

# **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

**Our Sunday service is live-streamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary.**

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# Prelude

Pastor TaeWon  
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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Epiphany*

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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:*

Great is the Lord!

*People:*

**God's greatness is beyond our understanding.**

# CALL to WORSHIP

*Leader:* Yet God has revealed God's self in  
Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Through Jesus we have come  
to know the absolute love of  
God.**

# CALL to WORSHIP

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts and praise the  
Lord!

*People:* **May God continue to bless  
God's people with peace.  
AMEN.**



# OPENING PRAYER

**O Holy God, you call us to follow your voice. “Whom shall I send?” you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, “Here I am. Send me.”**



# **OPENING PRAYER**

**You evaporate our shame,  
and joyously embrace our  
authentic selves. May we  
continue to open  
ourselves to you, and may  
we embrace our full  
humanity as you do. In  
Christ's name, we pray.  
Amen.**



# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

1. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee.

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Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons,  
blessed Trinity!

# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

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2. Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore thee,

casting down their

golden crowns

around the glassy sea;

# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and  
evermore shalt be.

# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

3. Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness  
hide thee,  
though the eye  
of sinful man  
thy glory may not see,

# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

only thou art holy;  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in  
love and purity.



# Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 64

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4. Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall

praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea.

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# Young Disciples' Message

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# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**

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fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**





# Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said,  
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the  
voices of those who called, and the house  
filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.



<sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

*People:* <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness...

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

*People:* <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you strengthened my life.

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth  
shall praise you, O Lord...

*People:* for they have heard the  
words of your mouth...

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of  
the ways of the Lord...

*People:* for great is the  
glory of the Lord.

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>6</sup>For the Lord is high,  
but regards the lowly...

*People:* yet knows the  
haughty from afar.

# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst  
of trouble, you preserve my life...

*People:* you stretch out your hand  
against the wrath of my enemies  
and your right hand delivers me.

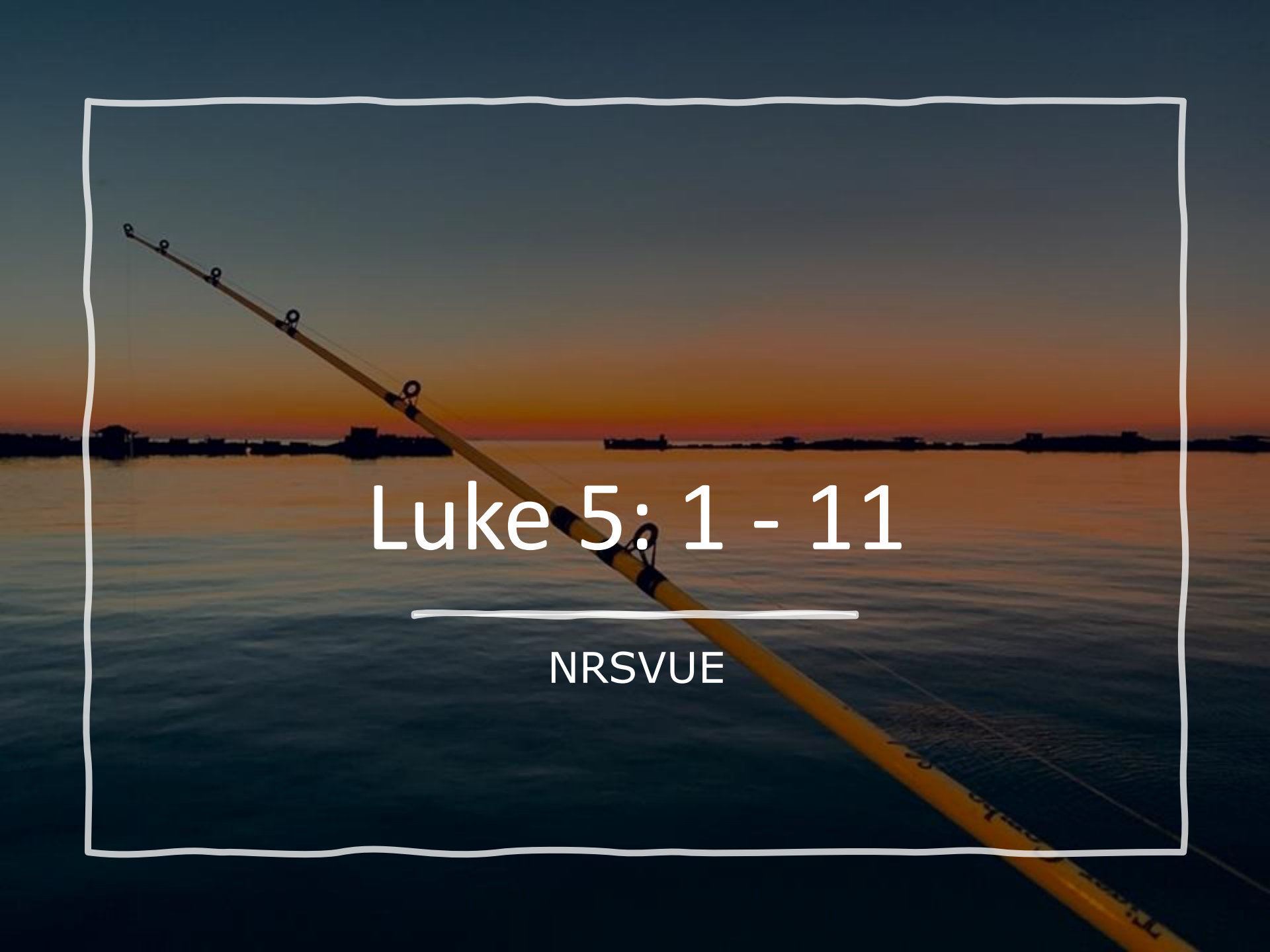
# RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

138 UMH 853

*Leader:* <sup>8</sup>O Lord, fulfill your  
purpose for me...

*People:* **O Lord, may your  
steadfast love endure for ever. Do not  
forsake the work of your hands.**





# Luke 5: 1 - 11

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NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

<sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

**9** For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,

**10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

**11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

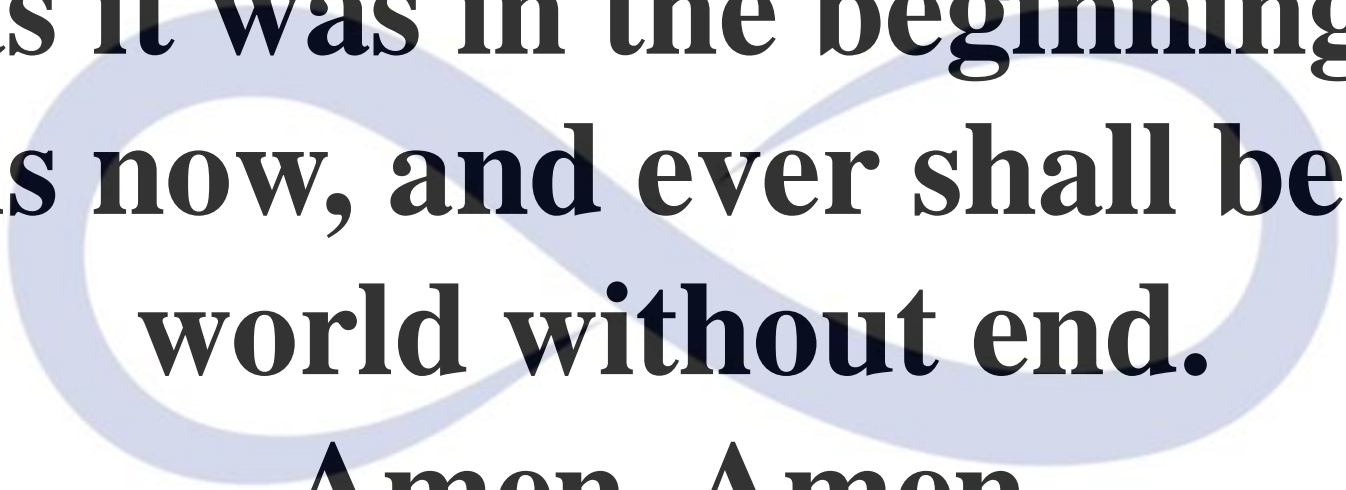
# Glory Be to the Father

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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.**



