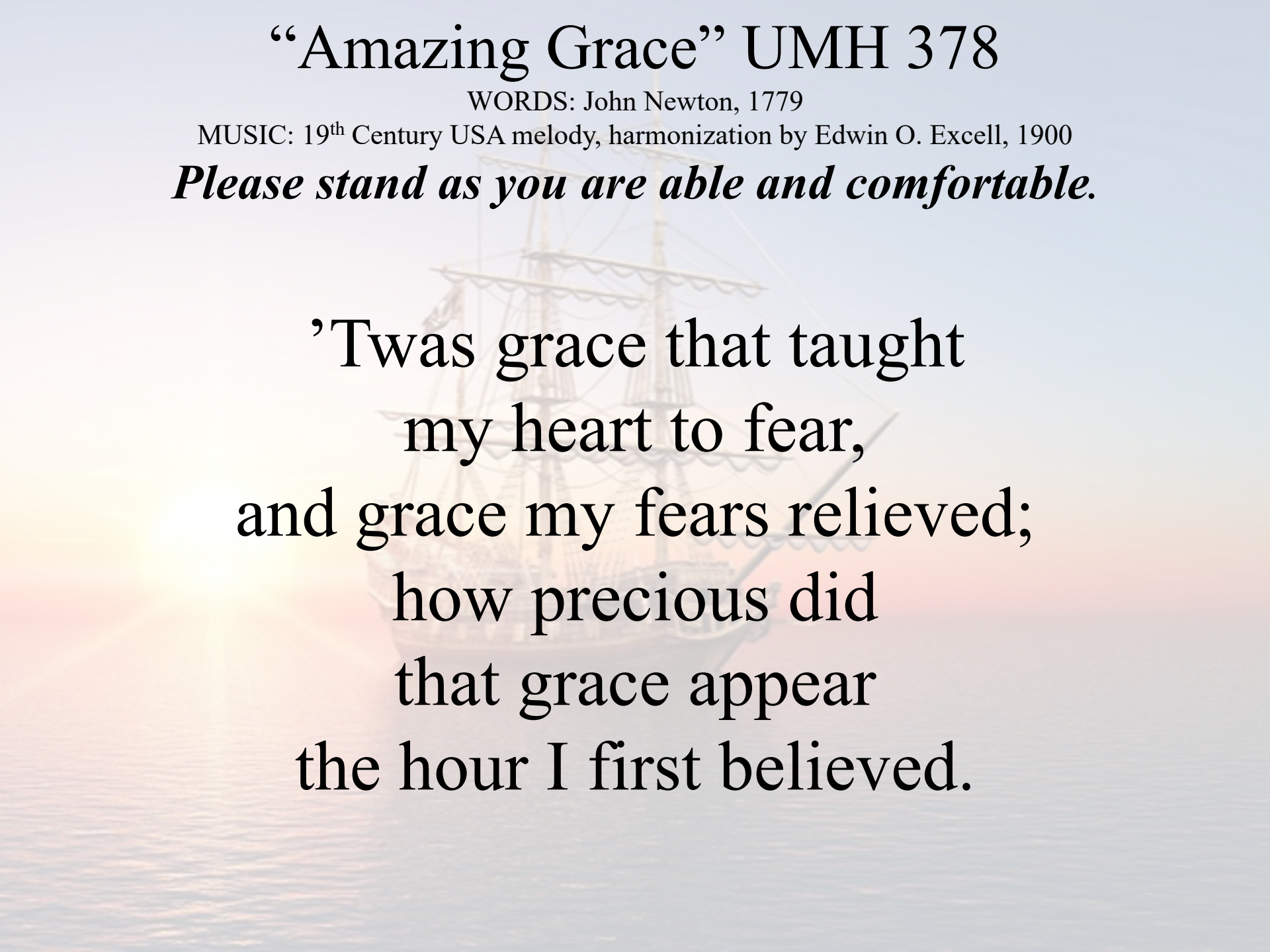
Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost  
but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

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'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did  
that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

