



Prelude

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Bringing In The Light of Christ



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.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Whom do you seek here in this place?

People: **We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.**

Leader: Who has told you of God?

People: **Jesus Christ, God's Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

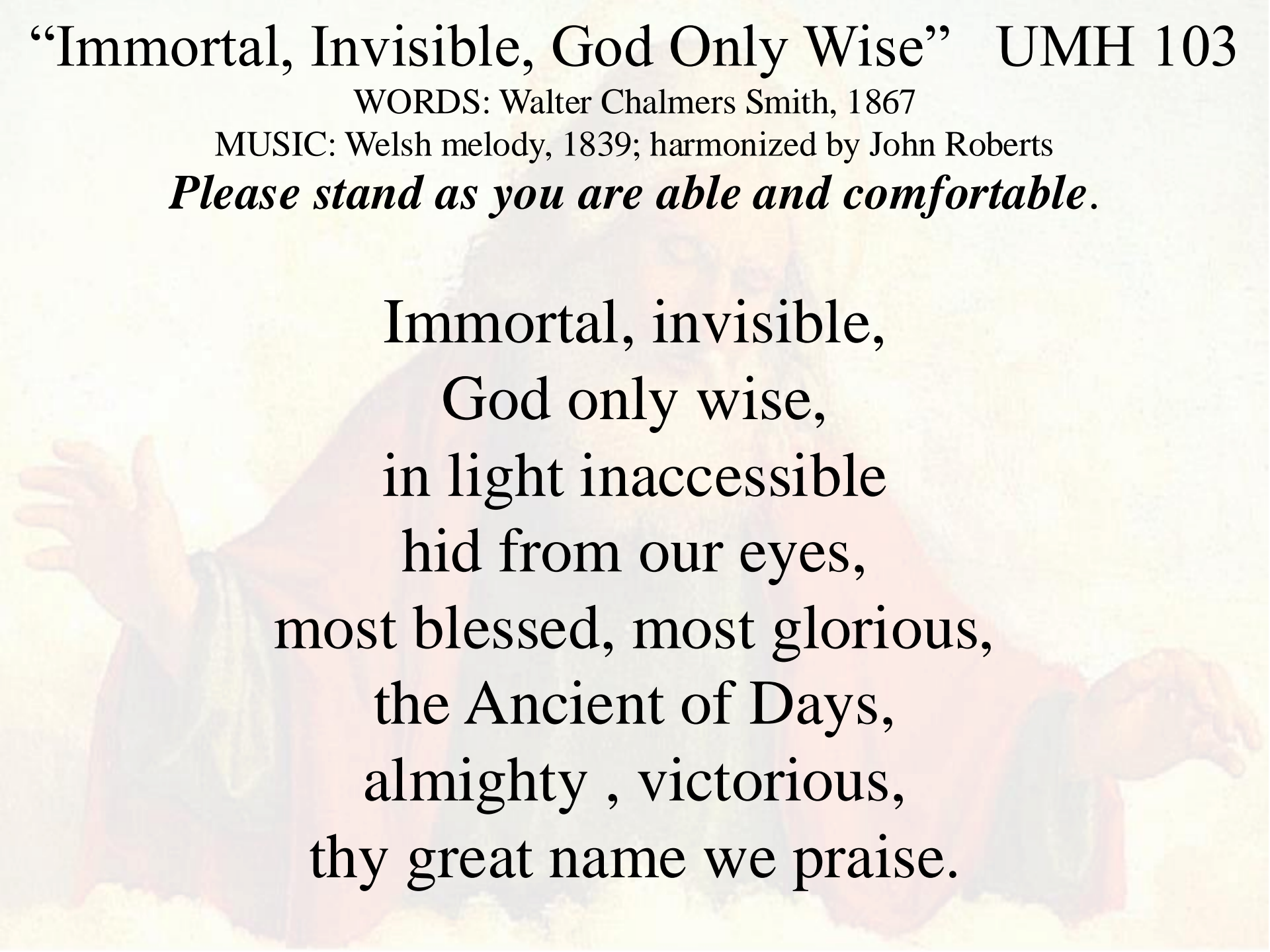
People: **We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day. AMEN.**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH 103