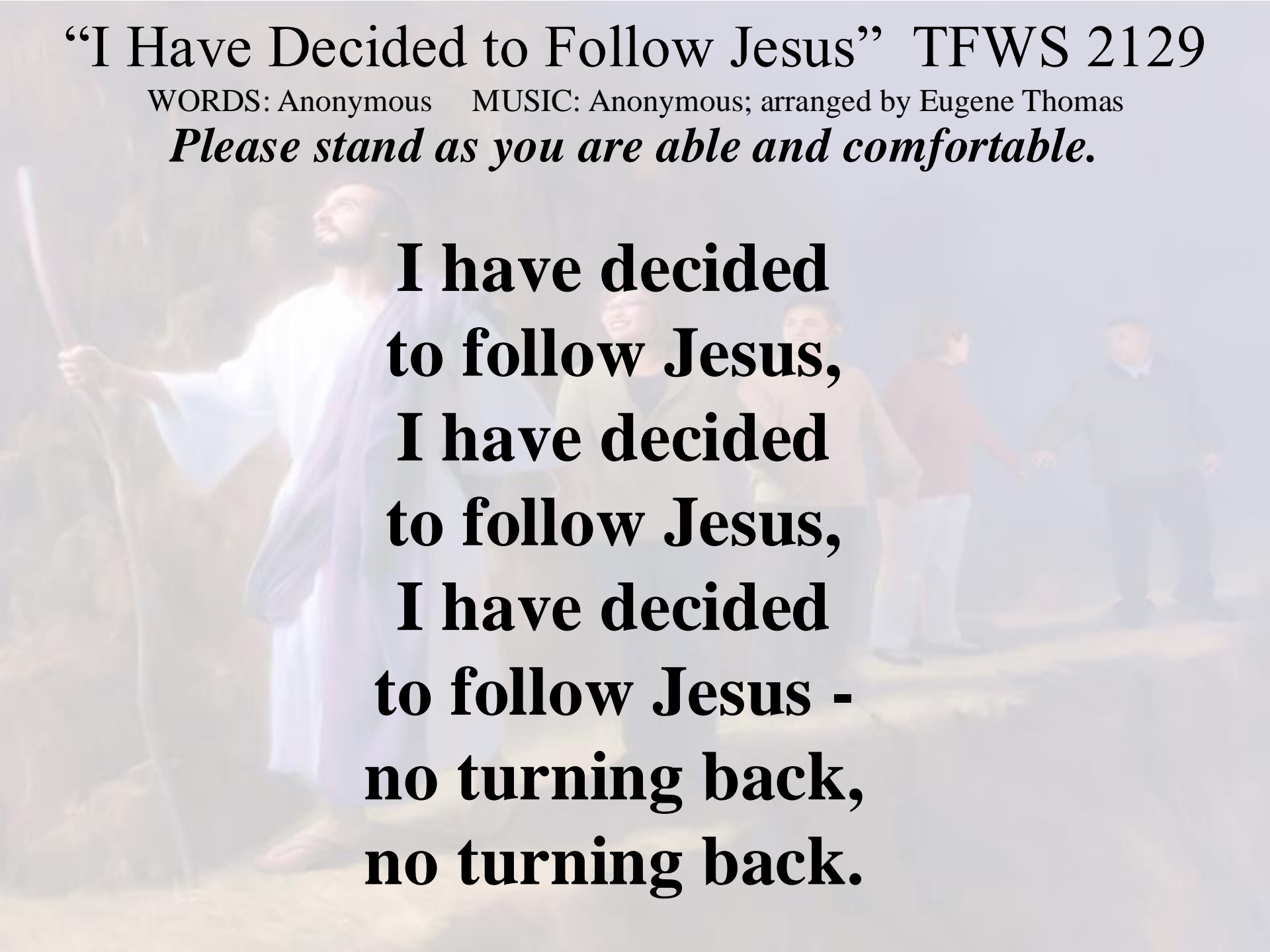
**Sermon**

“Into the Deep  
Water”

# “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS 2129

WORDS: Anonymous    MUSIC: Anonymous; arranged by Eugene Thomas

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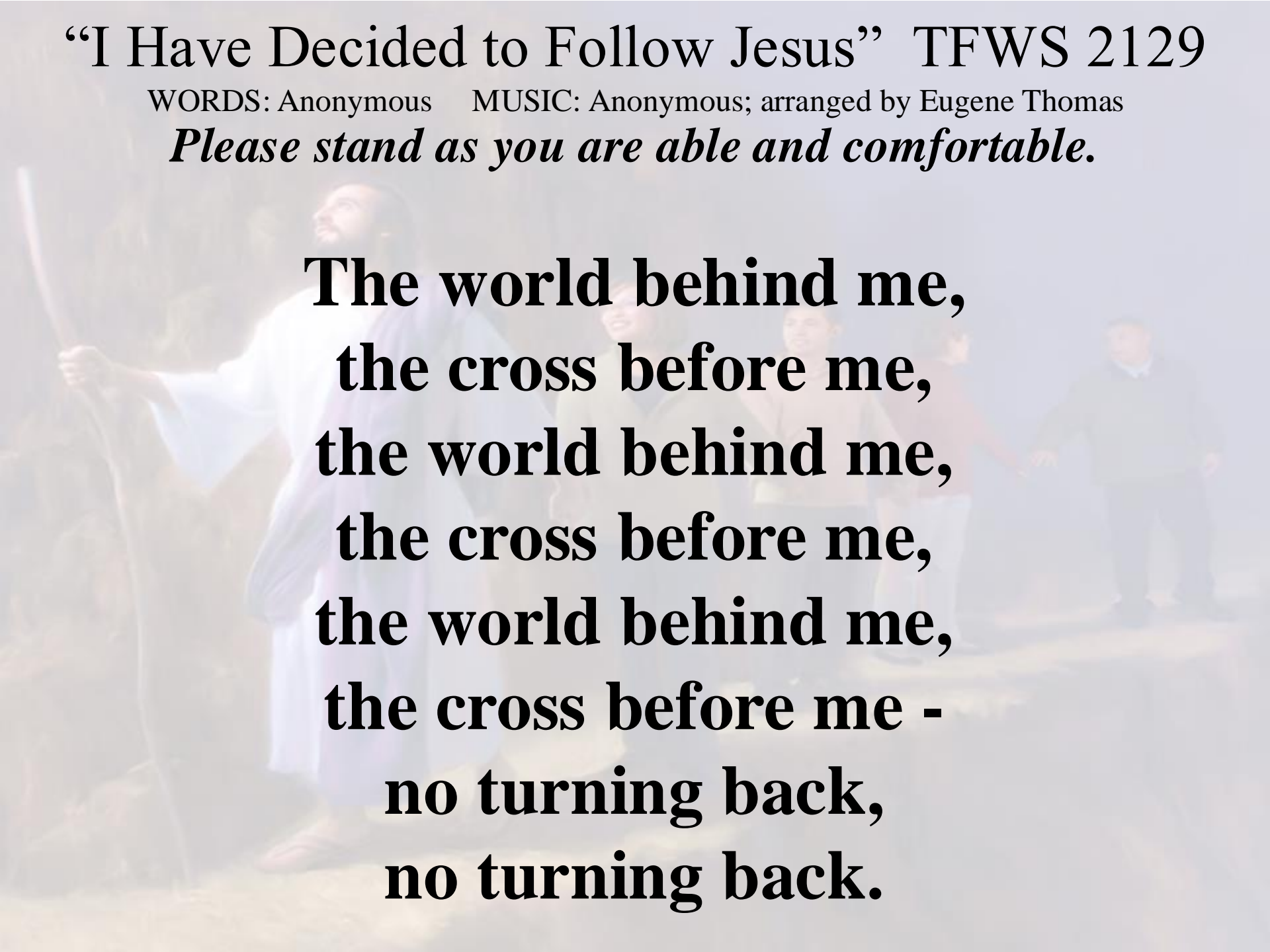
A faded background image showing Jesus on the left, wearing a white robe and a purple sash, holding a wooden staff. He is looking towards a group of people on the right. The people are dressed in simple, earthy clothing. The scene is set outdoors with a hazy, natural background.

