



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
October 18, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



“IT’S ME, IT’S O LORD”

UMH 352

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, O LORD

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Refrain

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
(Hallelujah,) It's me (it's me),
(Lord, it's me!) it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.**

**1. Not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord, standing in
the need of prayer. Not my
brother, not my sister, but it's me,
O Lord, standing in the need of
prayer. (*Refrain*)**

**2. Not the preacher, not the
deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. Not
the preacher, not the deacon, but
it's me, O Lord, standing in the
need of prayer. (*Refrain*)**

**3. Not my father, not my mother,
but it's me, O Lord, standing in
the need of prayer. Not my father,
not my mother, but it's me, O
Lord, standing in the need of
prayer. (*Refrain*)**

GATHERING SONG



“Awesome God”
TFWS 2164

AWESOME GOD

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Rich Mullins (Deut. 10:17; Ps. 33:8; Matt. 13:54; Mark 6:2; Rev. 5:12; 19:6-7)

Our God
is an awesome God;
he reigns
from heaven above

A photograph of a church interior with wooden pews, a wooden altar, and two large stained glass windows. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**With wisdom,
pow'r and love.
Our God is an
awesome God!**



“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:** Come, people of God, let us draw near
with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith.

**People: We come because Christ has opened
the way.**

Leader: Come with your joys and your sorrows,
your confidence and your questions.

**People: We come trusting not in ourselves,
but in the faithfulness of God.**



Leader: Come, for we have been redeemed by grace, cleansed by mercy, and welcomed into the presence of God.

People: We belong to Christ, and Christ is with us.

Leader: Let us worship the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

All: Blessed assurance—Jesus is ours, and we are His. Let us worship God!



OPENING SONG
“BLESSED ASSURANCE”
UMH 369

BLESSED ASSURANCE

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WORD: FANNY J. COSBY, 1873

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**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his
blood.**



Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day
long; this is my story, this is my
song, praising my Savior all the
day long.**



2. Perfect submission, perfect
delight, visions of rapture
now burst on my sight; angels
descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of
love. *Refrain*



3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*





OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we enter Your presence with gratitude and praise. You have called us out of darkness, welcomed us through the grace of Jesus Christ, and given us the assurance that we belong to You. Quiet every distraction and settle every anxious heart. Let those who are weary find strength, those who are troubled find peace, and those who are uncertain find confidence in Your presence.

Fill this place with Your Spirit. Receive our worship, renew our faith, and remind us again that our hope rests not in ourselves, but in Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. In His holy name we pray, Amen.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir