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

MUSIC: Welsh melody, 1839; harmonized by John Roberts

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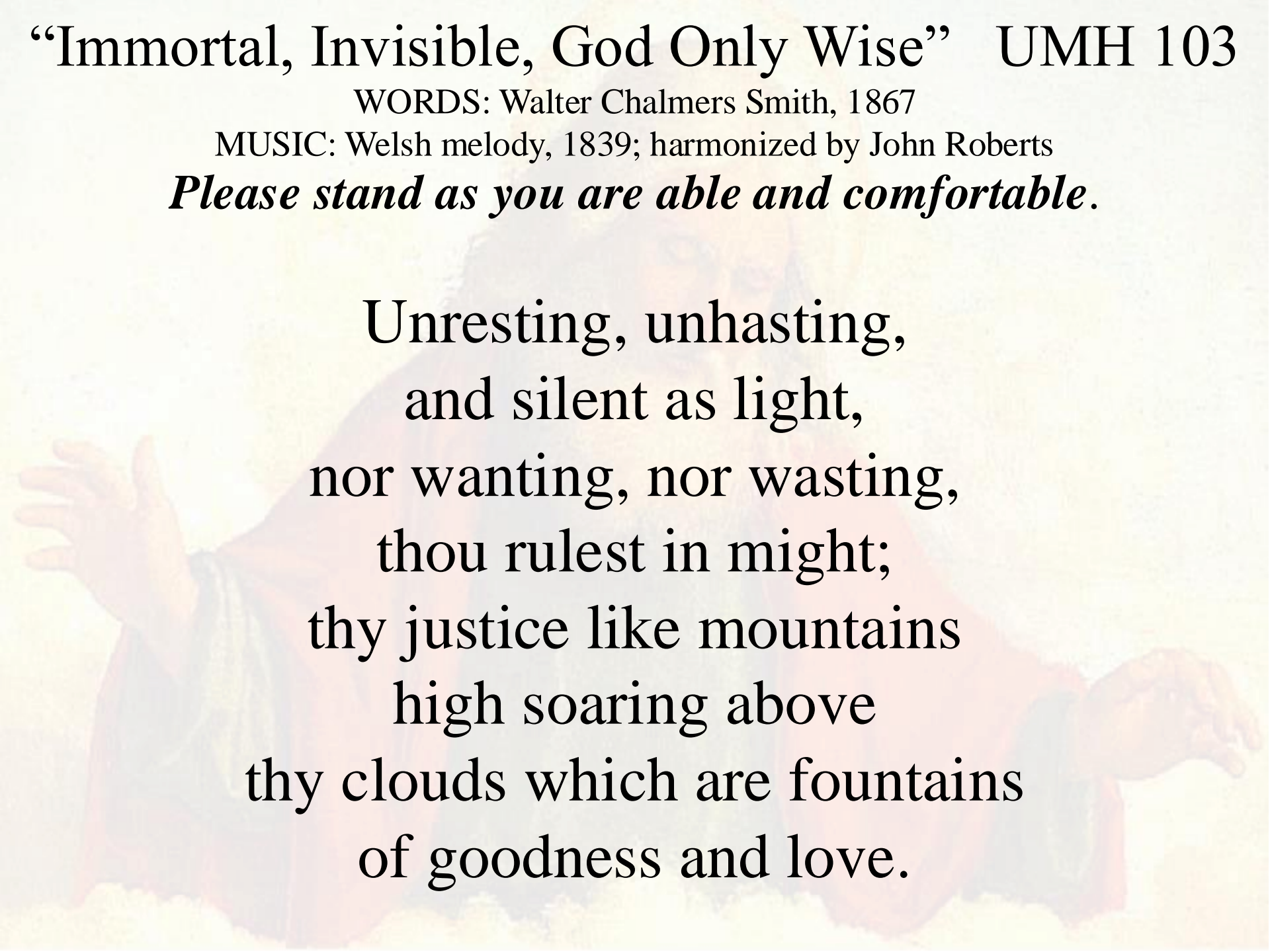
Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

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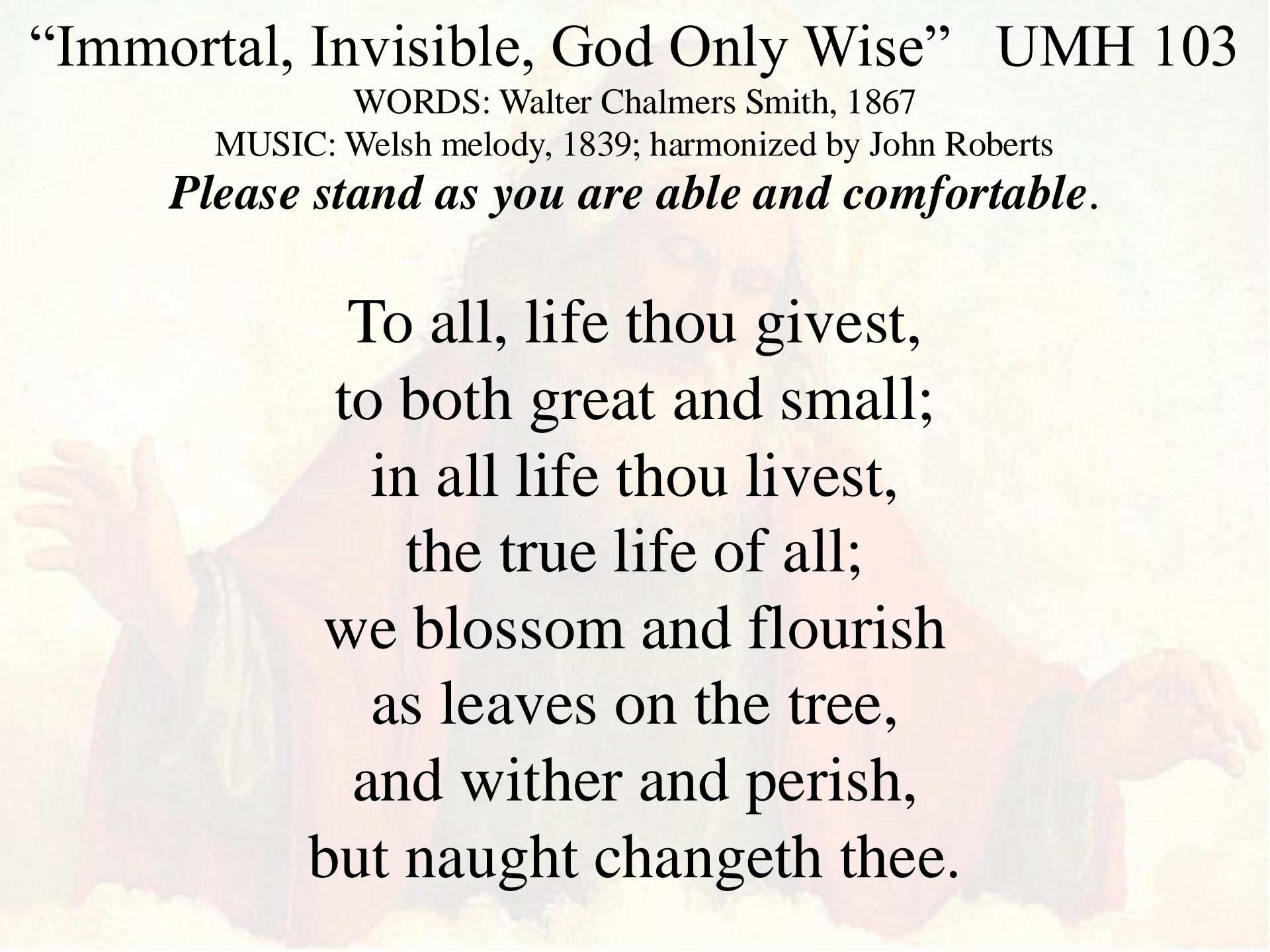
Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