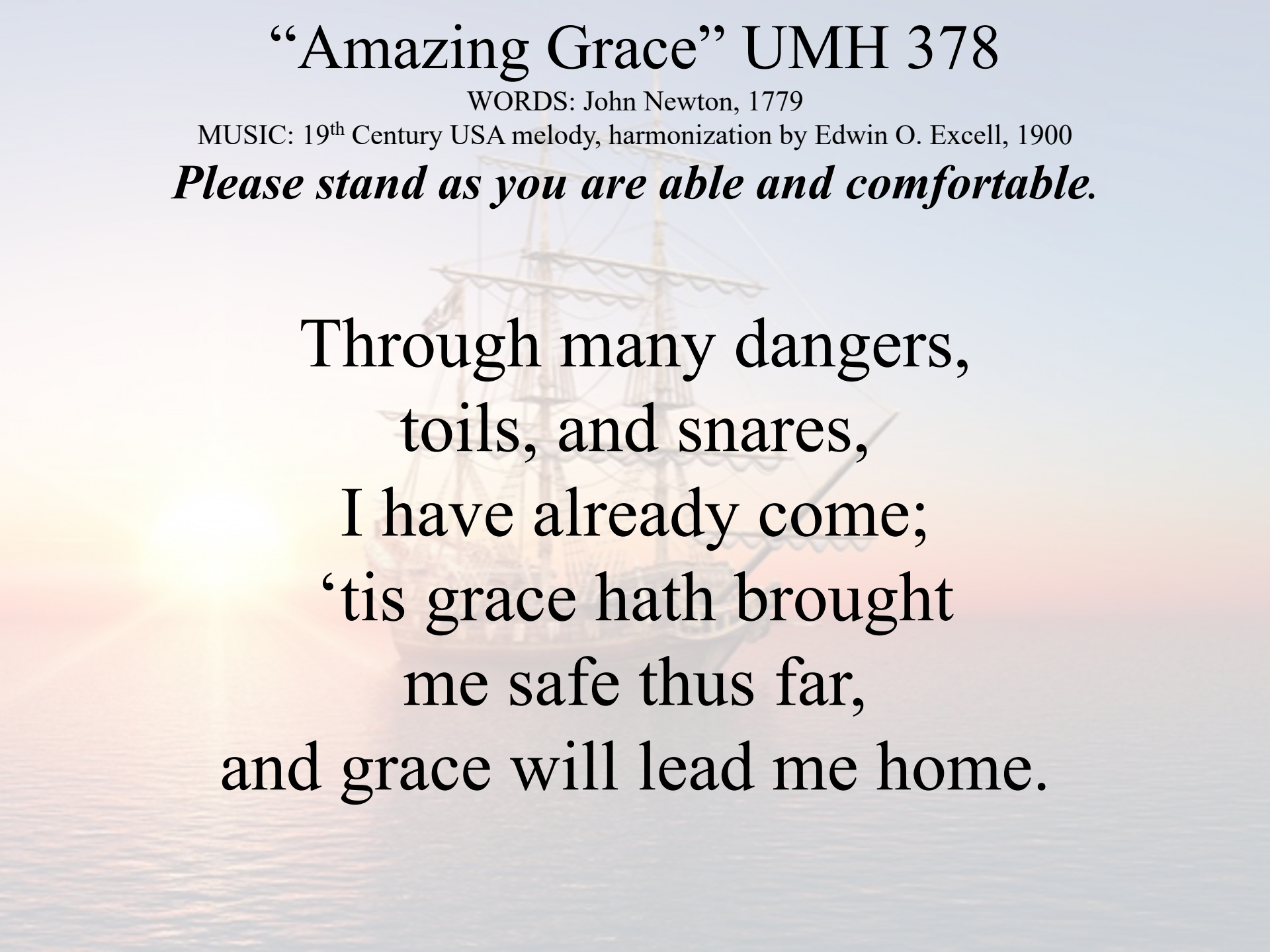


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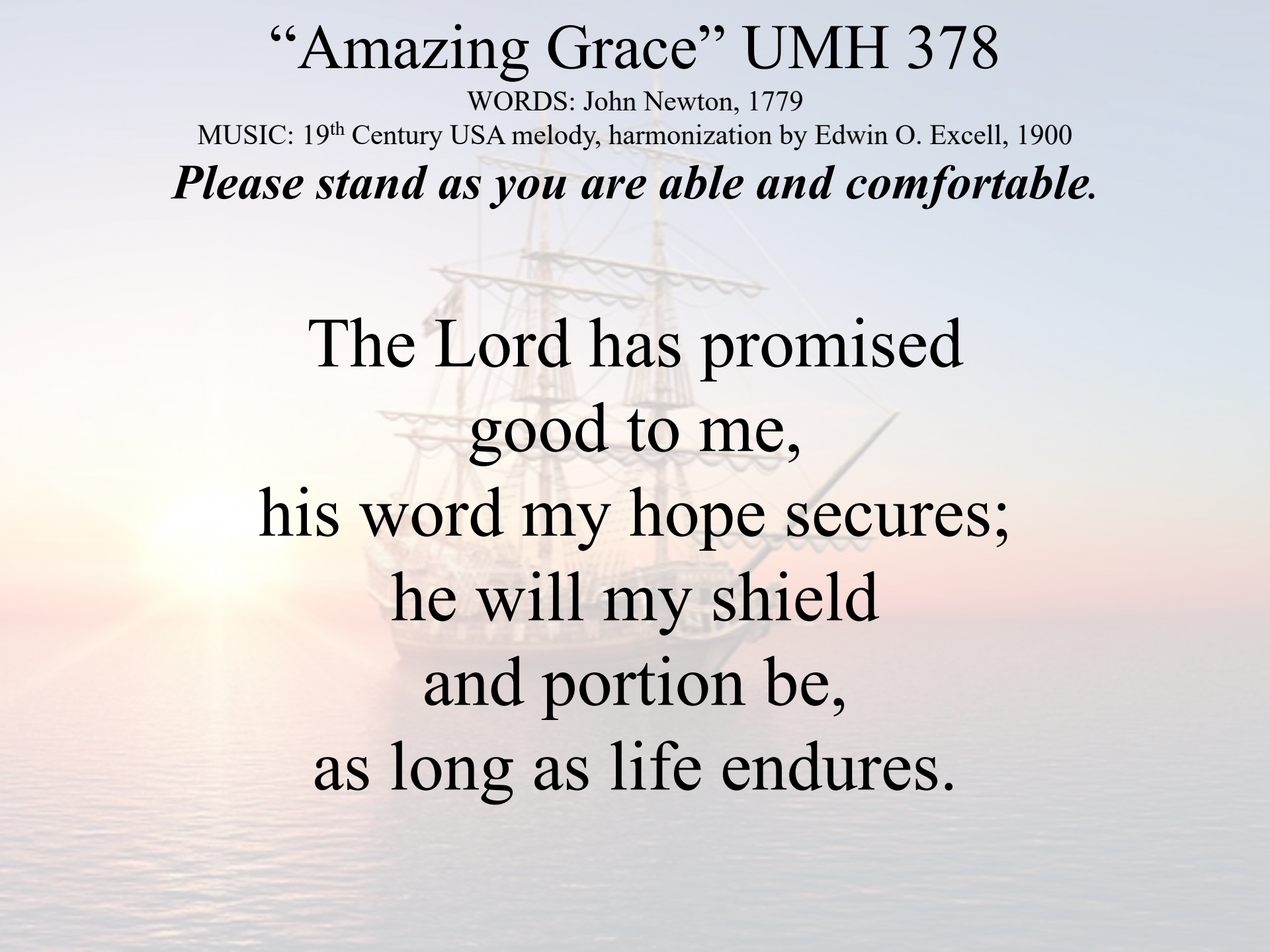
Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought  
me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

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The Lord has promised  
good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield  
and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

