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Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.

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Prelude

Pastor Eduardo
Carrillo

*Nineth Sunday
after Pentecost*

August 10th, 2025

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

People: **Whom shall we fear?**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is the strength of our lives.

People: **In God, we place our trust.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us walk by faith.

People: **With confidence and praise,
we worship God together.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, you are
present in what we can
see and in what we
cannot. You lead us
forward even when the
path is uncertain.**



OPENING PRAYER

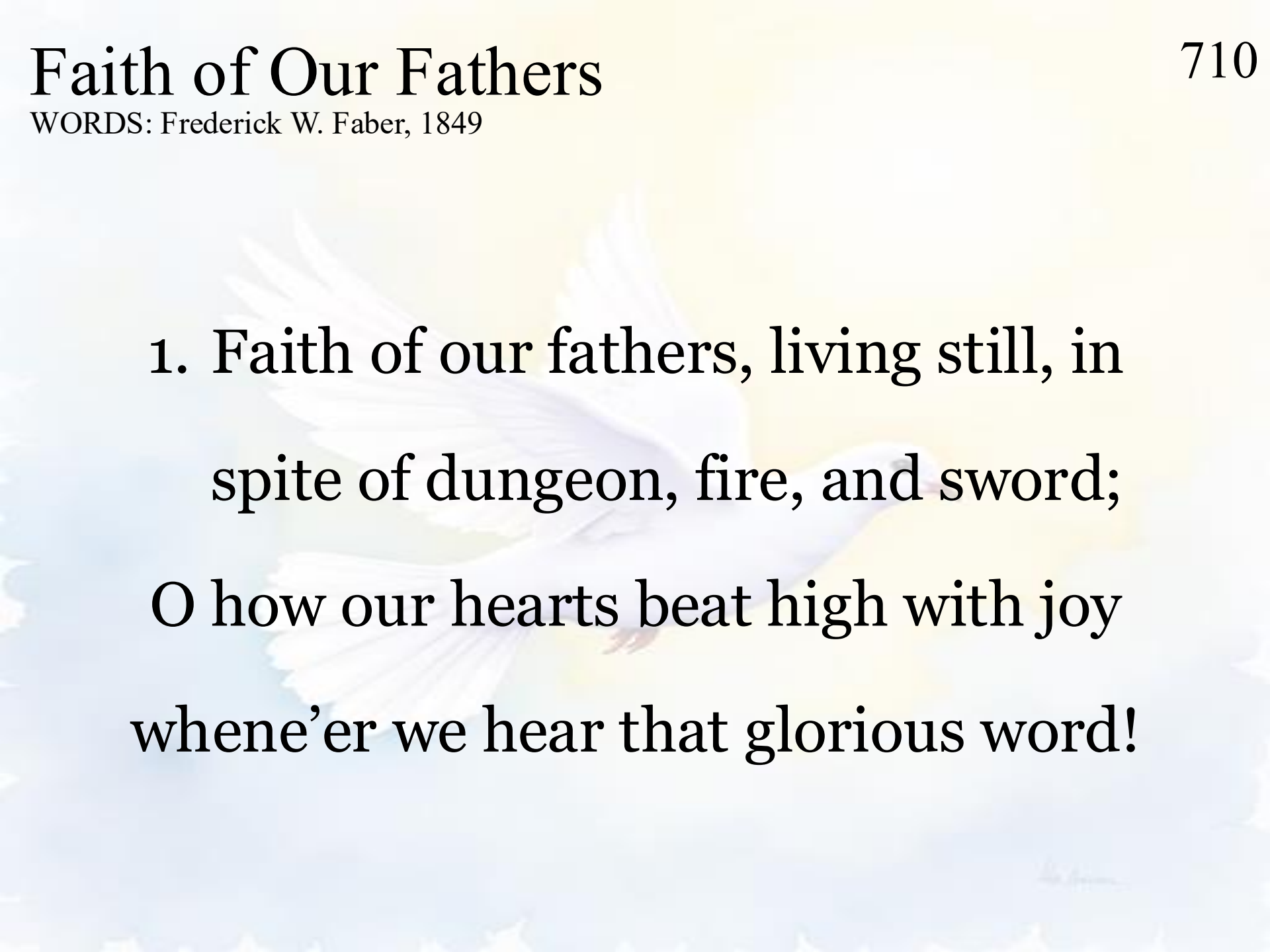
**In this time of worship,
calm our fears and
strengthen our trust. Help
us to hear your voice and
respond with joy. Amen.**



Faith of Our Fathers

710

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1849

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a soft, glowing background of light blue and yellow. The dove is positioned in the center of the image, with its head turned slightly to the right. The background has a dreamy, ethereal quality with soft, out-of-focus light spots.