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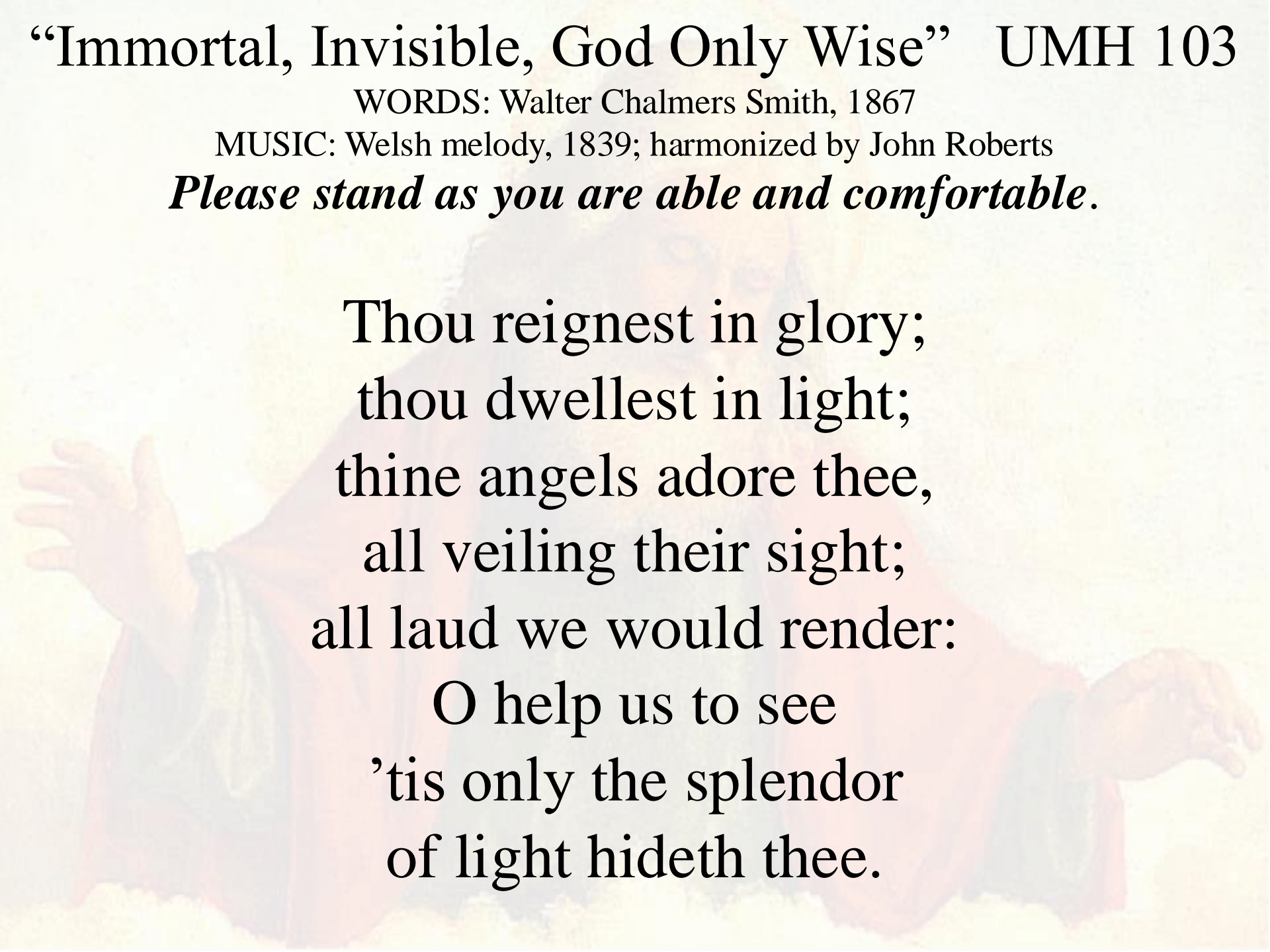
To all, life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changeth thee.

