



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
October 11, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



**“HOLD TO GOD’S
UNCHANGING HAND”**

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

**1. Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.**



Refrain:

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

**Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand!**



2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring; If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to Him cling. **Refrain**



**3. Covet not this world's vain
riches that so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heav'nly
treasures, they will never pass
away! Refrain**



**4. When your journey is
completed, if to God you have
been true, fair and bright the
home in glory, your
enraptured soul will view!**

Refrain

An open book with glowing pages, set against a dark red background. The book is open, and the pages are illuminated with a warm, golden light, creating a soft glow. The background is a deep red with a subtle, textured pattern.

GATHERING SONG



“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

UMH 393

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD 393

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926

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

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Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

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“DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow; Praise Him, all creatures here
below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.**



CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Family of God, who are you?

People: We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Family of God, why do you gather?

People: To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.

Leader: Family of God, how do you worship God?



People: By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

Leader: Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections,



**that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who
transform the world. Amen.**



OPENING SONG
“HOW GREAT THOU ART”
UMH 77

HOW GREAT THOU ART

WORDS: Stuart K. Hines, 1935

77

**1. O Lord my God! when I in
awesome wonder consider all
the worlds thy hands have
made, I see the stars, I hear
the rolling thunder, thy power
throughout the universe
displayed.**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to thee; how great thou
art, how great thou art! Then
sings my soul, my Savior God
to thee; how great thou art,
how great thou art!**

**2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander, and
hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees; when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur and hear the
brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
(Refrain)**

**3. And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing, sent him to
die, I scarce can take it in; that
on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing, he bled and died to
take away my sin; (*Refrain*)**

**4. When Christ shall come with
shout of acclamation and take
me home, what joy shall fill my
heart. Then I shall bow in
humble adoration, and there
proclaim, my God, how great
thou art! (*Refrain*)**



OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may encounter Your presence, recognize Your voice, know Your will,