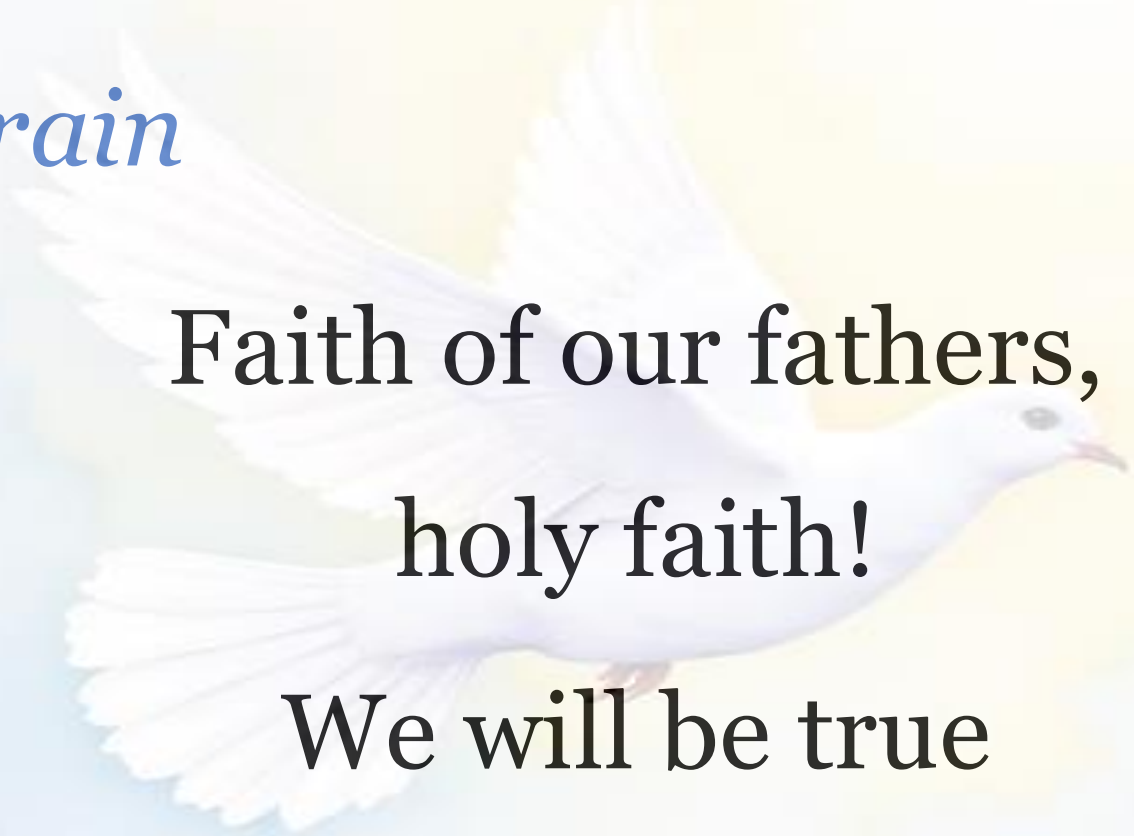
1. Faith of our fathers, living still, in
spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!

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Refrain

A white dove is depicted in flight, facing right. Its wings are spread wide, showing detailed feather patterns. The background is a soft, ethereal blend of pale yellow and light blue, suggesting a sky or a spiritual atmosphere. The dove's body is white, and its beak is a small, pointed red. The overall image has a gentle, peaceful quality.

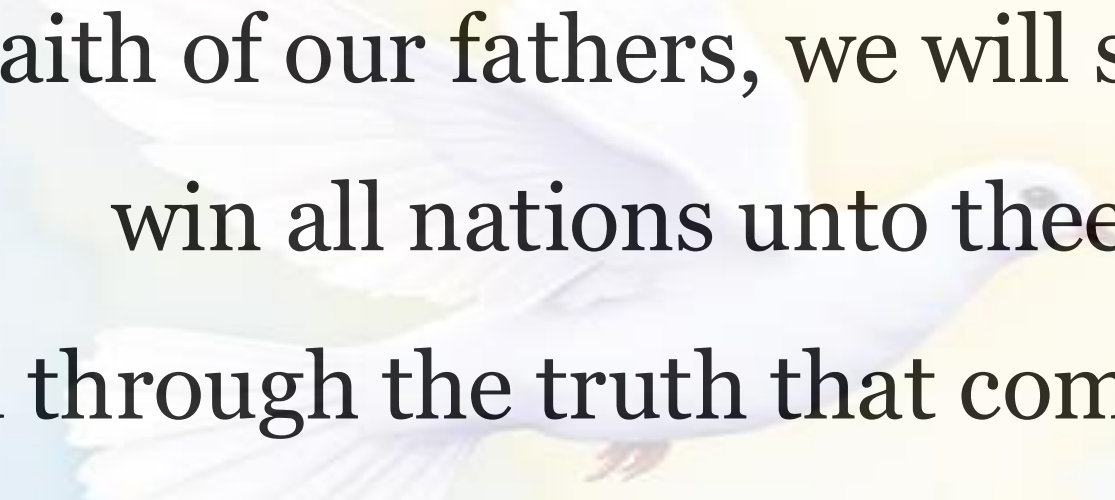
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holy faith!

We will be true
to thee till death.

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2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive to
win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from
God, we all shall then be truly free.