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Thou reignest in glory;
thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendor
of light hideth thee.

OPENING PRAYER

**In the beauty of this place,
we have come to pray, to
worship, and to receive
healing and hope. We come
from the struggles and
triumphs of the week,
needing to feel the gentle
presence of God. Lord, be
with us this day.**



OPENING PRAYER

**Calm and soothe our
souls. Cause us to rejoice
that you have provided us
in this special place. In
Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.**



A sunset over the ocean with silhouettes of three people on a beach. The sky is filled with golden and orange clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The water is calm, and the beach is visible in the foreground. Three people are standing on the beach, their silhouettes clearly visible against the bright light of the sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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.**





Ephesians 6: 10-20

NRSVUE

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power;

11 put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,

12 for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness

15 and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.

16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

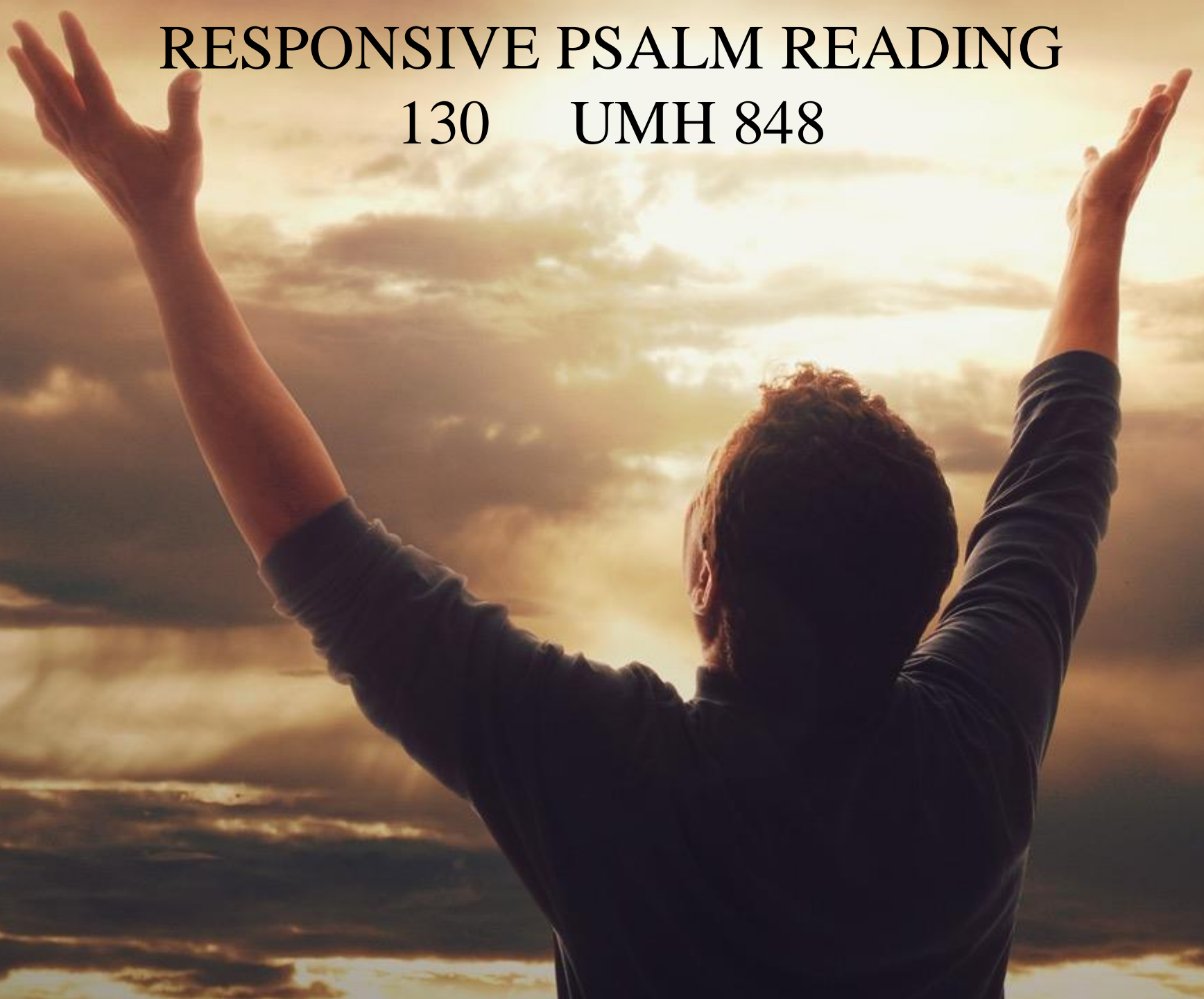
18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848



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Leader: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! ²Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshipped.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope...


People: ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

130 UMH 848

Leader: ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

People: ⁸And the Lord will
redeem Israel from all iniquities.