**I have decided  
to follow Jesus,  
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to follow Jesus,  
I have decided  
to follow Jesus -  
no turning back,  
no turning back.**

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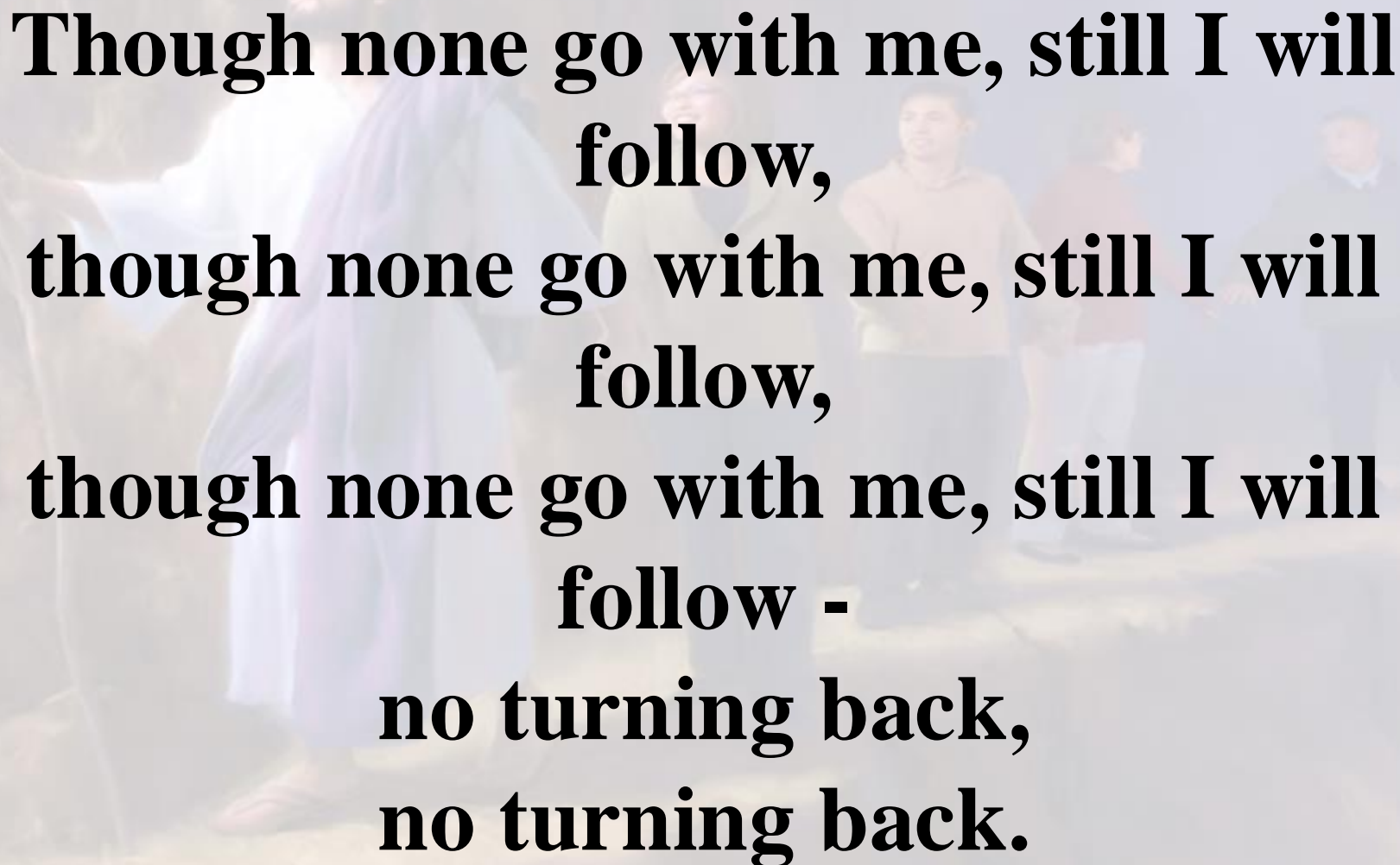