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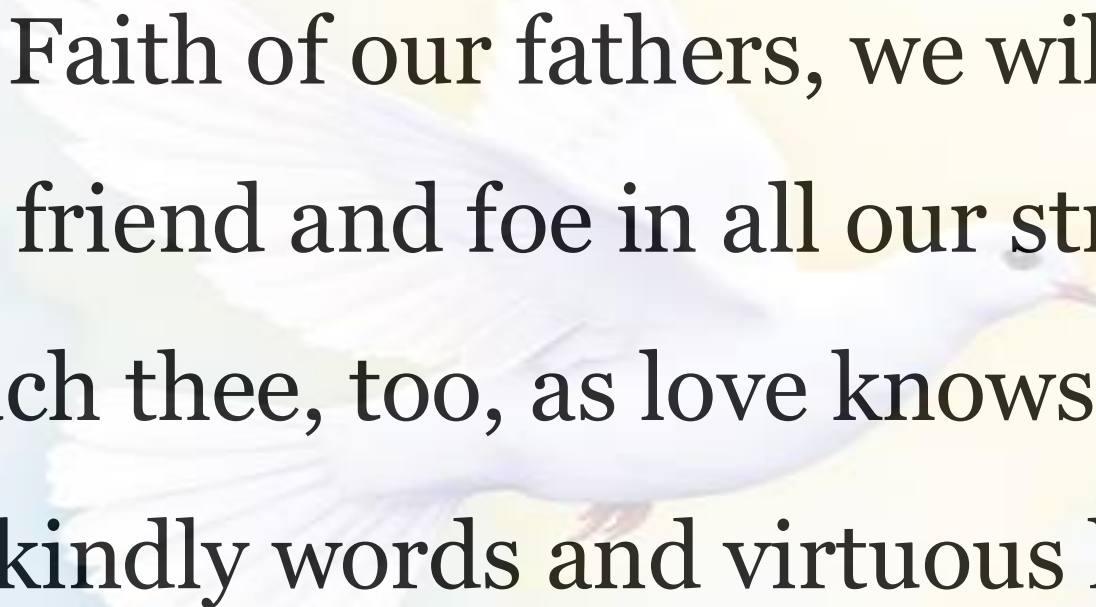
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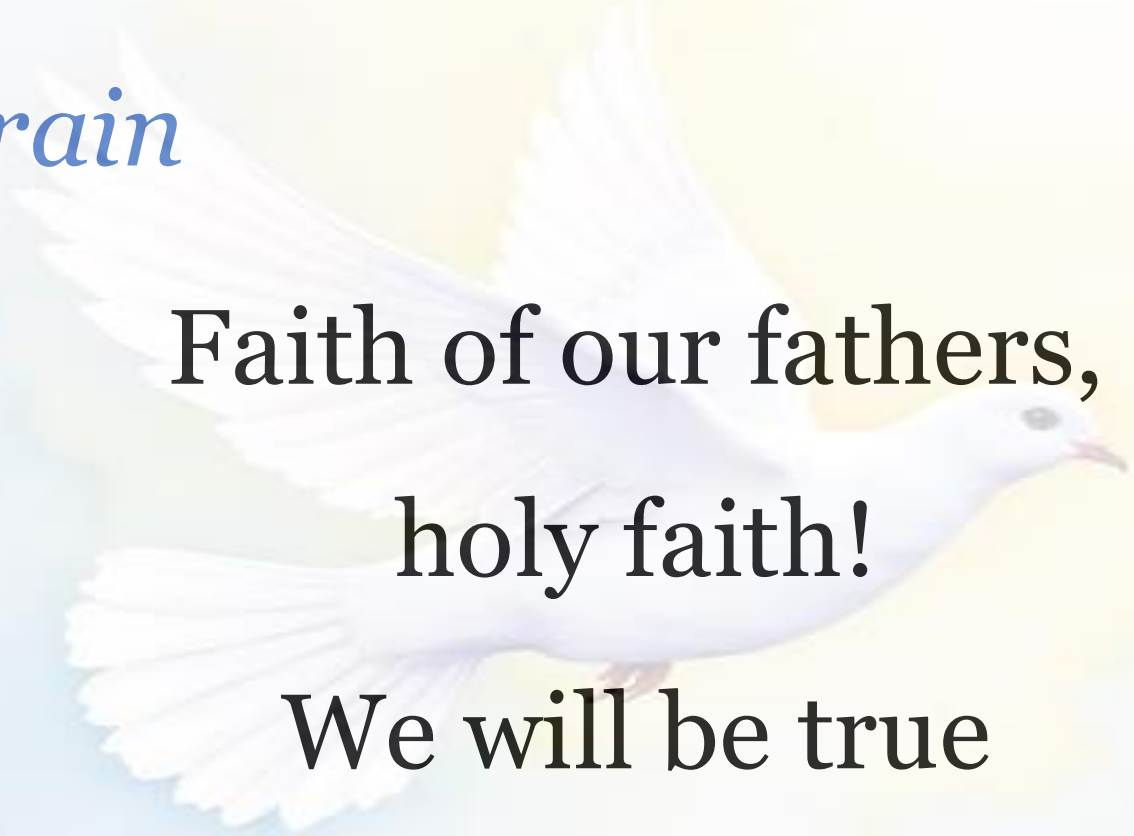
3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife; and
preach thee, too, as love knows how by
kindly words and virtuous life.