**and follow in Your way. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir

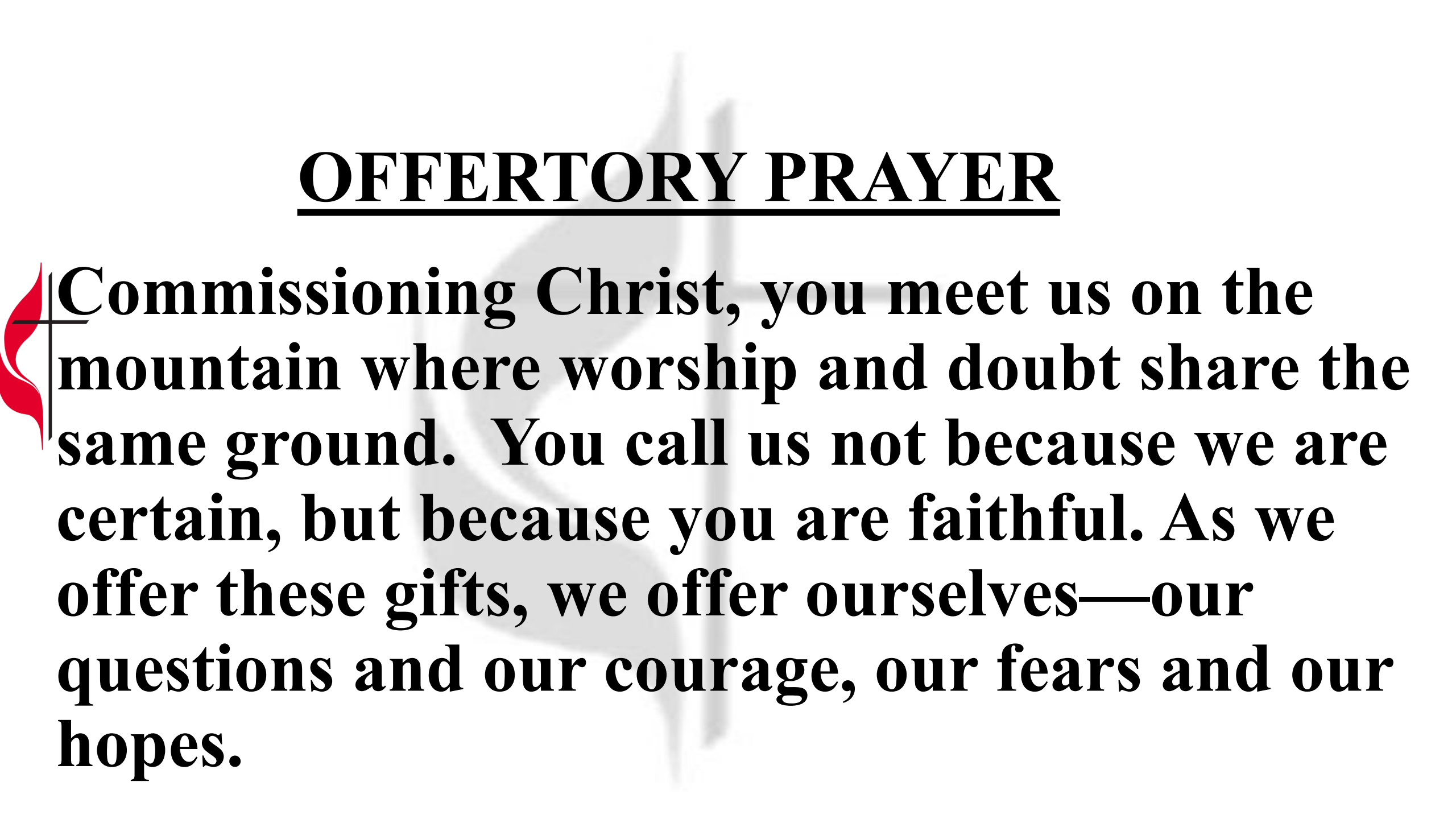


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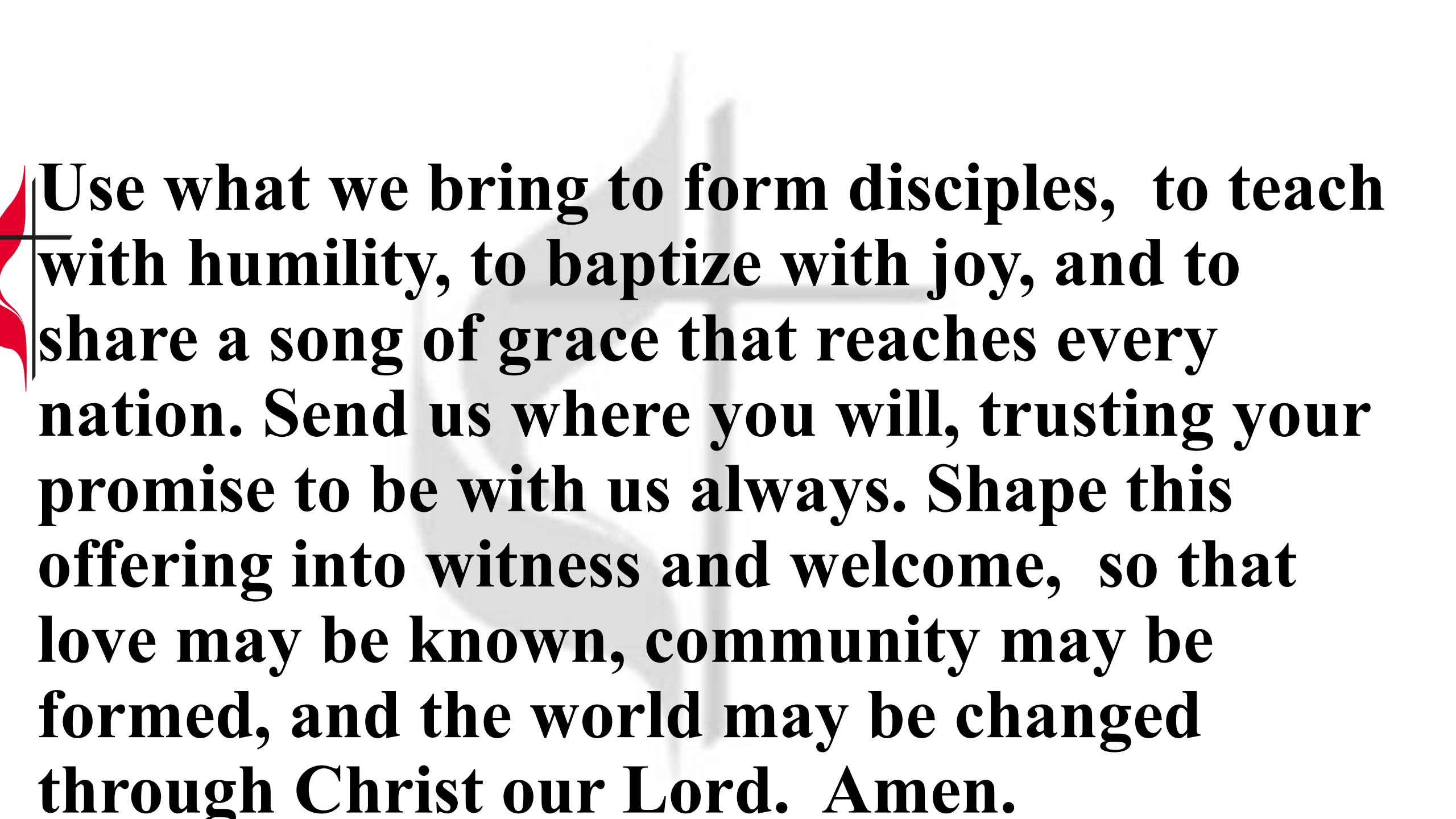
Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