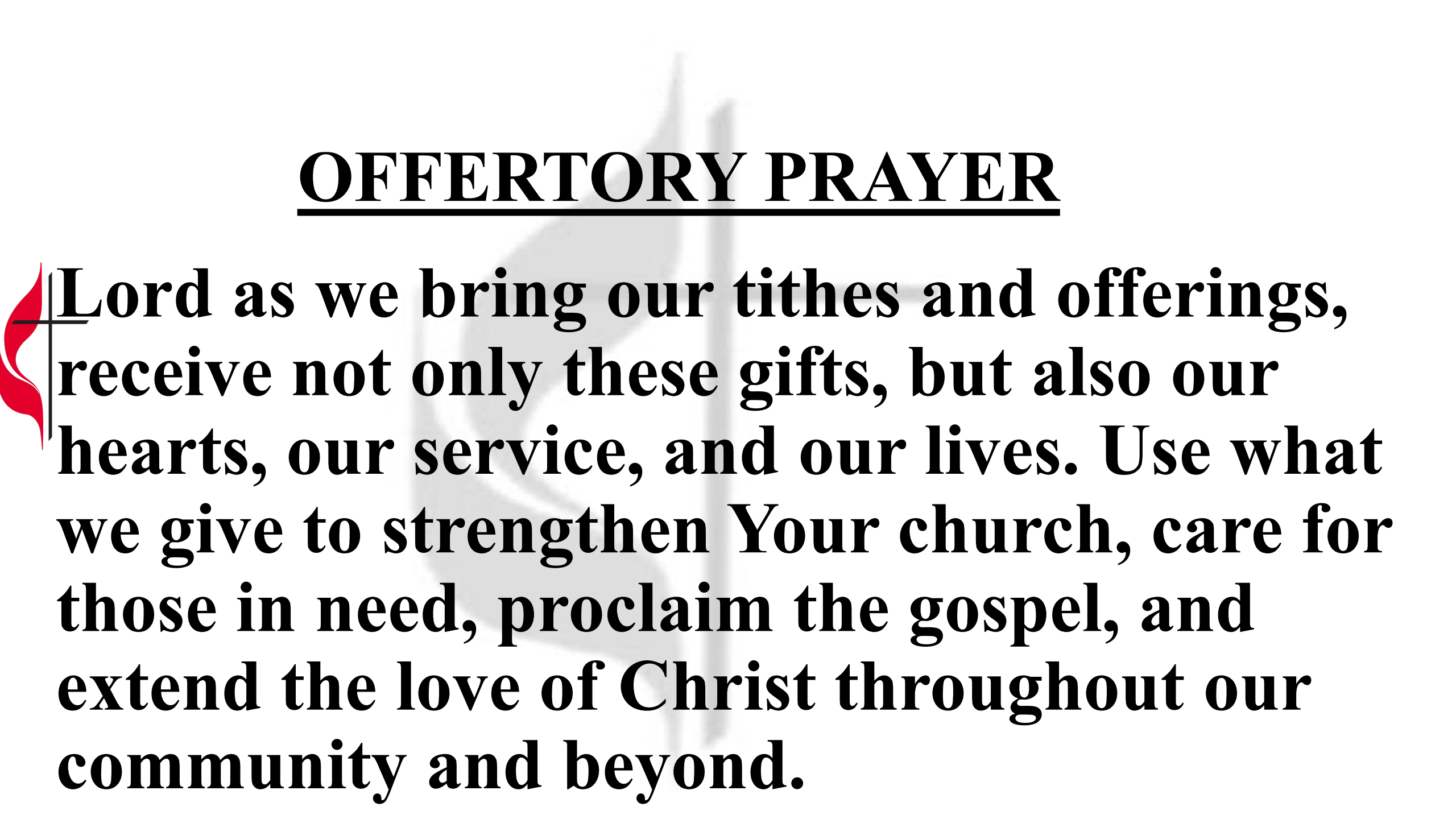


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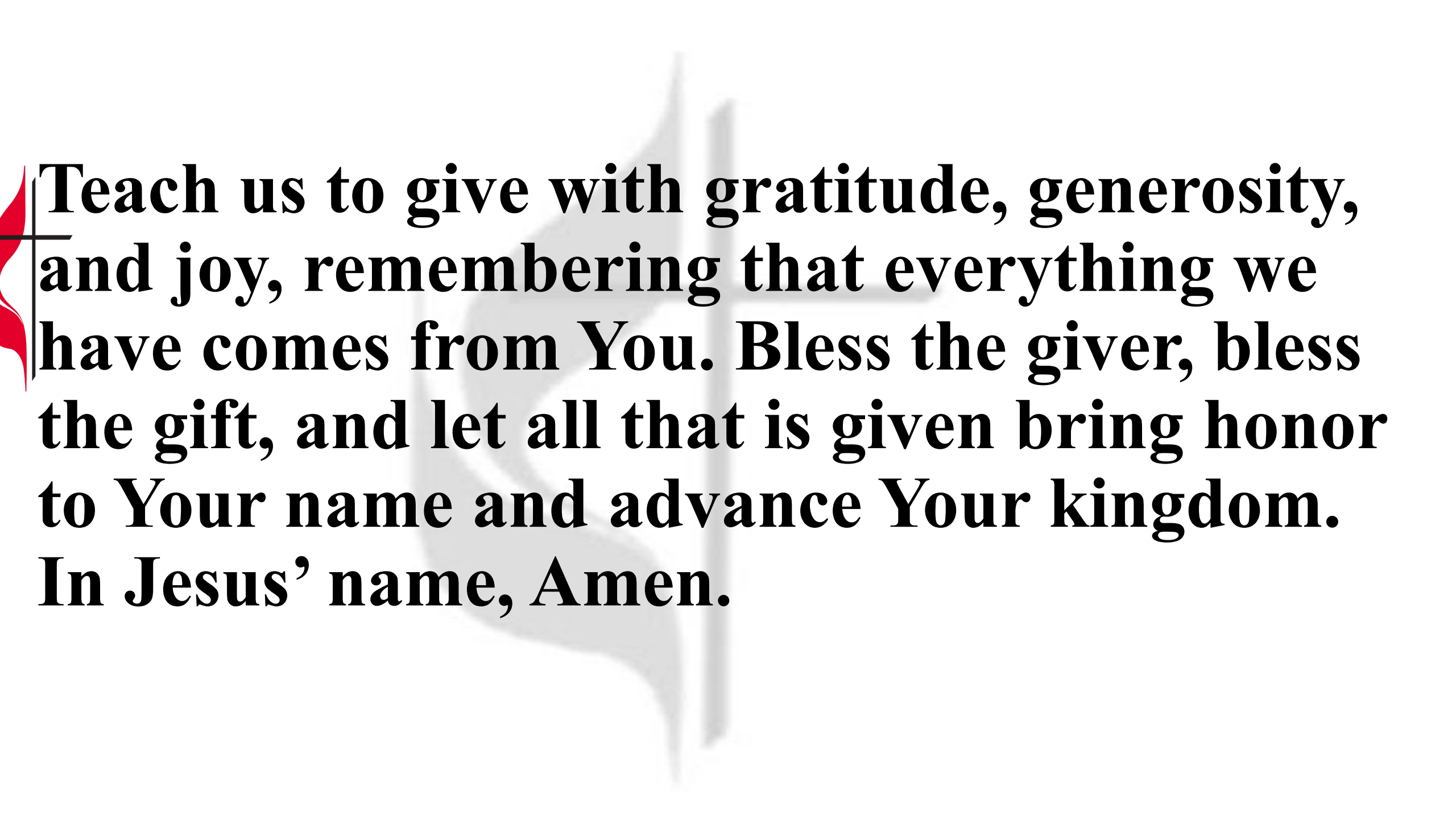
Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

OFFERTORY PRAYER



Lord as we bring our tithes and offerings, receive not only these gifts, but also our hearts, our service, and our lives. Use what we give to strengthen Your church, care for those in need, proclaim the gospel, and extend the love of Christ throughout our community and beyond.



**Teach us to give with gratitude, generosity,
and joy, remembering that everything we
have comes from You. Bless the giver, bless
the gift, and let all that is given bring honor
to Your name and advance Your kingdom.
In Jesus' name, 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 and everlasting God, as Your Word is opened, open our hearts. Remove whatever would keep us from hearing You clearly. Give us wisdom to understand, faith to receive, and courage to obey. Through Your Holy Spirit, teach us what it means to draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith. Let Your Word remind us that Christ has opened the way, grace has made us welcome, and nothing can separate us from Your love.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May Your Word become light for our path, strength for our journey, and assurance for our souls. In Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE HEBREWS 10:22

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.



Blessed Assurance

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that although You have invited us to draw near, we have sometimes lived at a distance. We have allowed fear to become stronger than faith, circumstances to speak louder than Your promises, and guilt to overshadow Your grace. Forgive us for trusting ourselves more than we trust You.

Forgive us for the sins we have excused, the love we have withheld, the mercy we have failed to show, and the obedience we have delayed. Create in us true hearts. Cleanse our consciences. Renew our minds. Help us lay aside everything that keeps us from fully surrendering to You. We confess our sins trusting not in our goodness, but in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Through Jesus Christ, the way to God has been opened. Our sins are forgiven, our consciences are cleansed, and we are invited to draw near with full assurance of faith. We are not defined by our failures, our fears, or our past. We are held by grace, redeemed by Christ, and loved with an everlasting love. So, rise in hope and walk in freedom.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are made new. In Jesus Christ, we belong to God.

This is our blessed assurance:

Jesus is ours, and we are His.

Thanks be 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.