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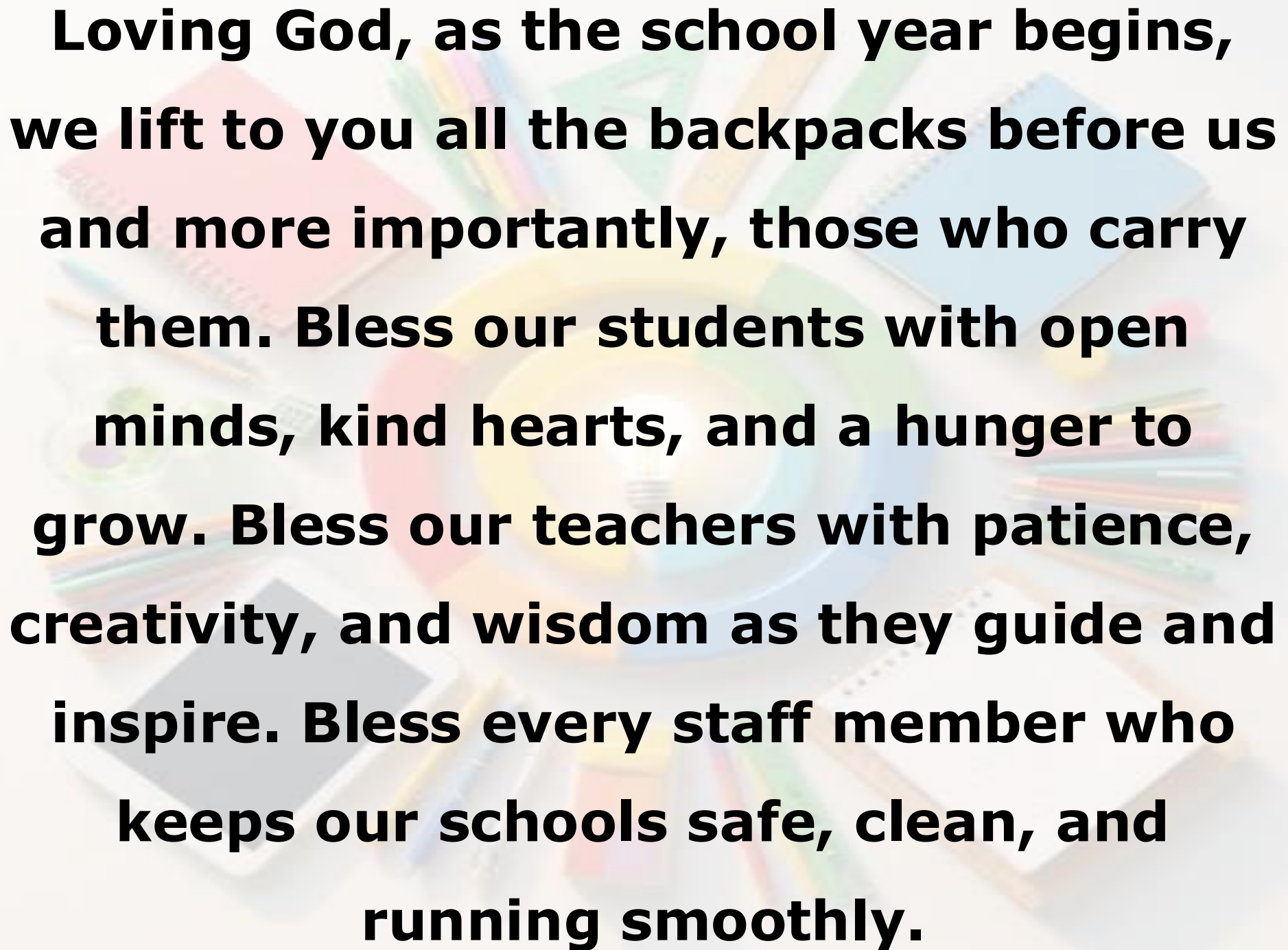
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to thee till death.

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.

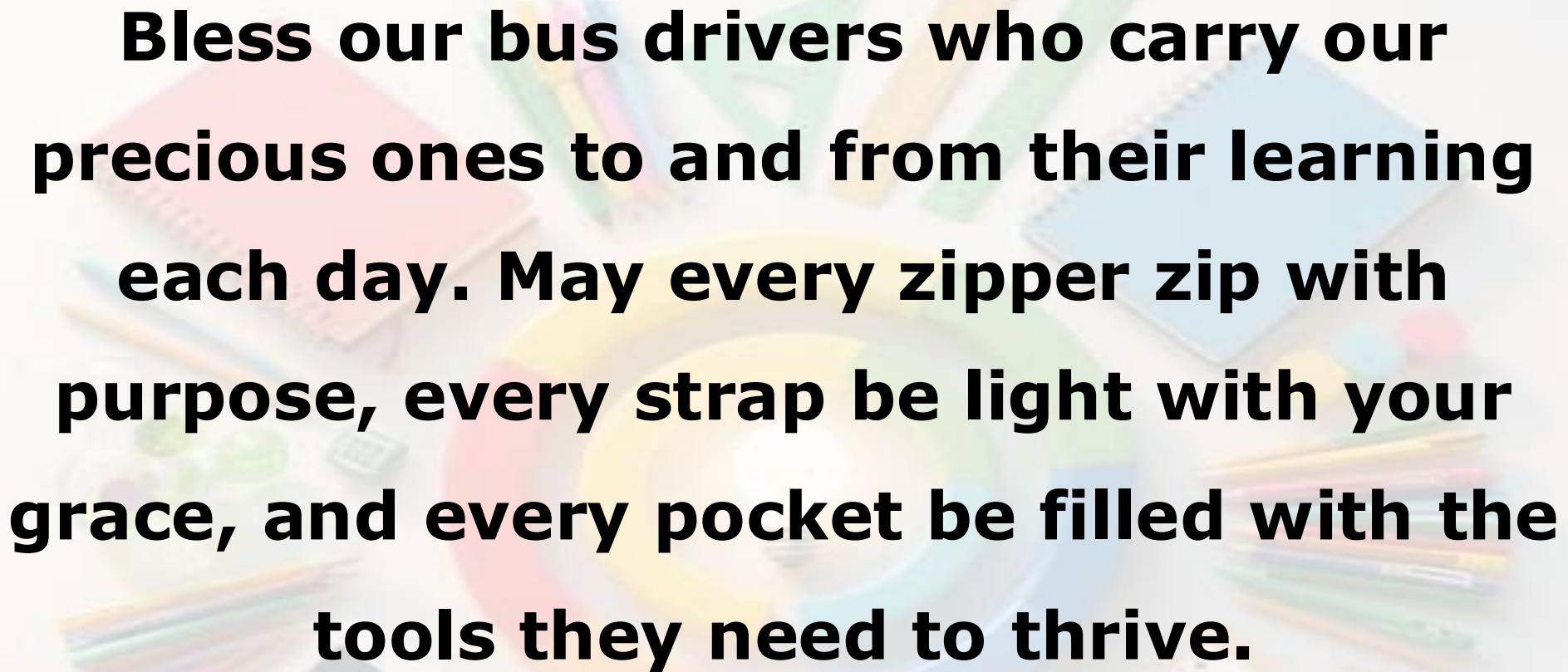
Young Disciples' Message

A top-down view of various school supplies arranged in a circular pattern on a light-colored surface. In the center is a glowing yellow lightbulb. Surrounding it are several items: a large, multi-colored circular protractor or compass, a pink spiral notebook, a blue spiral notebook, a white spiral notebook, a tablet computer, a small container of colored pencils, a ruler, a set square, and several loose pencils and pens in various colors. The overall composition is bright and organized, symbolizing readiness for the school year.

BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR



**Loving God, as the school year begins,
we lift to you all the backpacks before us
and more importantly, those who carry
them. Bless our students with open
minds, kind hearts, and a hunger to
grow. Bless our teachers with patience,
creativity, and wisdom as they guide and
inspire. Bless every staff member who
keeps our schools safe, clean, and
running smoothly.**



Bless our bus drivers who carry our precious ones to and from their learning each day. May every zipper zip with purpose, every strap be light with your grace, and every pocket be filled with the tools they need to thrive.

Surround them all with your protection, fill them with your peace, and remind them daily: they are loved by you. Amen.

Prayer For Illumination

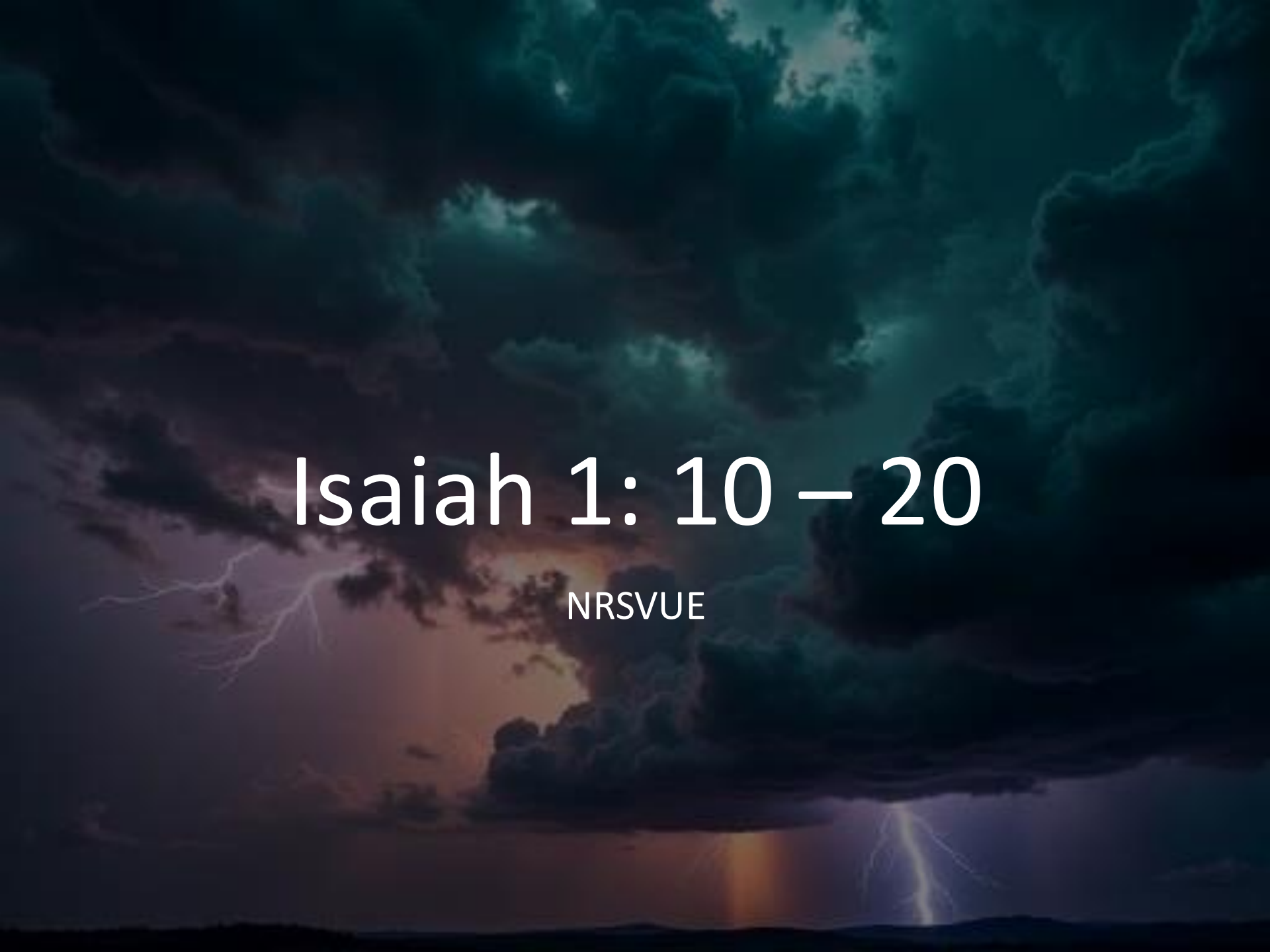
**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**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.**



A dramatic, high-contrast image of a stormy sky. Dark, heavy clouds dominate the upper portion, with bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. A vibrant rainbow is visible in the lower center, its colors glowing against the dark background. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

Isaiah 1: 10 – 20

NRSVUE

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of
Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our
God, you people of Gomorrah!

11 What to me is the multitude of your
sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough
of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed
beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

12 When you come to appear before me, who
asked this from your hand? Trample my
courts no more!

13 Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an
abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath
and calling of convocation— I cannot endure
solemn assemblies with iniquity.

14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.


16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds from before my
eyes; cease to do evil;

17 learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the
oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the
widow.

18 Come now, let us argue it out, says
the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they
become like snow? If they are red like
crimson, will they become like wool?

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall
eat the good of the land,

20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be
devoured by the sword, for the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.



Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16,

NRSVUE

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered^[g] him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

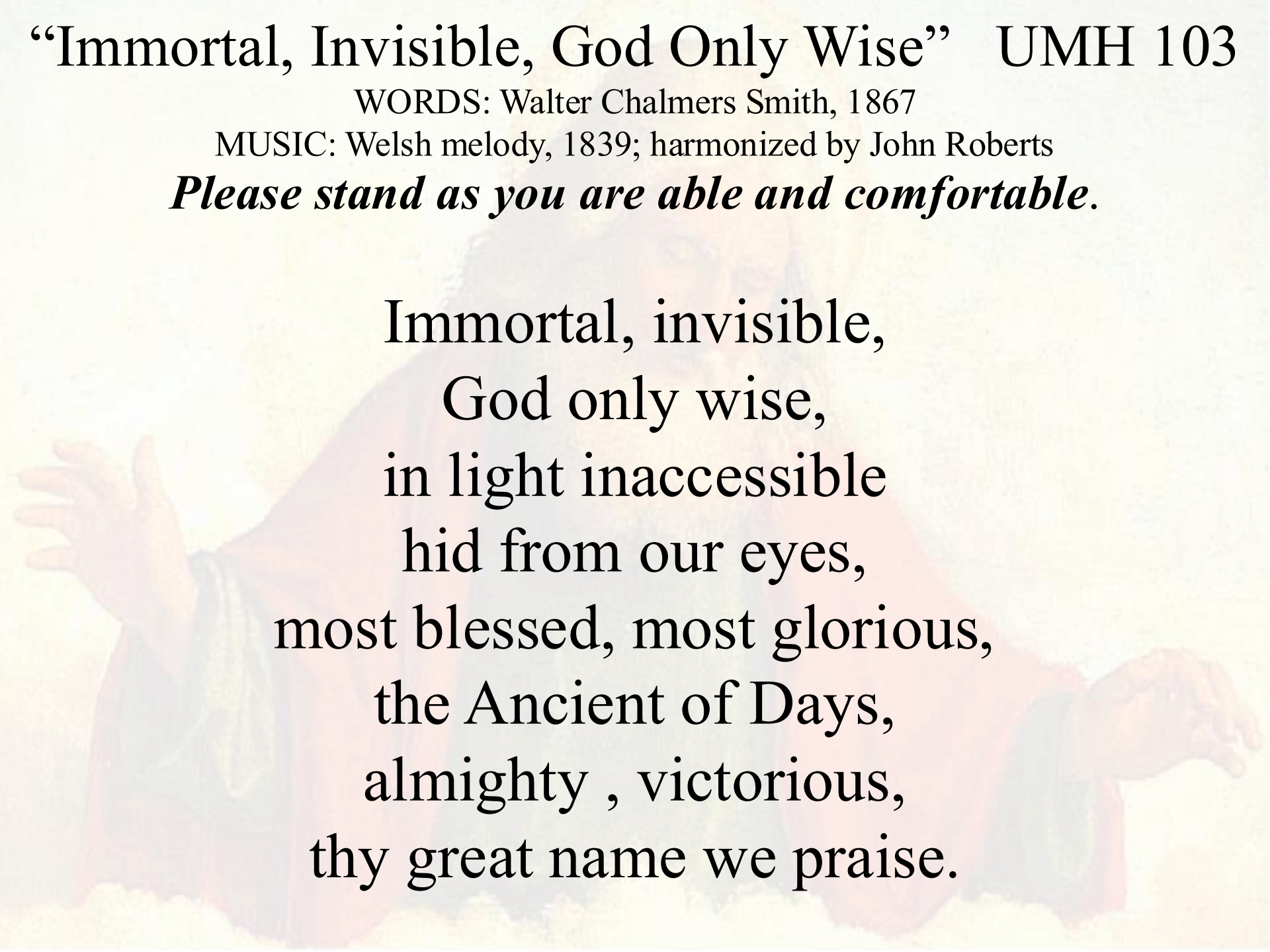
**“Do Not Be Afraid,
Little Flock”**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH 103