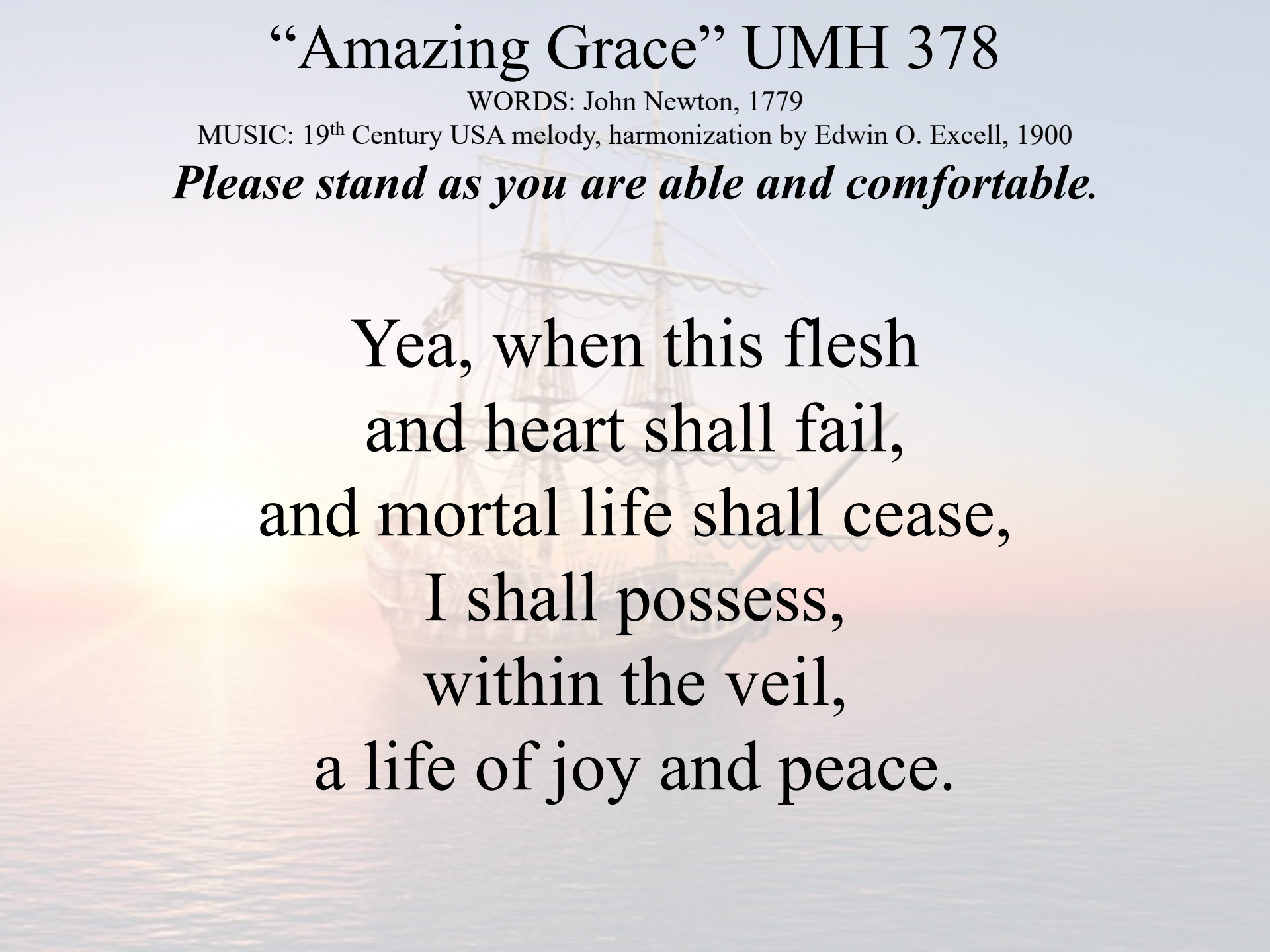


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Yea, when this flesh  
and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess,  
within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

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*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

When we've been  
there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days  
to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.



AFFIRMATION OF OUR  
FAITH UMH 882



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





# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH UMH 882

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.



# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH UMH 882

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.





# AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH UMH 882

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

# 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!



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# Offertory Prayer

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A wooden cross stands against a blue sky with white clouds. The cross is made of two simple wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The sky is a vibrant blue with soft, white, fluffy clouds scattered throughout. Two horizontal white lines are positioned above and below the text.