OFFERTORY PRAYER



Commissioning Christ, you meet us on the mountain where worship and doubt share the same ground. You call us not because we are certain, but because you are faithful. As we offer these gifts, we offer ourselves—our questions and our courage, our fears and our hopes.



Use what we bring to form disciples, to teach with humility, to baptize with joy, and to share a song of grace that reaches every nation. Send us where you will, trusting your promise to be with us always. Shape this offering into witness and welcome, so that love may be known, community may be formed, and the world may be changed through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



**All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord,
And Of Thine Own Have We Given
Thee. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to Your Word. Teach us to worship You with all that we are. Transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may discern Your will and use the gifts You have given us faithfully. As disciples of Jesus Christ, give us courage to teach, serve, and make disciples of all nations. By Your Spirit, shape us into living witnesses whose love, obedience, and service help transform the world for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE

PSALM 96; MATTHEW 28:16-20

Psalm 96: 1 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 3 Declare His glory among the [a]nations, His wonders among all peoples. 4 For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Psalm 96: 7 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Give to the Lord glory and strength. 8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts.

9 Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. 10 Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.”

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

**Psalm 96: 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in
it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice 13
before the Lord. For He is coming, for He is coming to
judge the earth. He shall judge the world with
righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.**

Matthew 28: 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Follow Jesus

Make Disciples

Transform the World

Disciples Transform the World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. 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.



**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful
obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
that we may live as disciples who transform
the world. Amen.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Receive 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!

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Glory to God. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