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

MUSIC: Welsh melody, 1839; harmonized by John Roberts

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



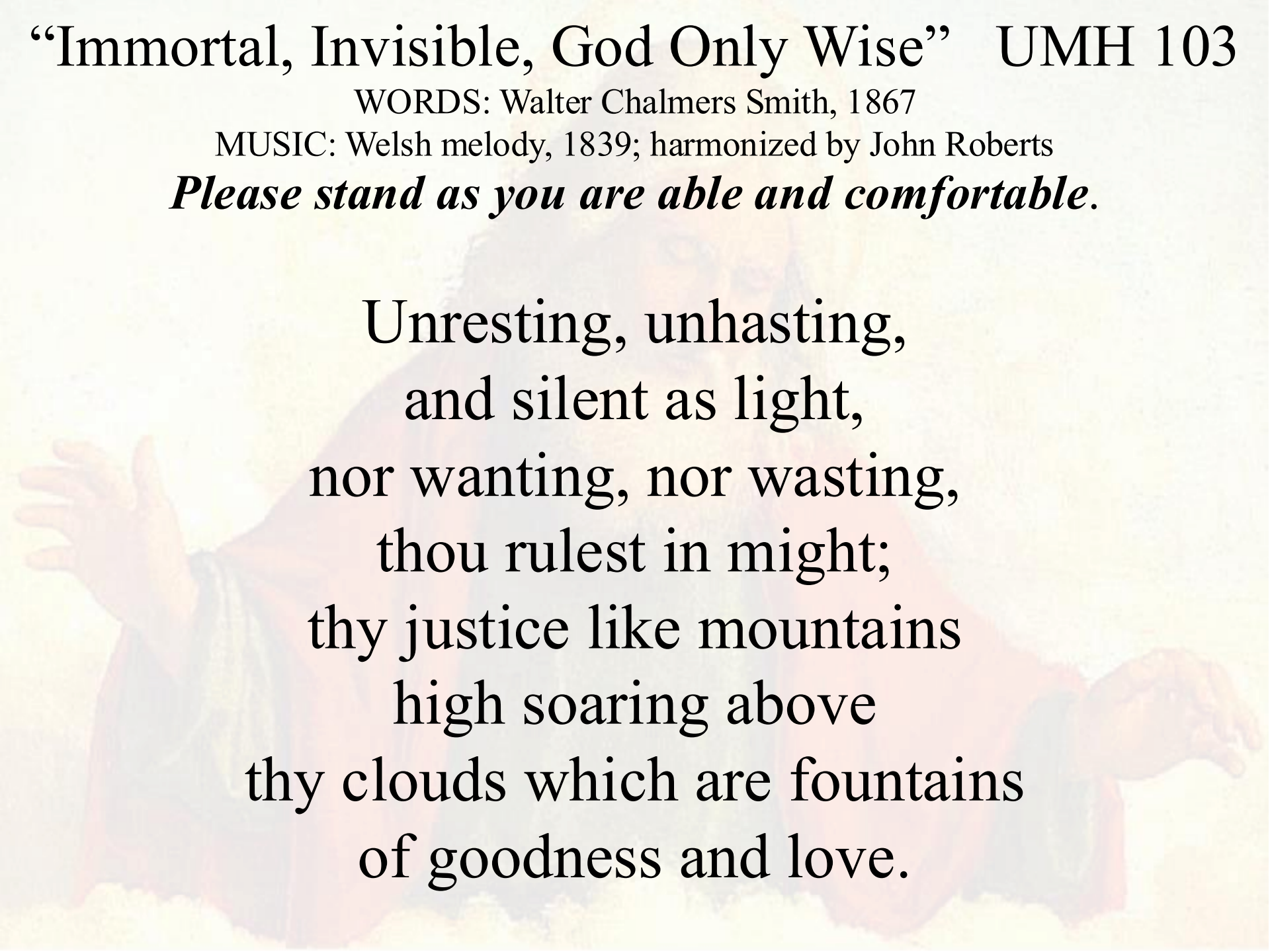
Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty , victorious,
thy great name we praise.

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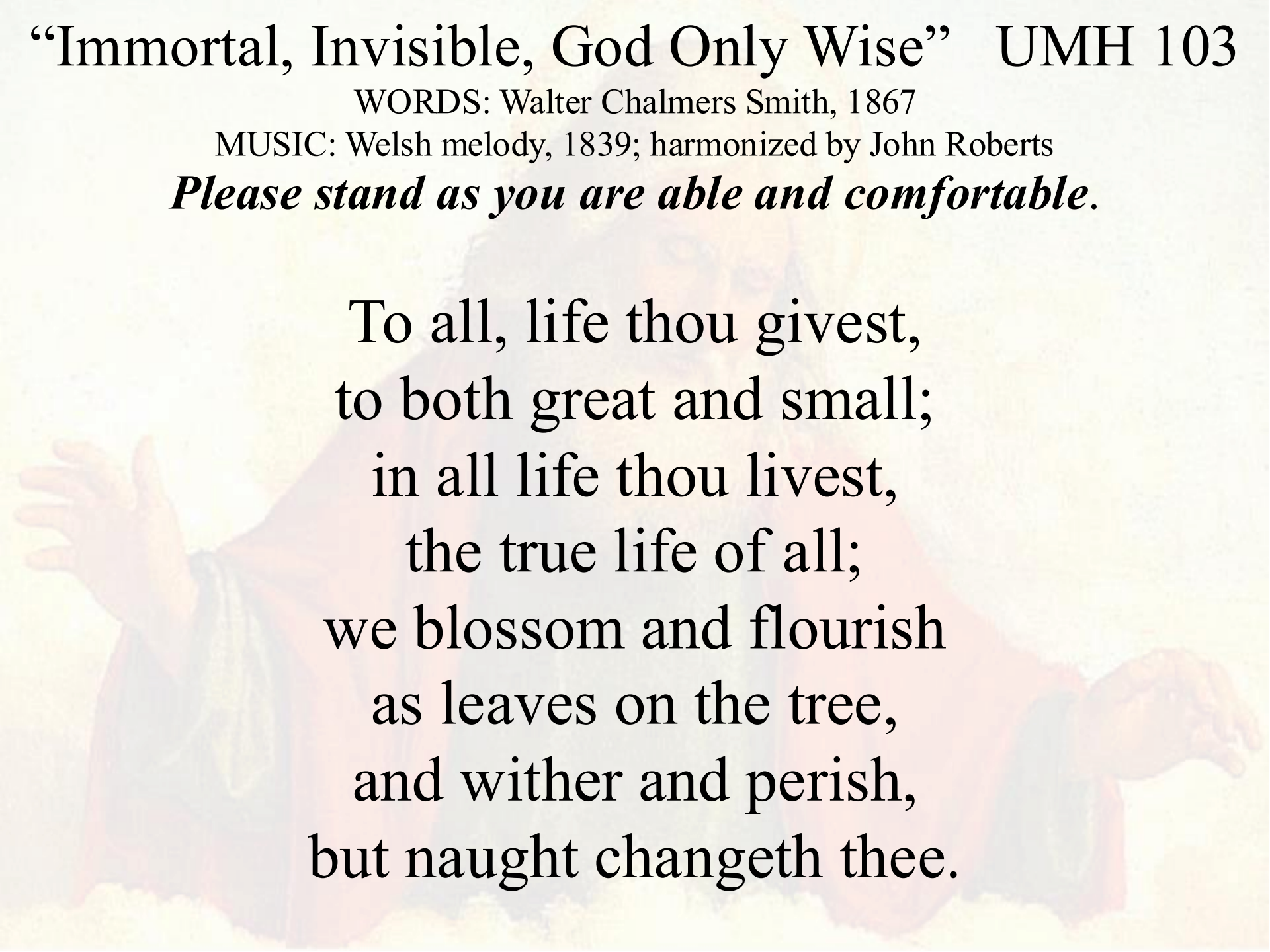
Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