John 6: 56 - 69

NRSVUE



56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

59 He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

64 But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him.

65 And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

67 So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

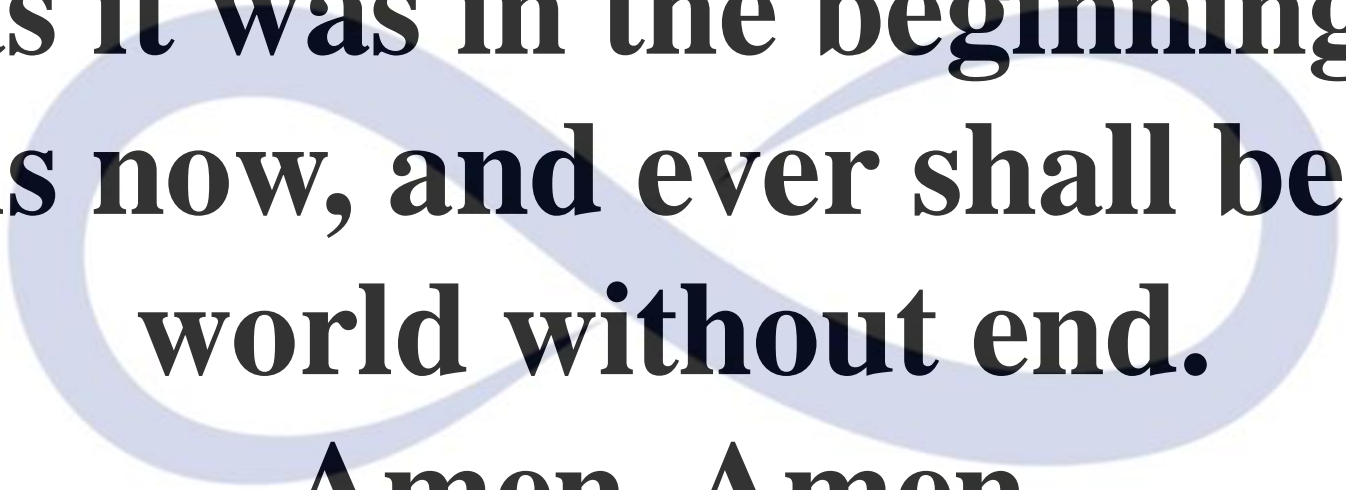
⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