**The world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
the world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
the world behind me,  
the cross before me -  
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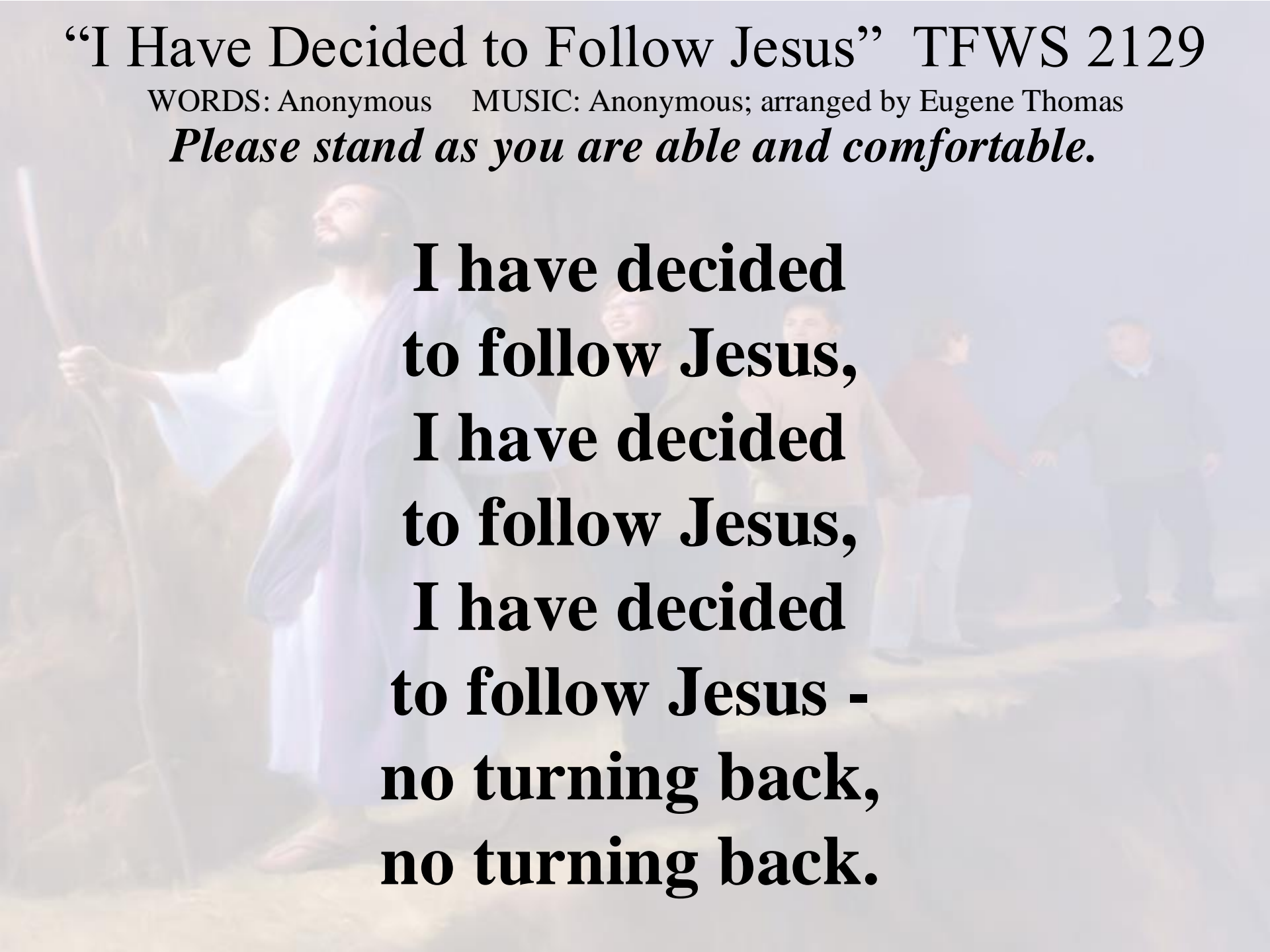


**Though none go with me, still I will  
follow,  
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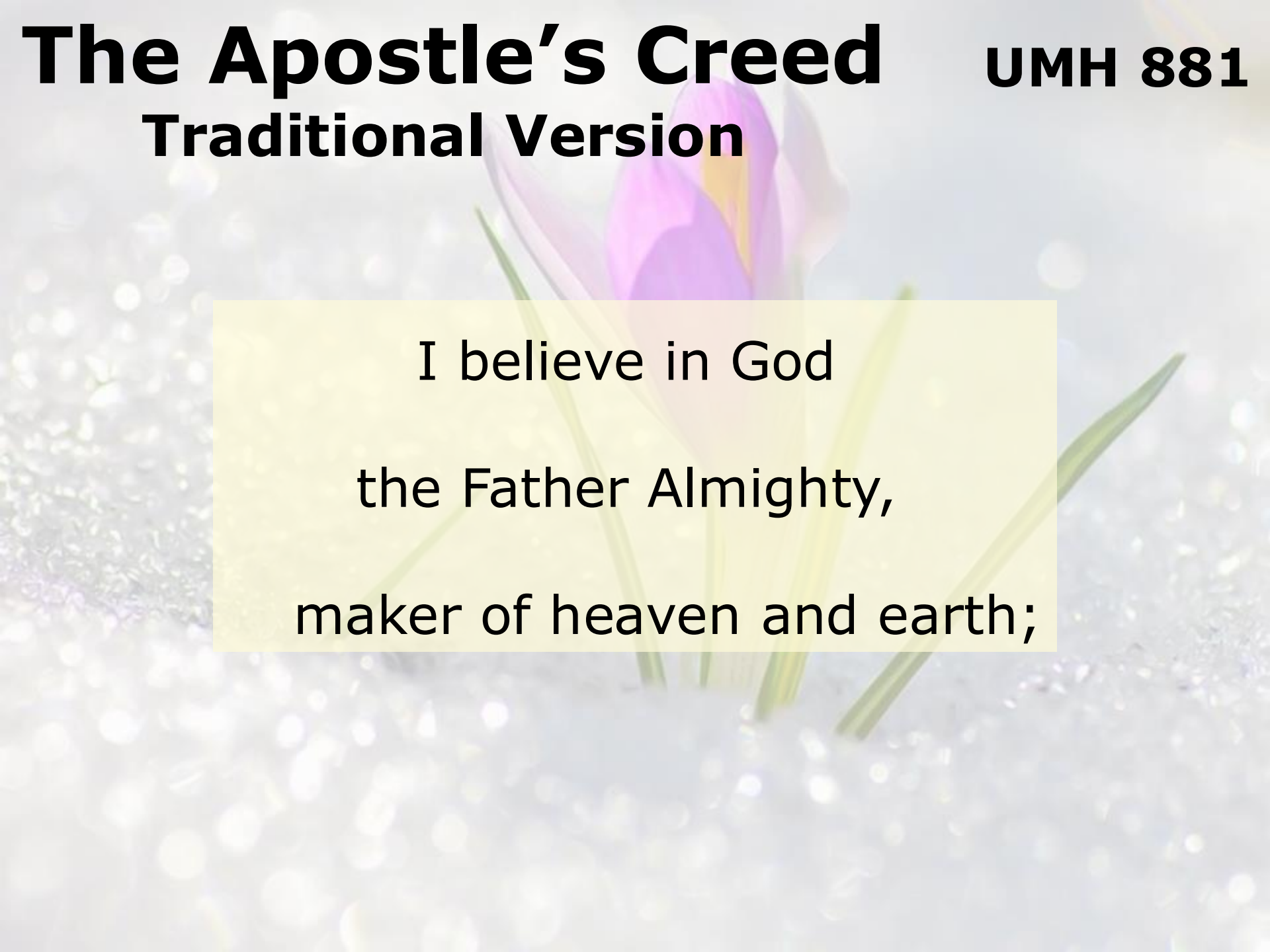
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# **The Apostle's Creed**

## **Traditional Version**

**UMH 881**



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

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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.