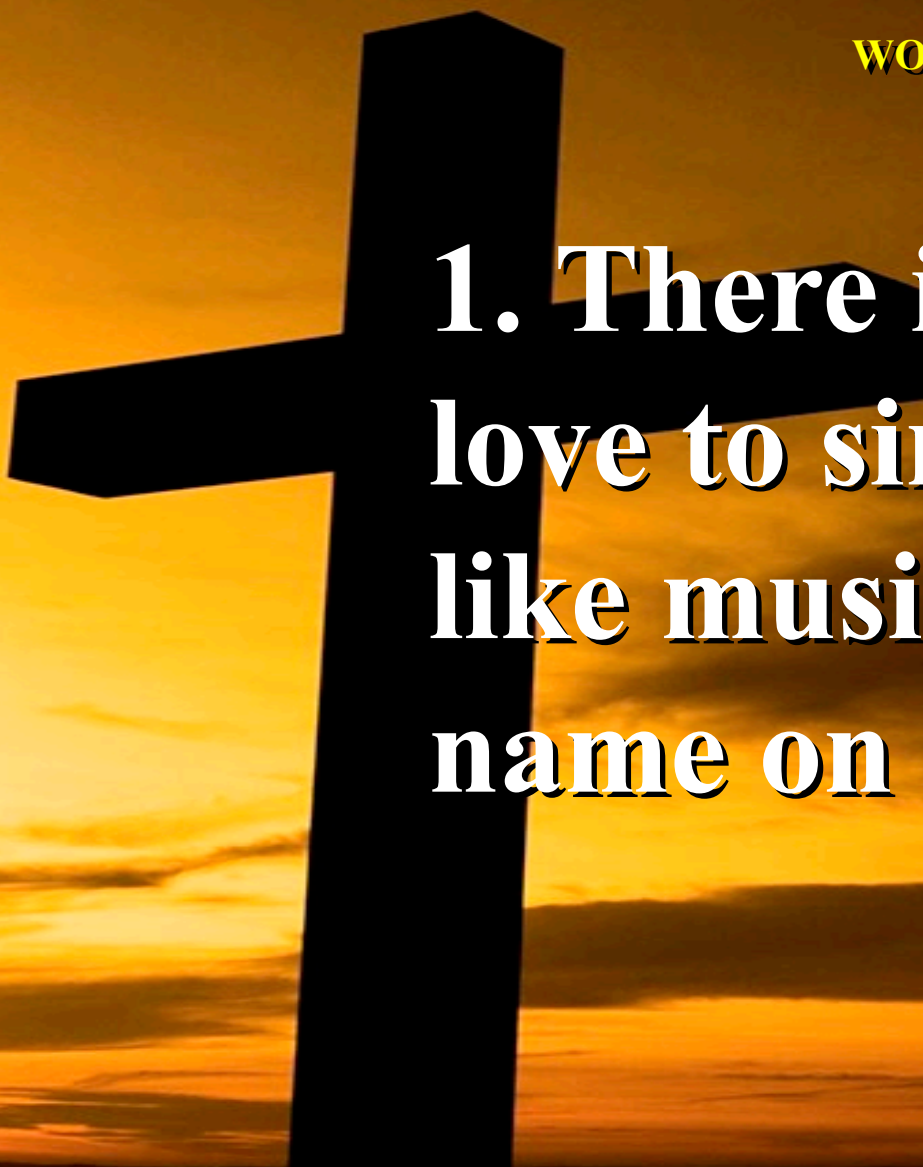


CLOSING SONG
“O HOW I LOVE JESUS”
UMH 170

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855

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A large, solid black cross is positioned on the left side of the image, extending from the bottom to the top. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise scene with a sky filled with horizontal bands of orange, yellow, and dark brown clouds. The horizon line is visible at the bottom, showing dark silhouettes of land or hills.