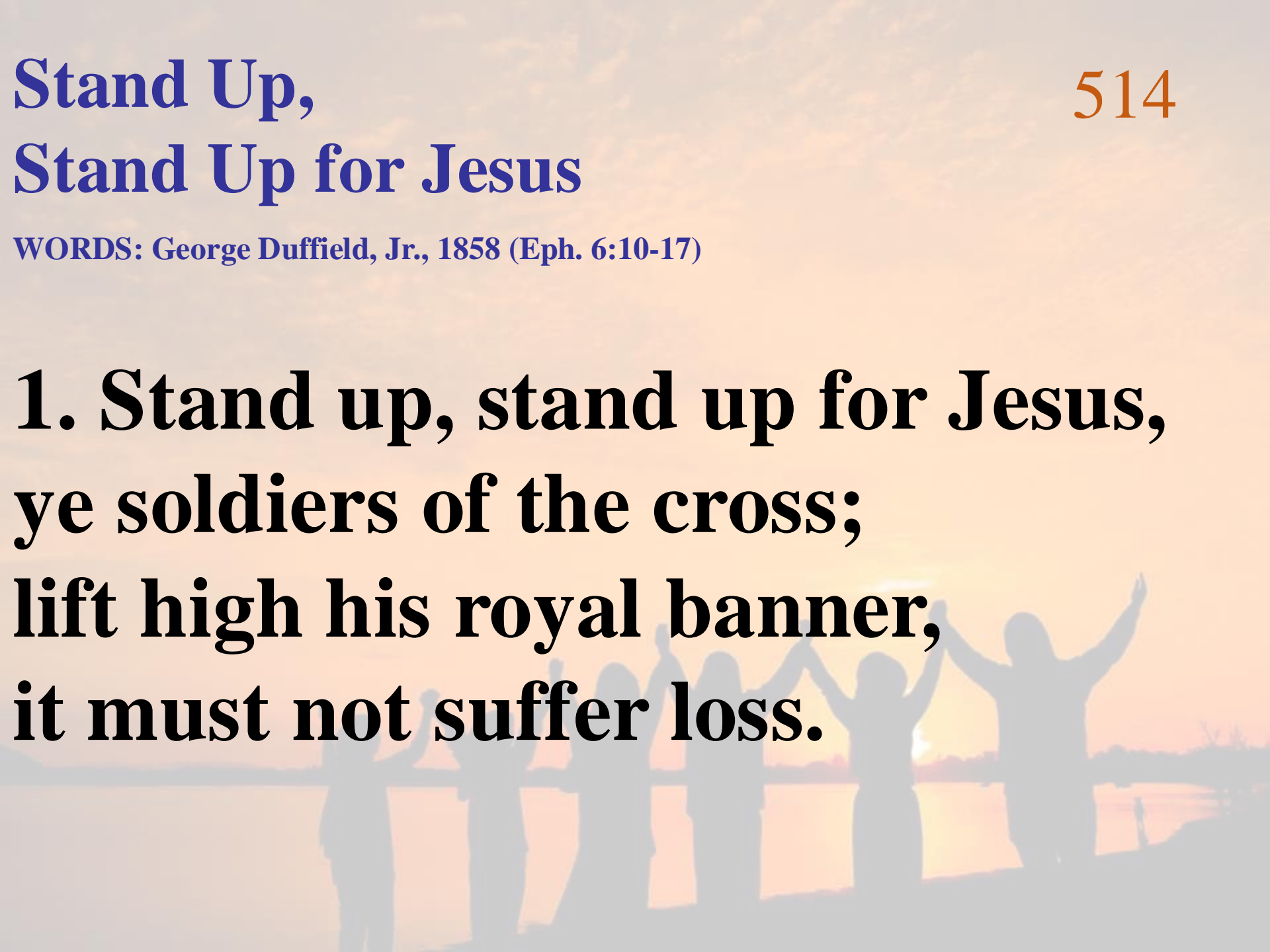
“Strengthen Our
Faith

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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WORDS: George Duffield, Jr., 1858 (Eph. 6:10-17)

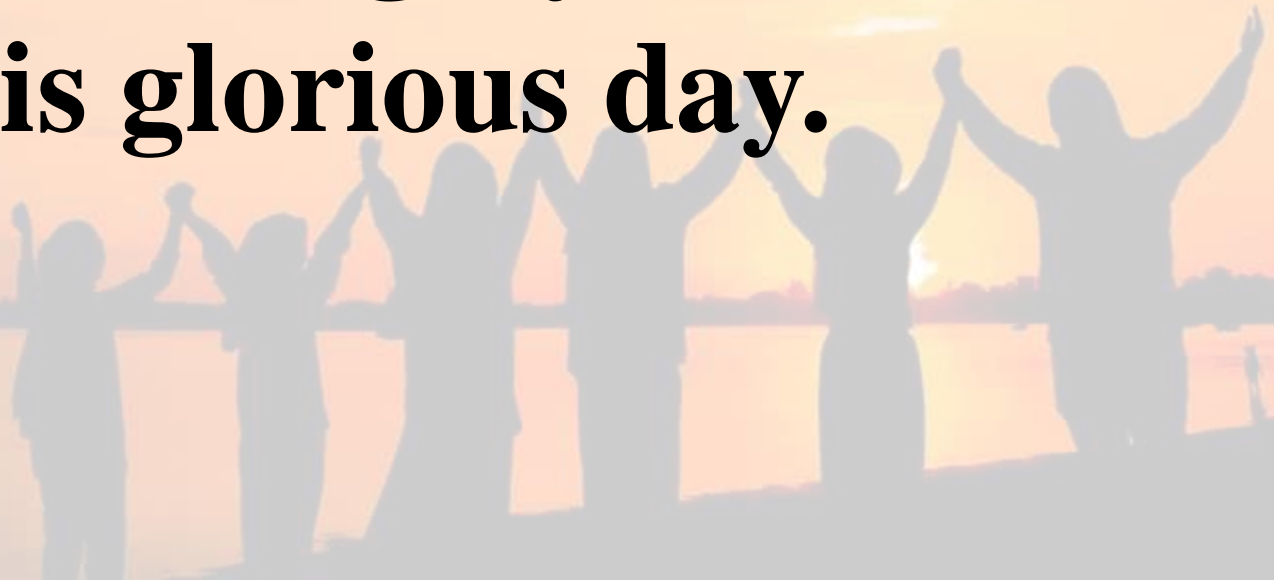
**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.**

A background image showing the silhouettes of a group of people standing in a circle, holding hands, against a bright sunset or sunrise sky over a body of water. The scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of community and faith.