# The Apostle's Creed

## Traditional Version

UMH 881

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

UMH 881

## Traditional Version

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

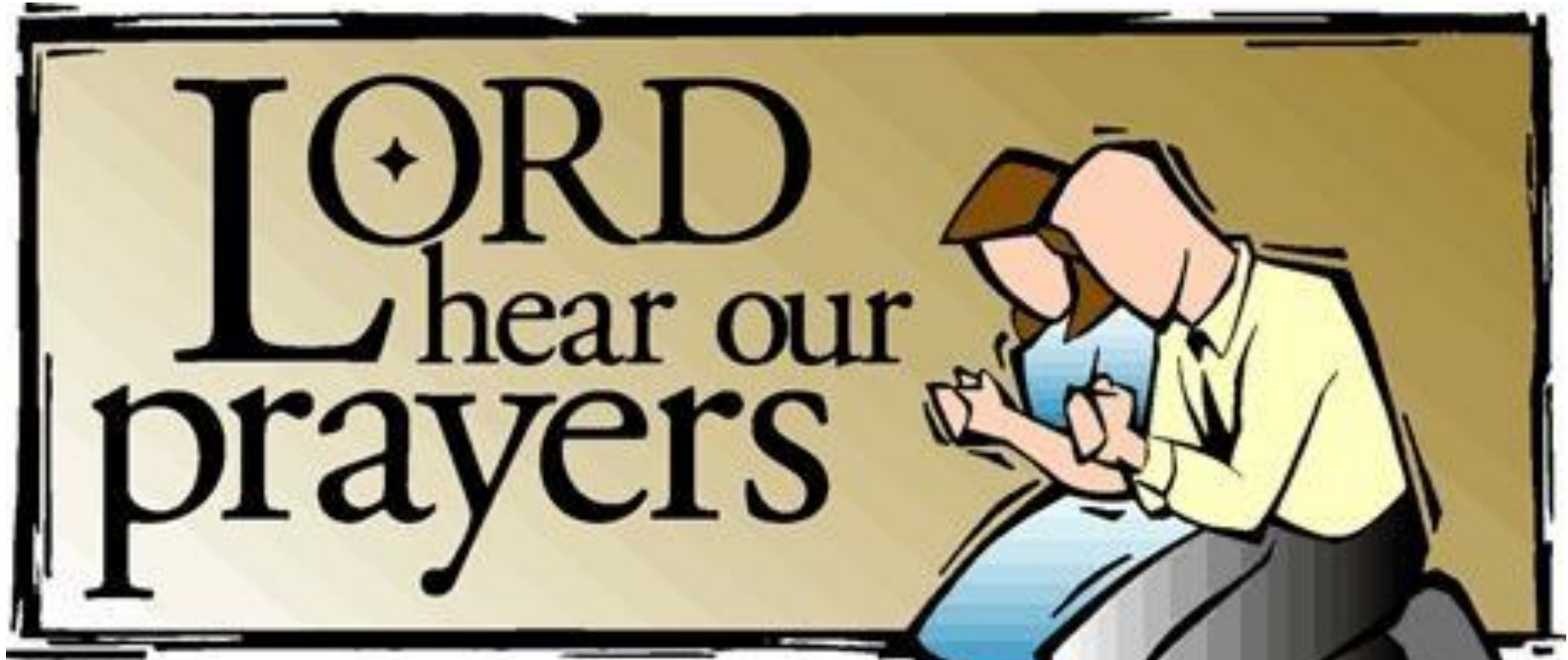
and sitteth at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick

and the dead.

# PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



**as we lift up to you our  
joys and our concerns.**



## Pastoral 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



# 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 background of the image is a dense field of flowers. In the center, there is a prominent white flower with a bright yellow center. Surrounding it are numerous purple flowers, also with yellow centers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the overall scene is soft and natural. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the text.