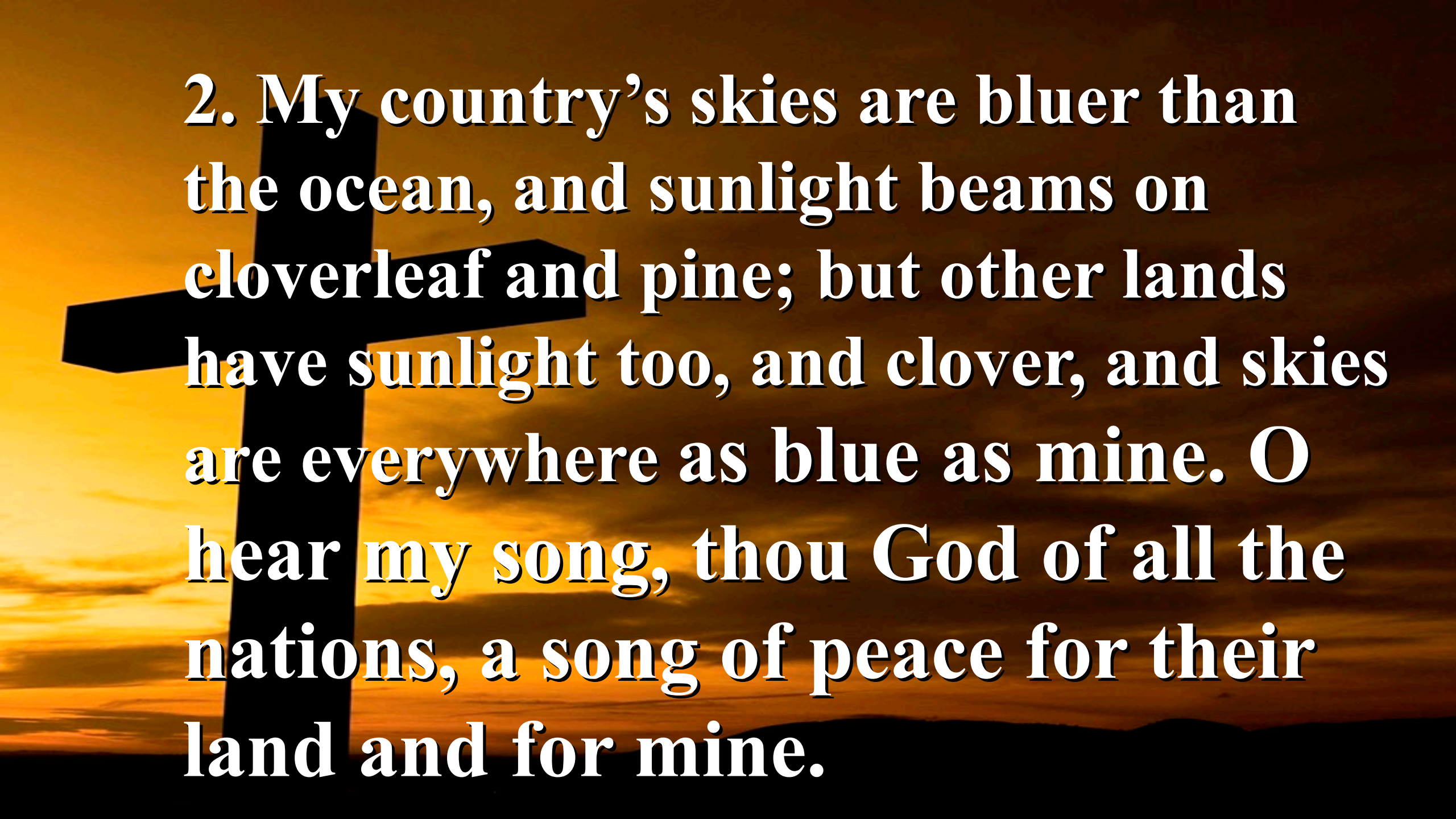
CLOSING SONG
“THIS IS MY SONG”
UMH 437

THIS IS MY SONG

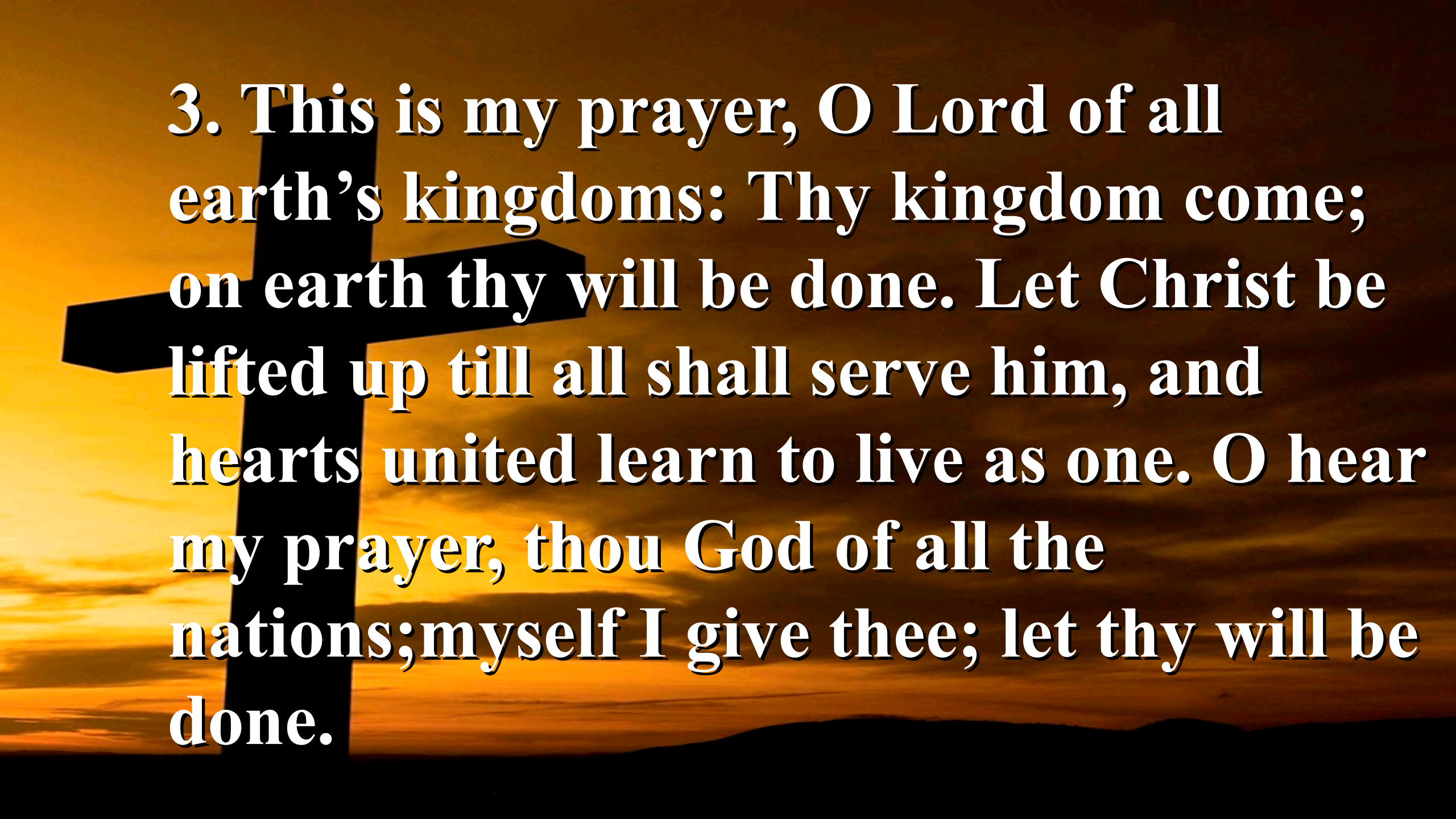
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WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, Lloyd Stone, st. 3, Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.



2. My country's skies are bluer than
the ocean, and sunlight beams on
cloverleaf and pine; but other lands
have sunlight too, and clover, and skies
are everywhere as blue as mine. O
hear my song, thou God of all the
nations, a song of peace for their
land and for mine.



3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.



BENEDICTION



May the grace of Jesus hold you, the love of God surround you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you. Walk with confidence, knowing that you belong to Christ and Christ is with you. In the valley, trust Him. In the waiting, lean on Him. In the uncertainty, draw near to Him. And may you leave this place with this testimony in your heart: Jesus is mine, and I am His.



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