**From victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.**



**2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict,
in this his glorious day.**



**Ye that are brave now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.**



**3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.**



**Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.**



**4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long,
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.**



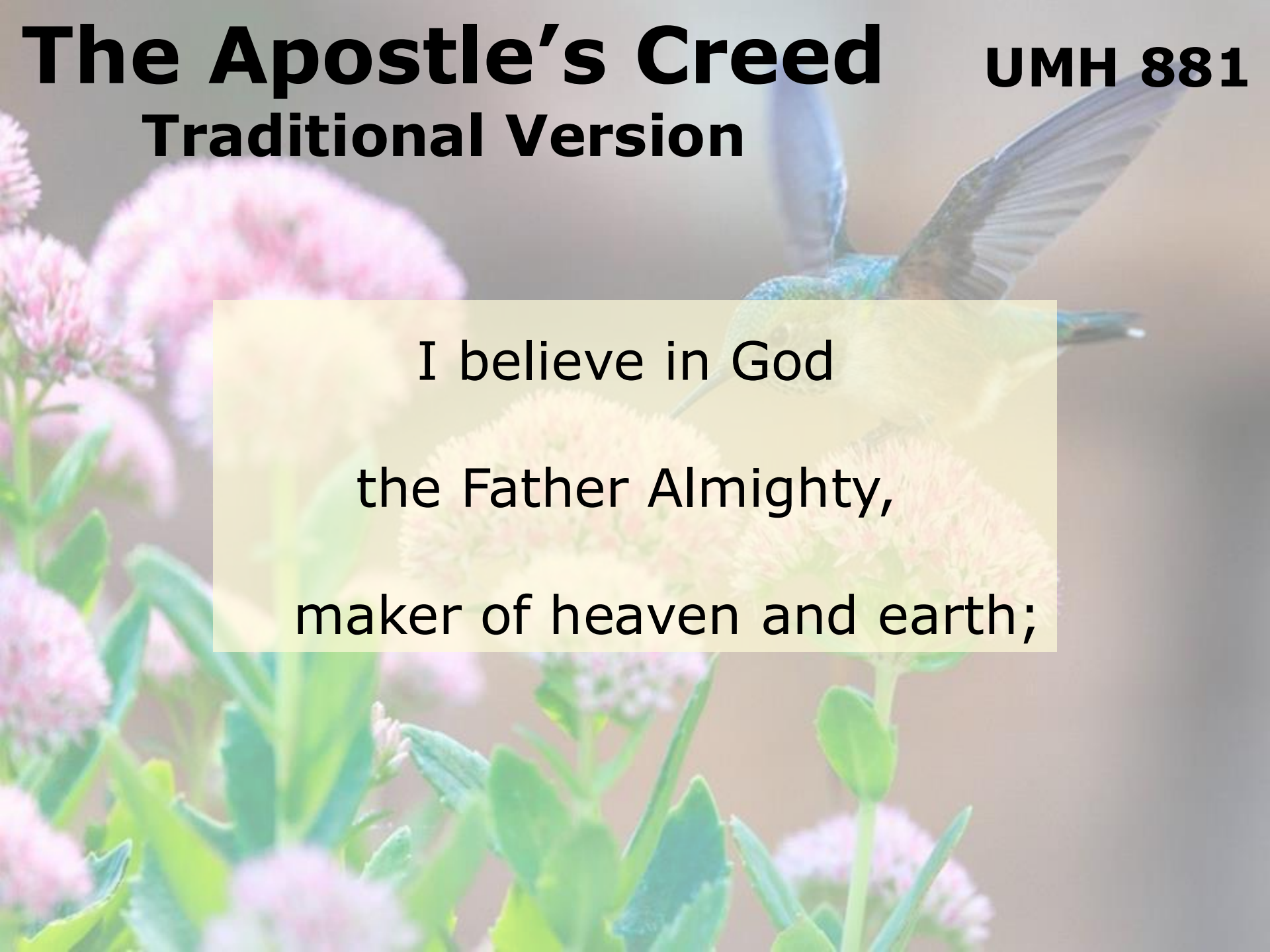
**To those who vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.**



The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

A hummingbird with iridescent green and blue feathers is hovering over a cluster of pink, spherical flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

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

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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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

Traditional Version

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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.

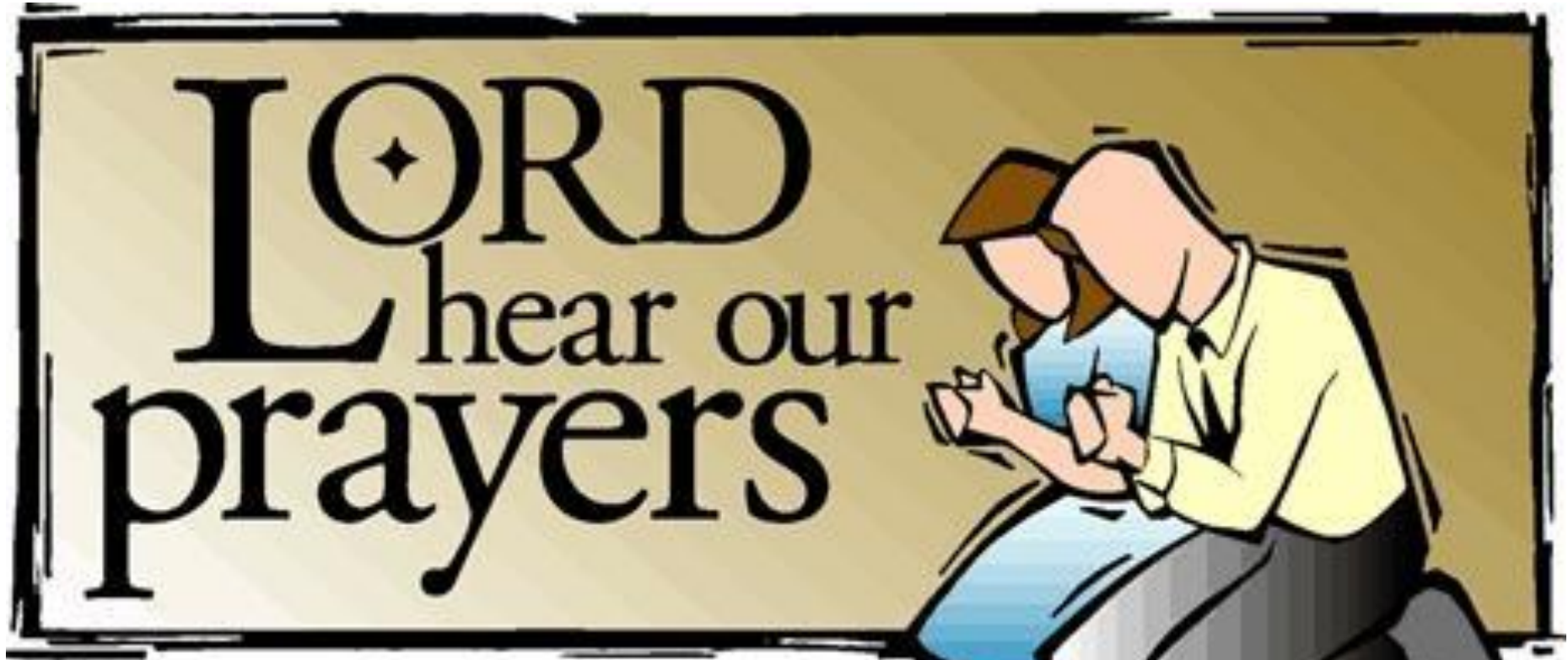
The Apostle's Creed

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:

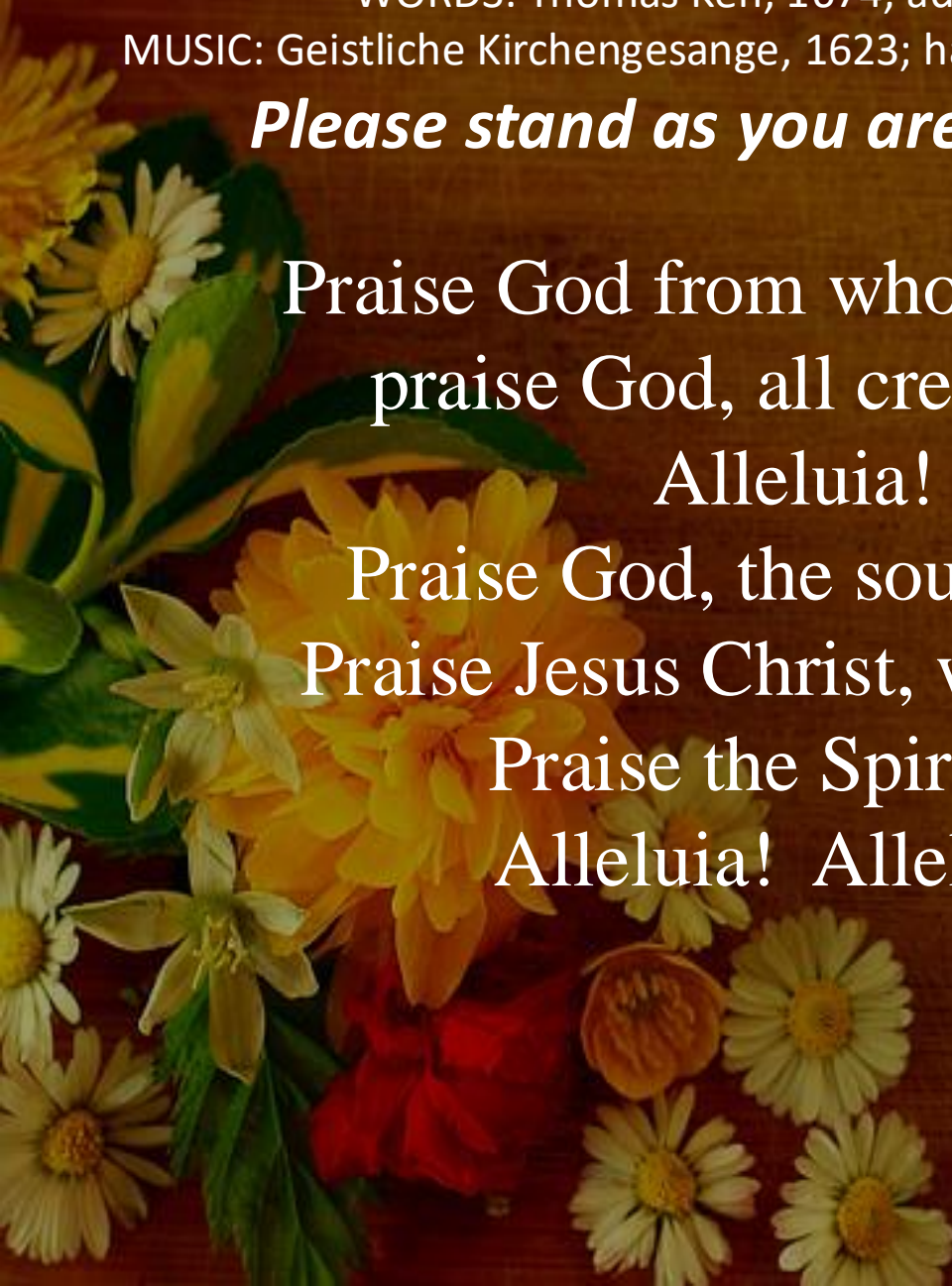
Alleluia! Alleluia!


Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



A bouquet of flowers is arranged in the bottom-left corner of the image. It includes several yellow daisies, a single red rose, and a large pink dahlia. The flowers are set against a background of a wooden surface with a vertical grain pattern. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the text "Offertory Prayer".

Offertory Prayer

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

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

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The image features a top-down view of several white chrysanthemum flowers and scattered petals on a light brown, textured background. The flowers are arranged around a central white rectangular box with a thin black border. The petals are scattered throughout the scene, some showing yellow centers. The overall composition is clean and minimalist.

BENEDICTION

A serene beach scene at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, with wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The ocean is calm with gentle waves washing onto a sandy beach. The waves are white and foamy as they meet the shore. The overall mood is peaceful and tranquil.

POSTLUDE

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.