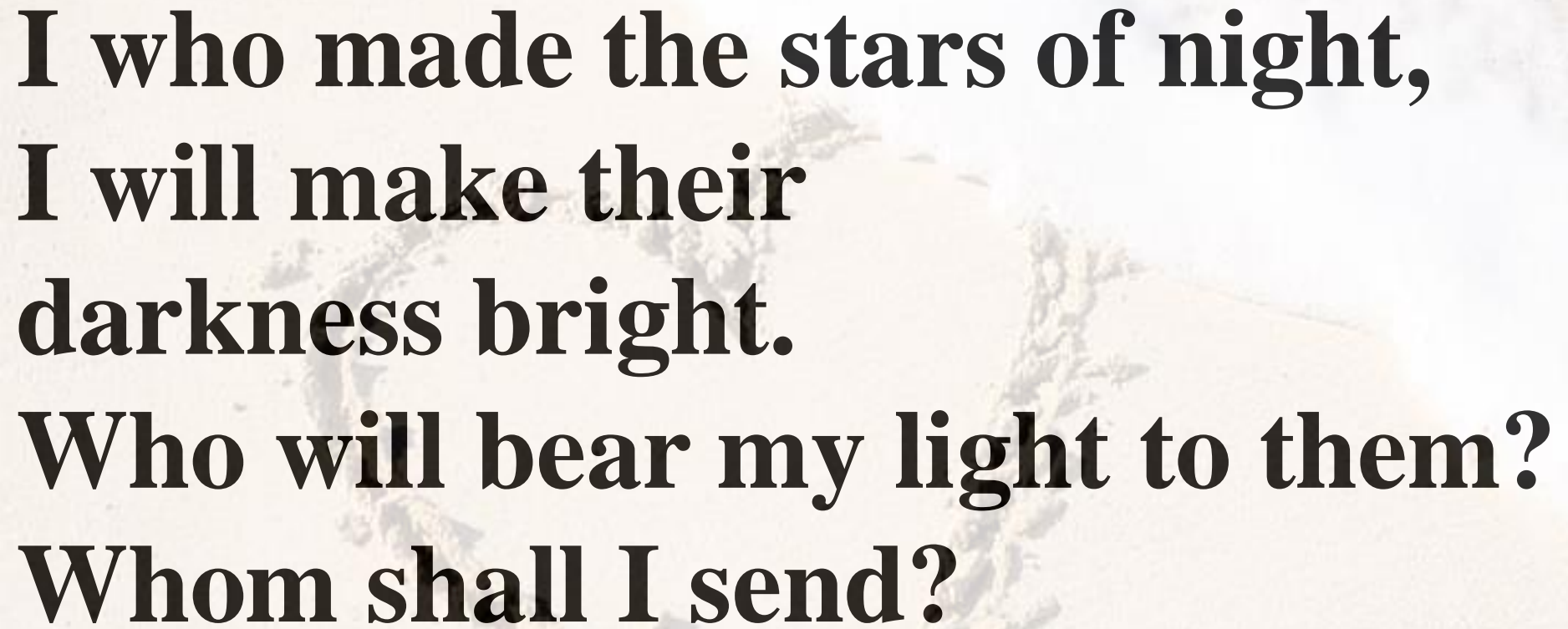
*Offertory Prayer*

# Here I Am, Lord

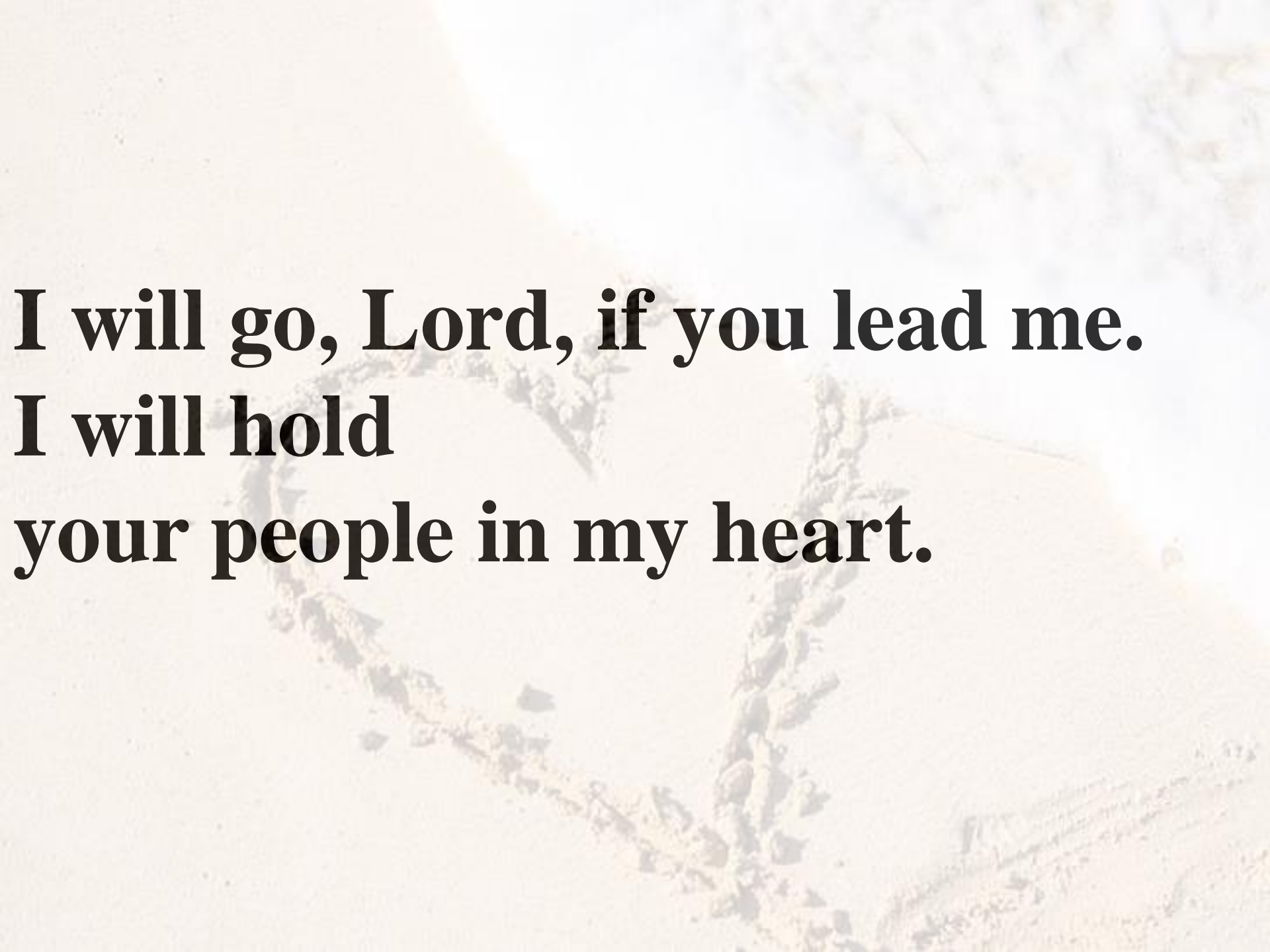
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WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)

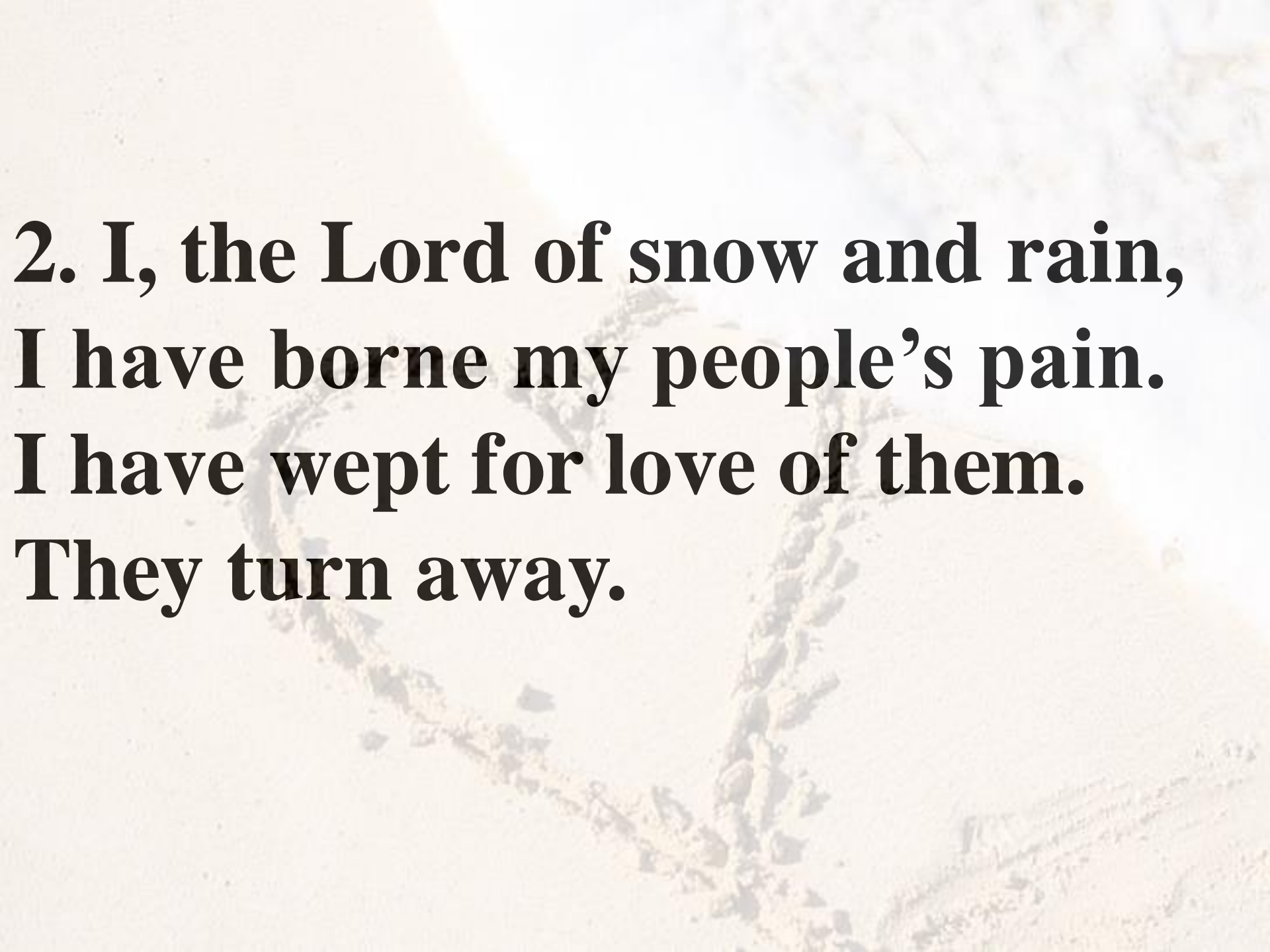
**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.**