1. There is a name I love to hear, I
love to sing its worth; it sounds
like music in my ear, the sweetest
name on earth.

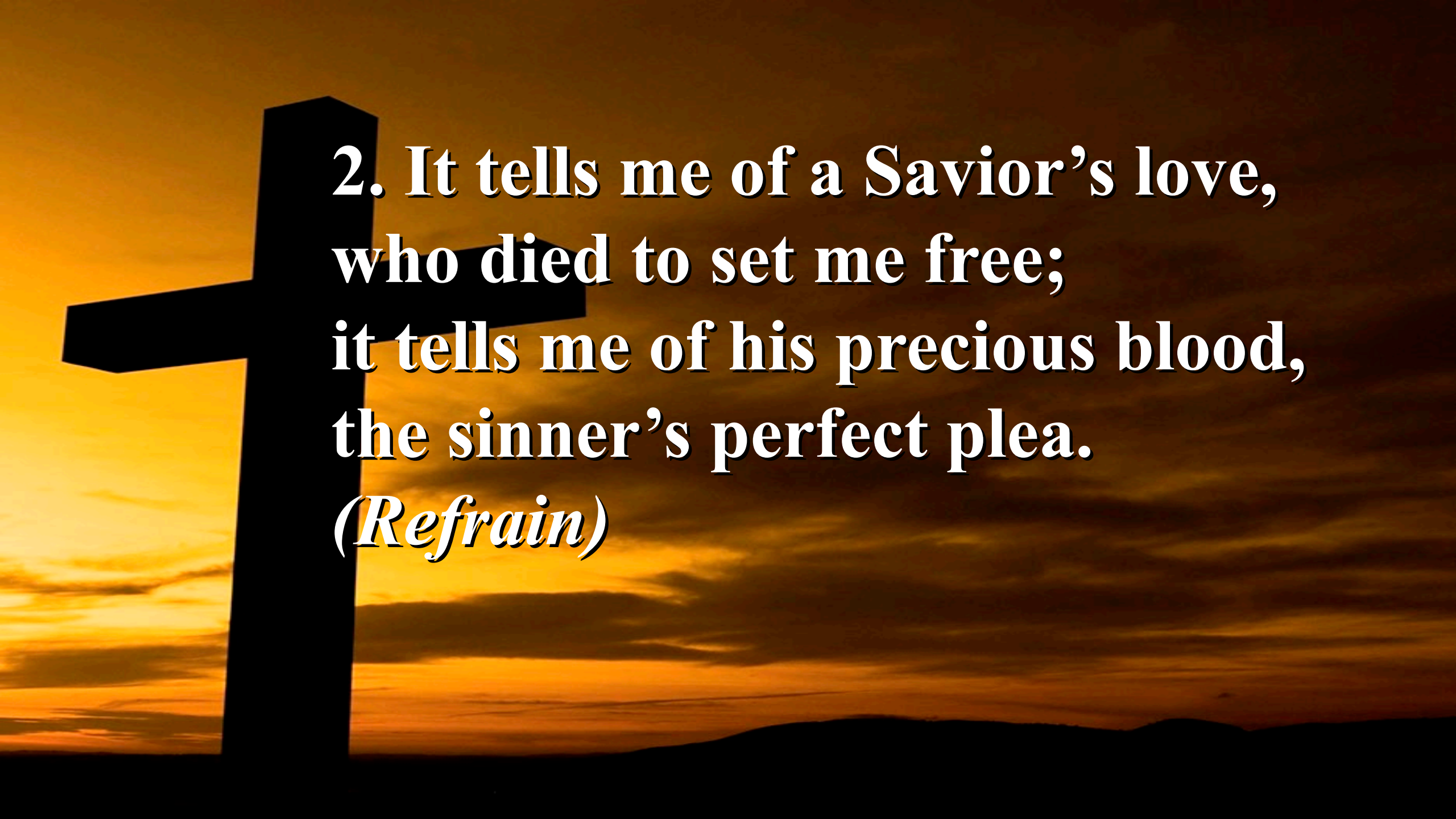
Refrain

O how I love Jesus,

O how I love Jesus,

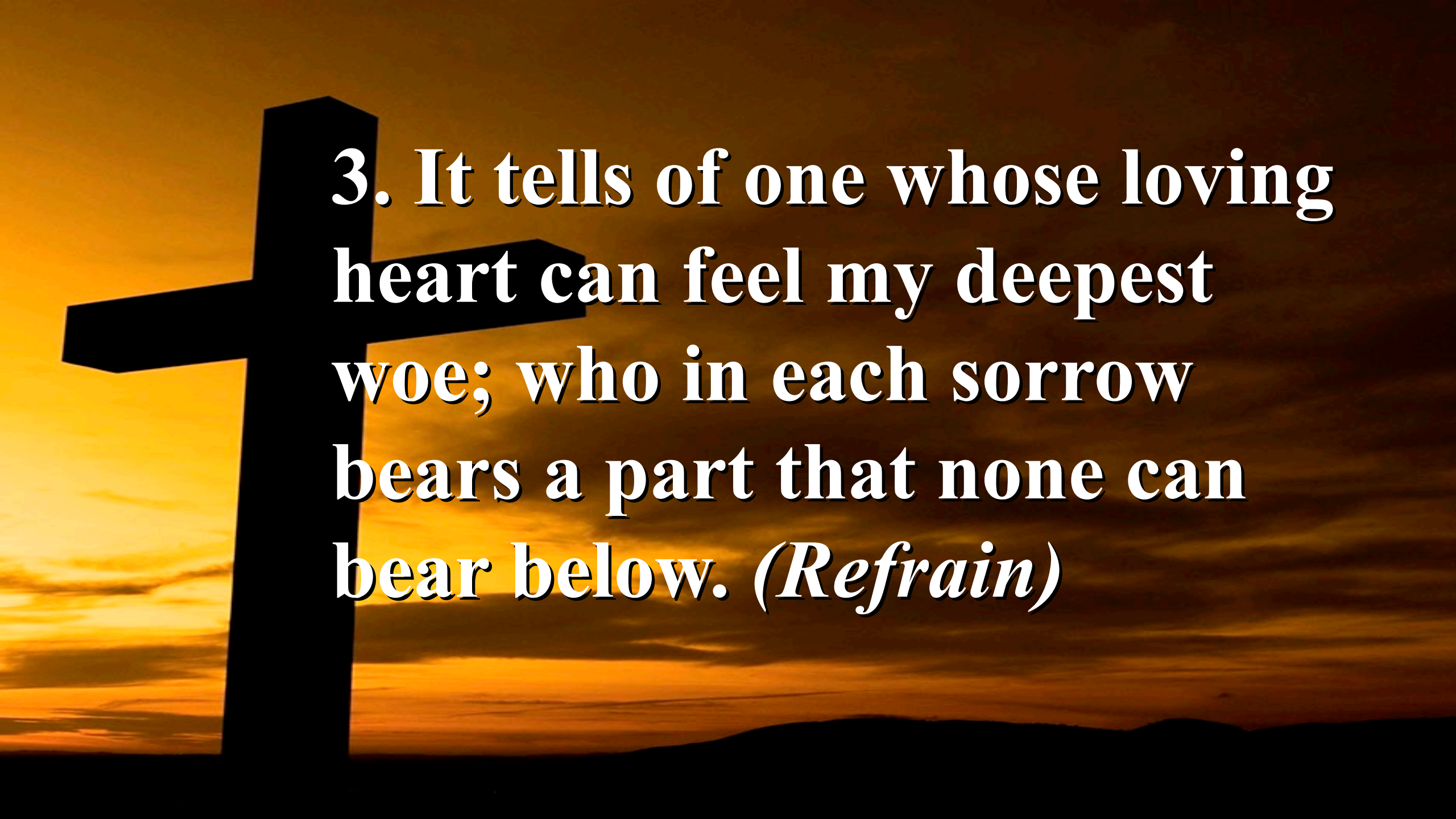
O how I love Jesus,

because he first loved me!



2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.

(Refrain)



3. It tells of one whose loving
heart can feel my deepest
woe; who in each sorrow
bears a part that none can
bear below. *(Refrain)*



BENEDICTION

A red decorative graphic consisting of a vertical line and a curved shape, resembling a stylized 'C' or a part of a cross, located in the top-left corner of the image.

**Go now in the blessing of God, who equips
and empowers you to love boldly, serve
joyfully, and lead courageously as disciples
of Jesus Christ, remembering that in all
things, we are not alone— God is with us!
Amen.**



Threefold Amen

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Treble Staff:

- Measure 1: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- men,
- Measure 2: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- men
- Measure 3: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- .
- Measure 4: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: . . .
- Measure 5: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: men.

Bass Staff:

- Measure 1: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 2: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 3: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 4: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 5: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