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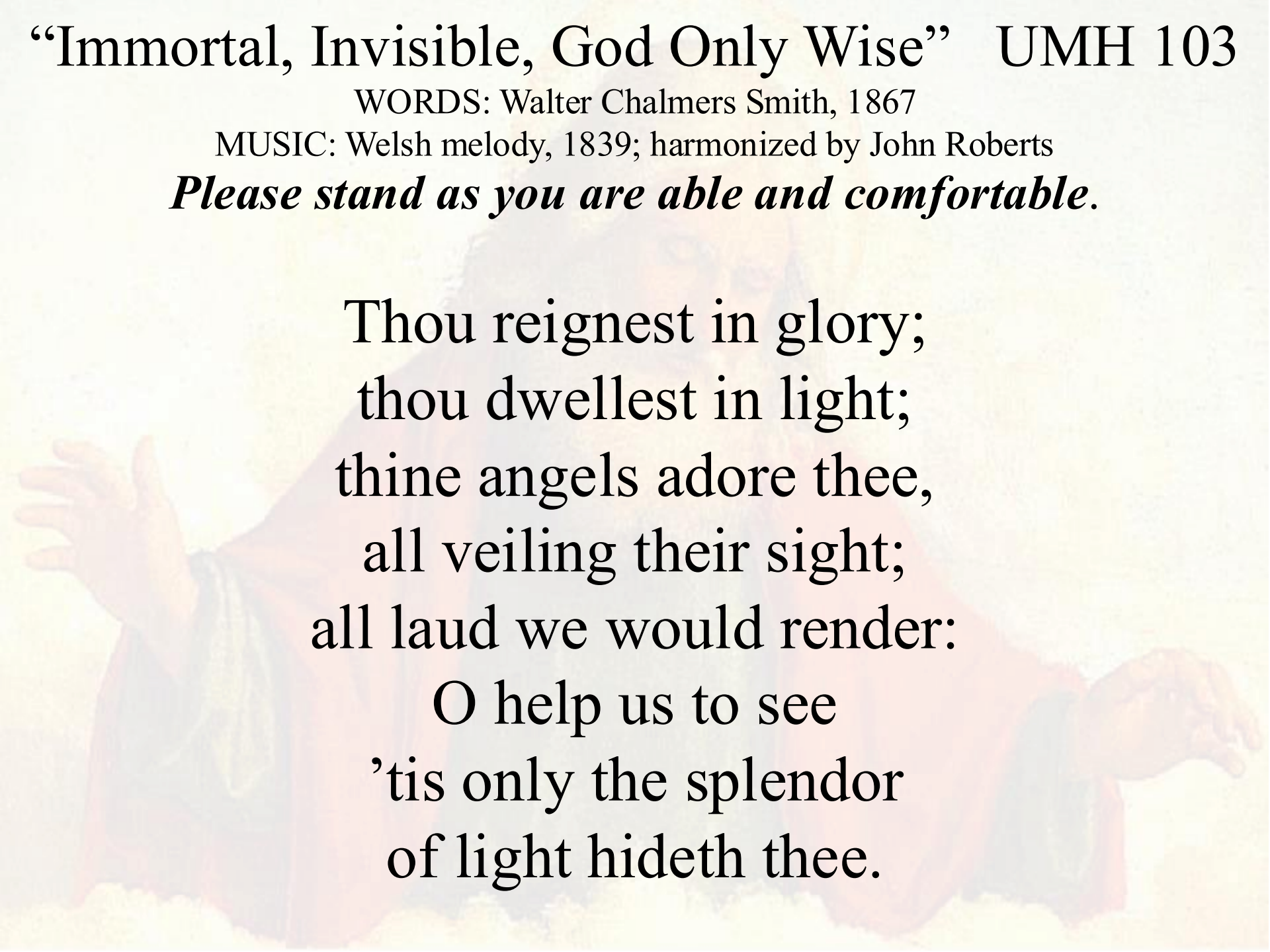
To all, life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changeth thee.

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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.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

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

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

Traditional Version

UMH 881

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

UMH 881

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 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

The background of the slide is a soft, yellowish-gold gradient. In the upper corners, there are illustrations of three orange and black butterflies. The lower portion of the slide is filled with a dense field of various flowers, including blue, yellow, pink, and white blossoms, with green foliage. A large, white, rounded rectangular box is centered on the slide, containing the main title and subtitle.

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

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

Arranged by F. A. Clark, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We are tossed and driven
on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day,
when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

Arranged by F. A. Clark, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we’ll tell the story how we’ve overcome,
for we’ll understand it better by and by.

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

Arranged by F. A. Clark, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We are often destitute
of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter,
thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord,
and according to God’s word,
we will understand it better by and by.

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Trials dark on every hand,
and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us
to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye,
and we’ll follow till we die,
for we’ll understand it better by and by.

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH 525

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

 Temptations, hidden snares
 often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed
for a thoughtless word or deed;
 and we wonder why the test
 when we try to do our best,
but we’ll understand it better by and by.

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A soft-focus photograph of a field of daisies in shades of pink and white. The sun is shining brightly 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.**