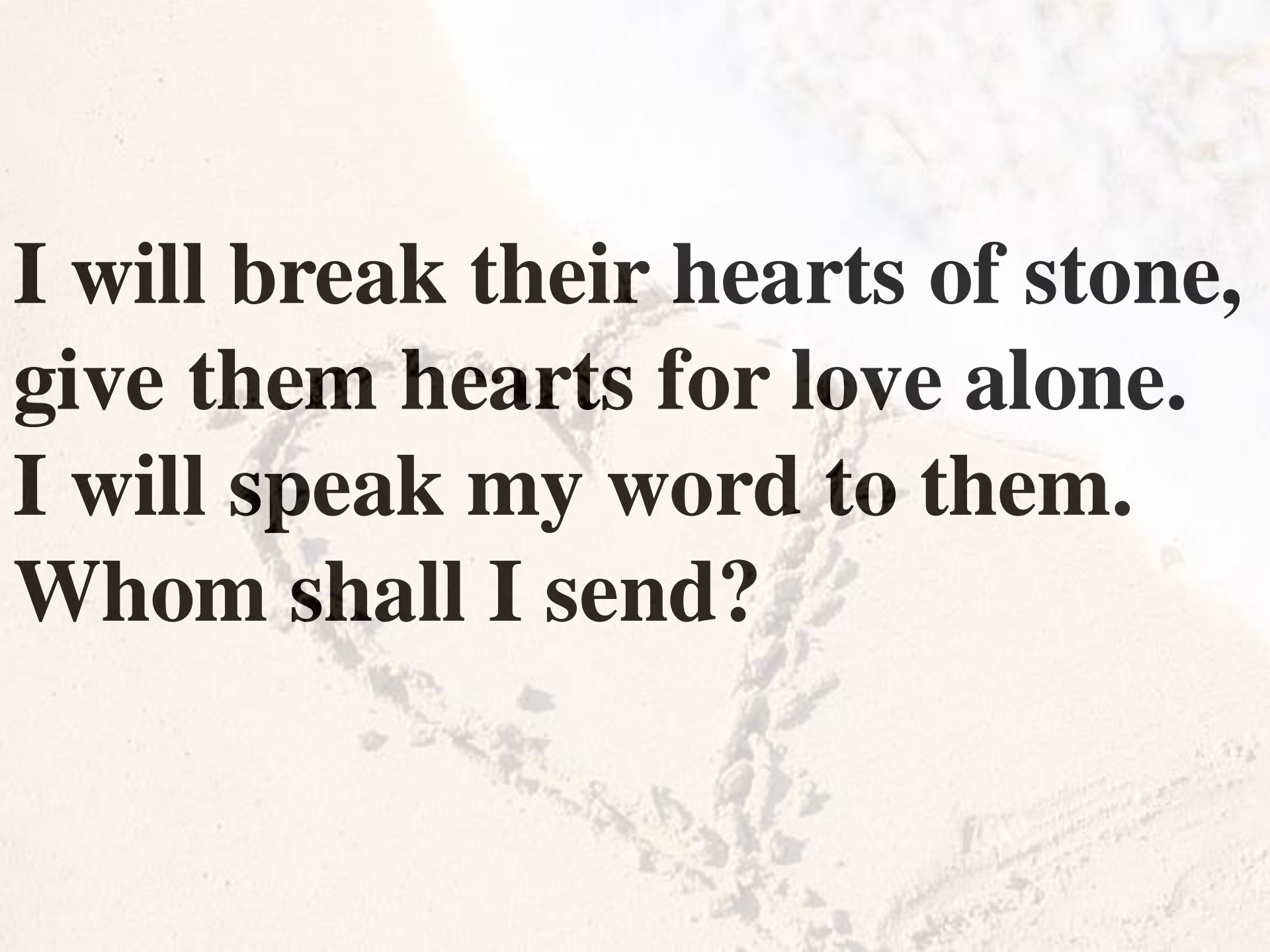
**I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their  
darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**



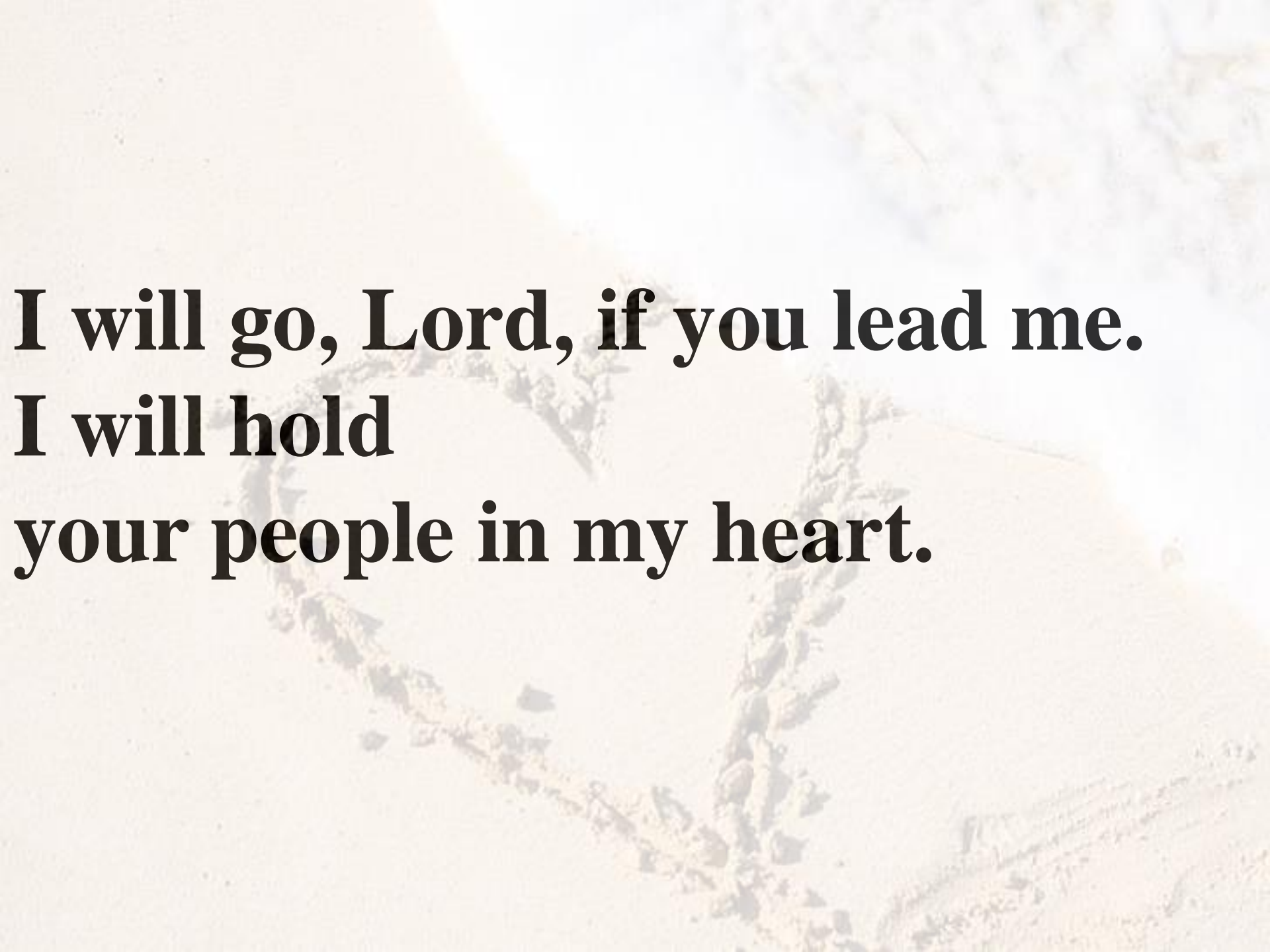
**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold  
your people in my heart.**

A close-up photograph of a snow-covered surface. In the center, a pair of footprints leads away from the viewer, curving slightly to the right. The snow is bright white, and the footprints are a darker, slightly shadowed path. The background is a soft, out-of-focus expanse of snow.