# 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.



# “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

# “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.



# “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

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I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

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# “Go Now in Peace” UMH 665

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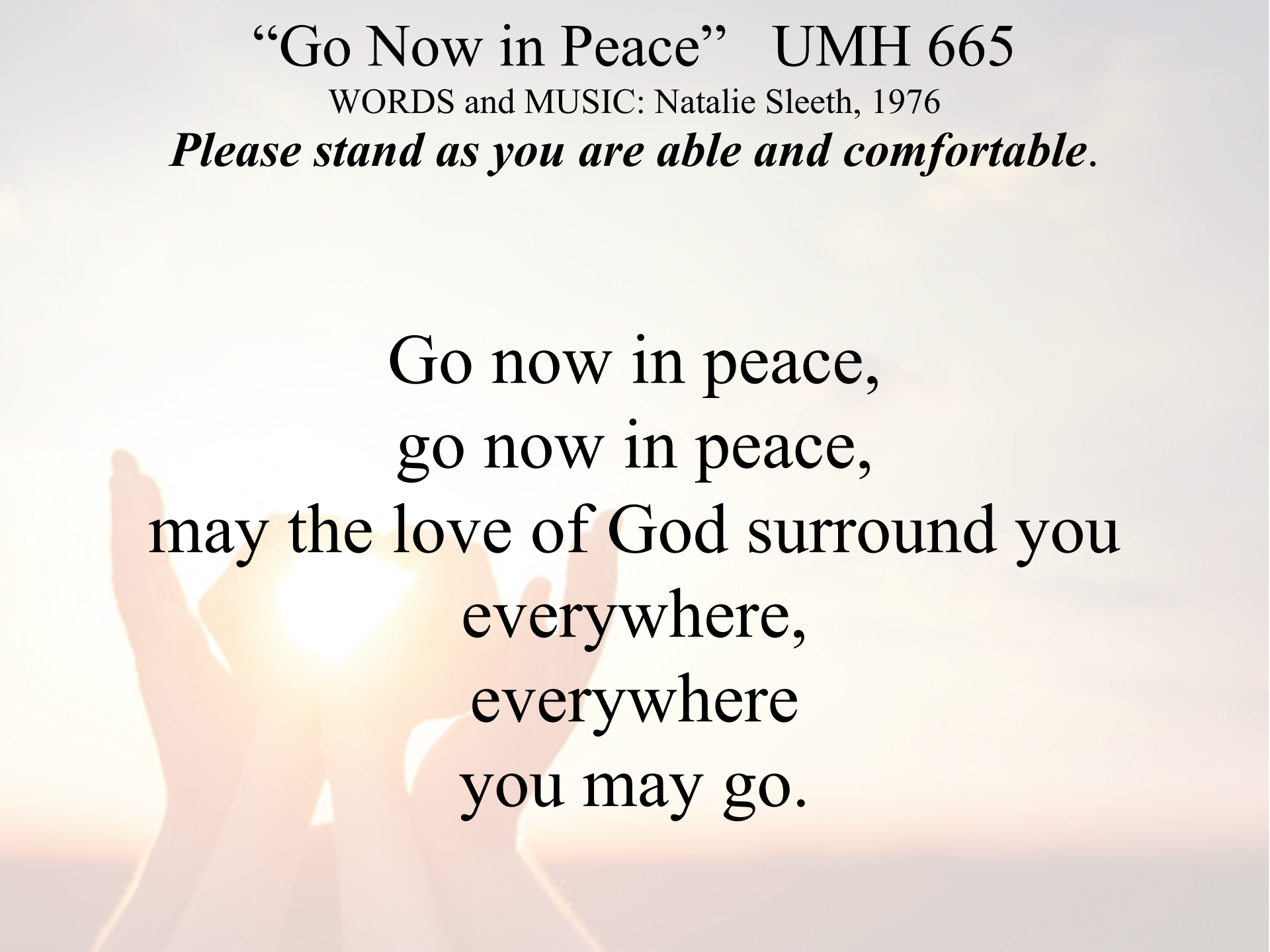
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Go now in peace,  
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may the love of God surround you  
everywhere,  
everywhere  
you may go.



# Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with  
**P**rayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove  
through **S**ervice.