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.**



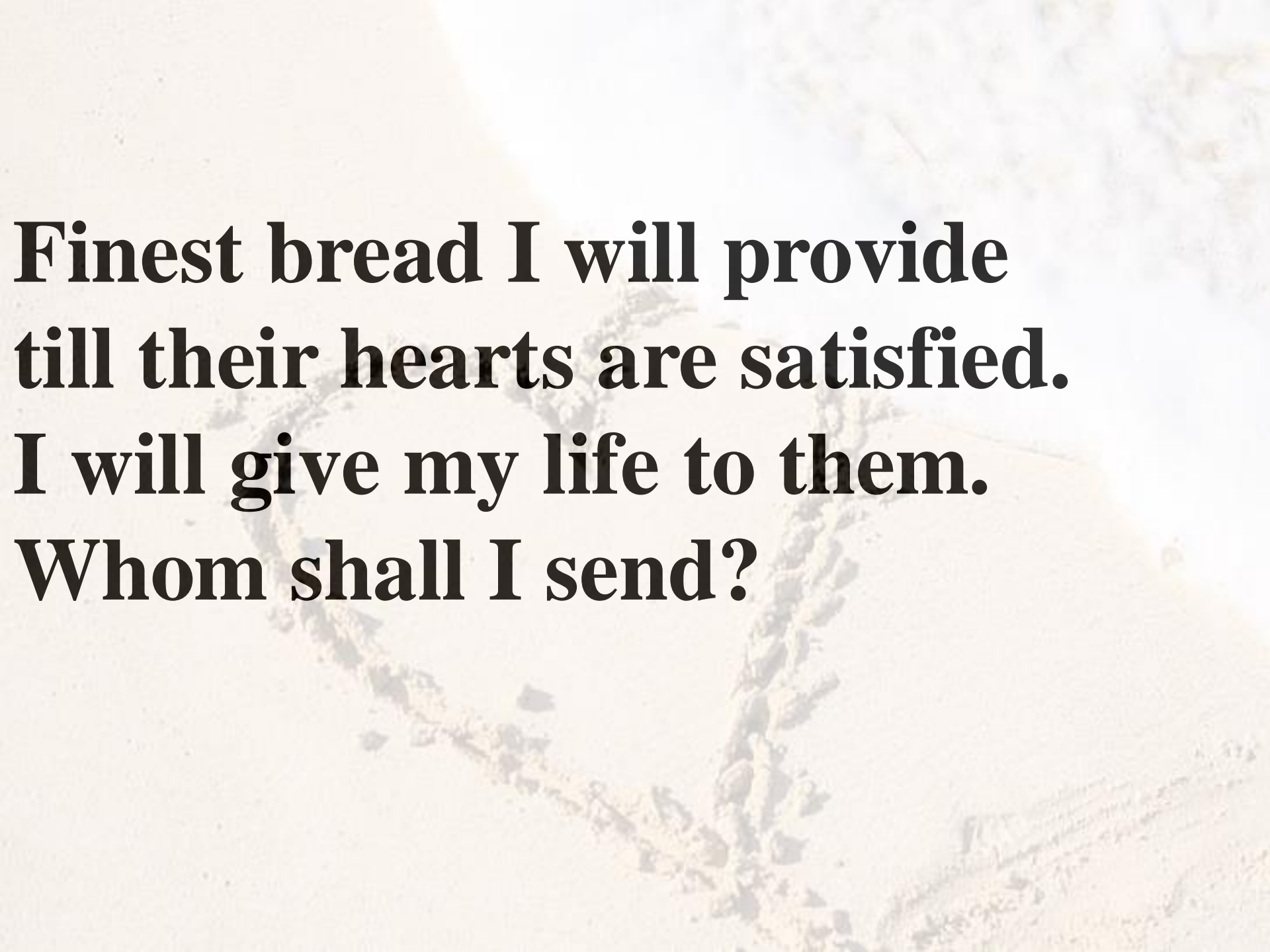
**I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**



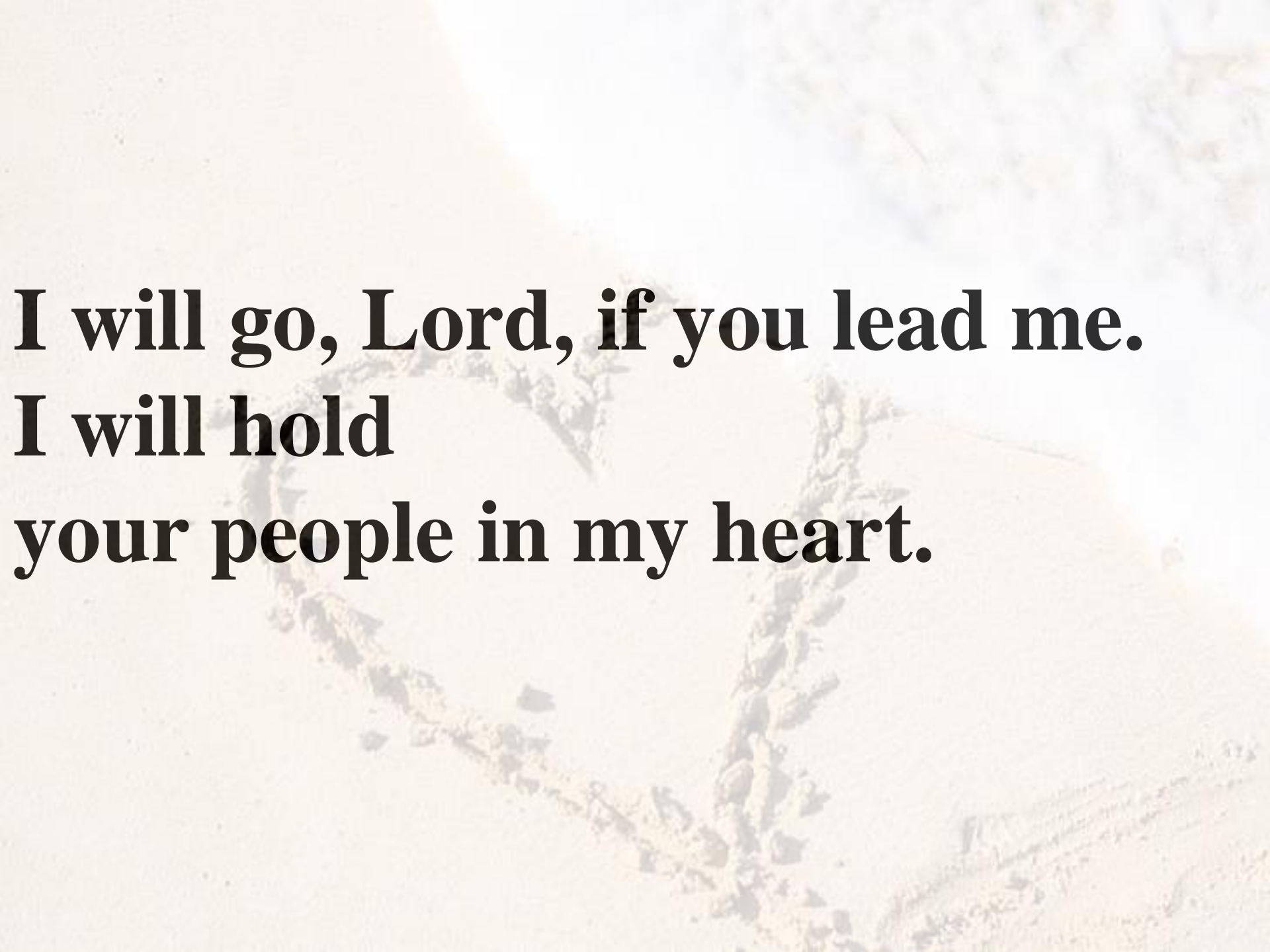
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**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.**



**Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**



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*Benediction*





# 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  
**P**rayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove  
through **S**ervice.