



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
October 25, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

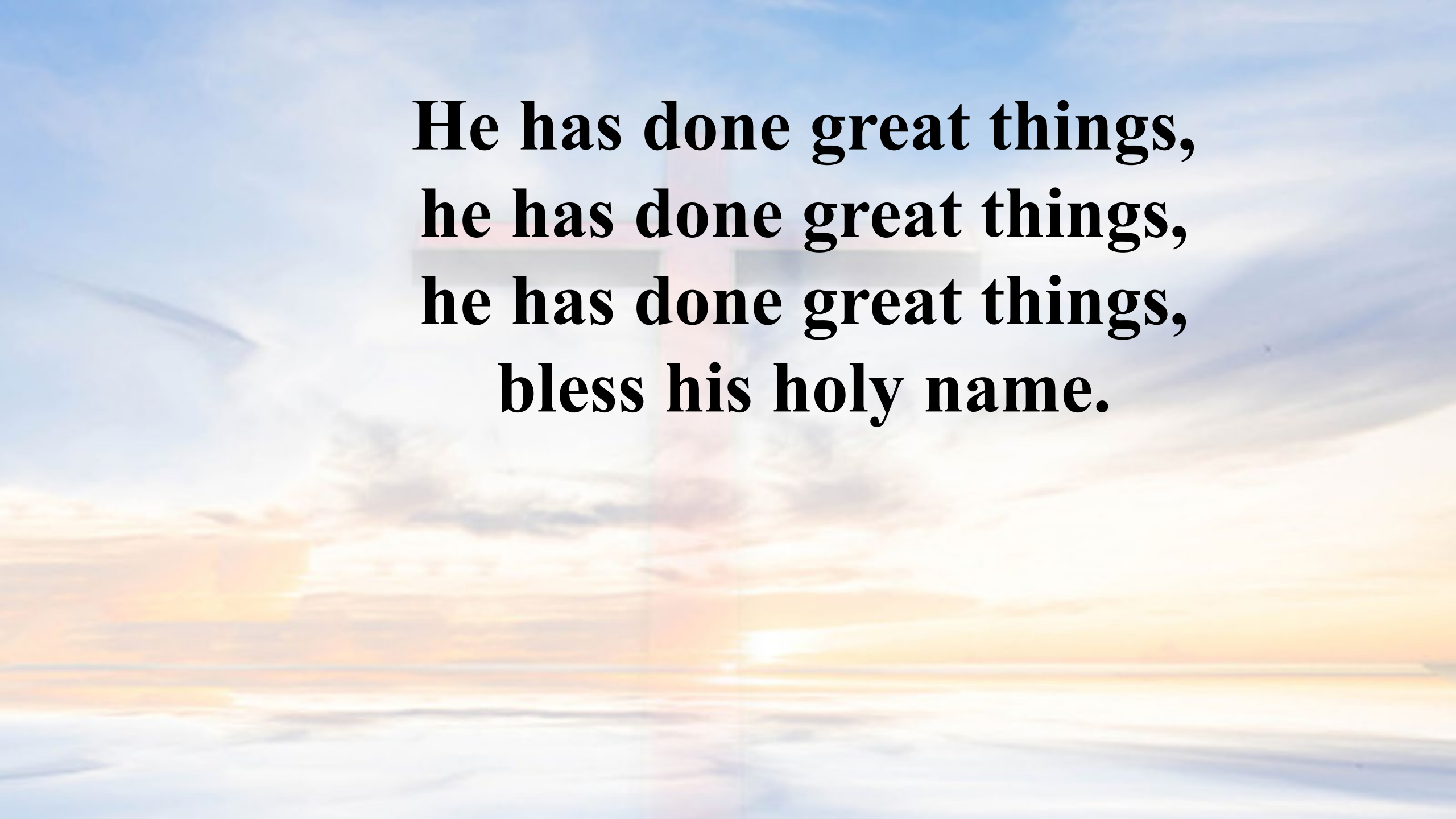


“BLESS HIS HOLY NAME”
TFWS 2015

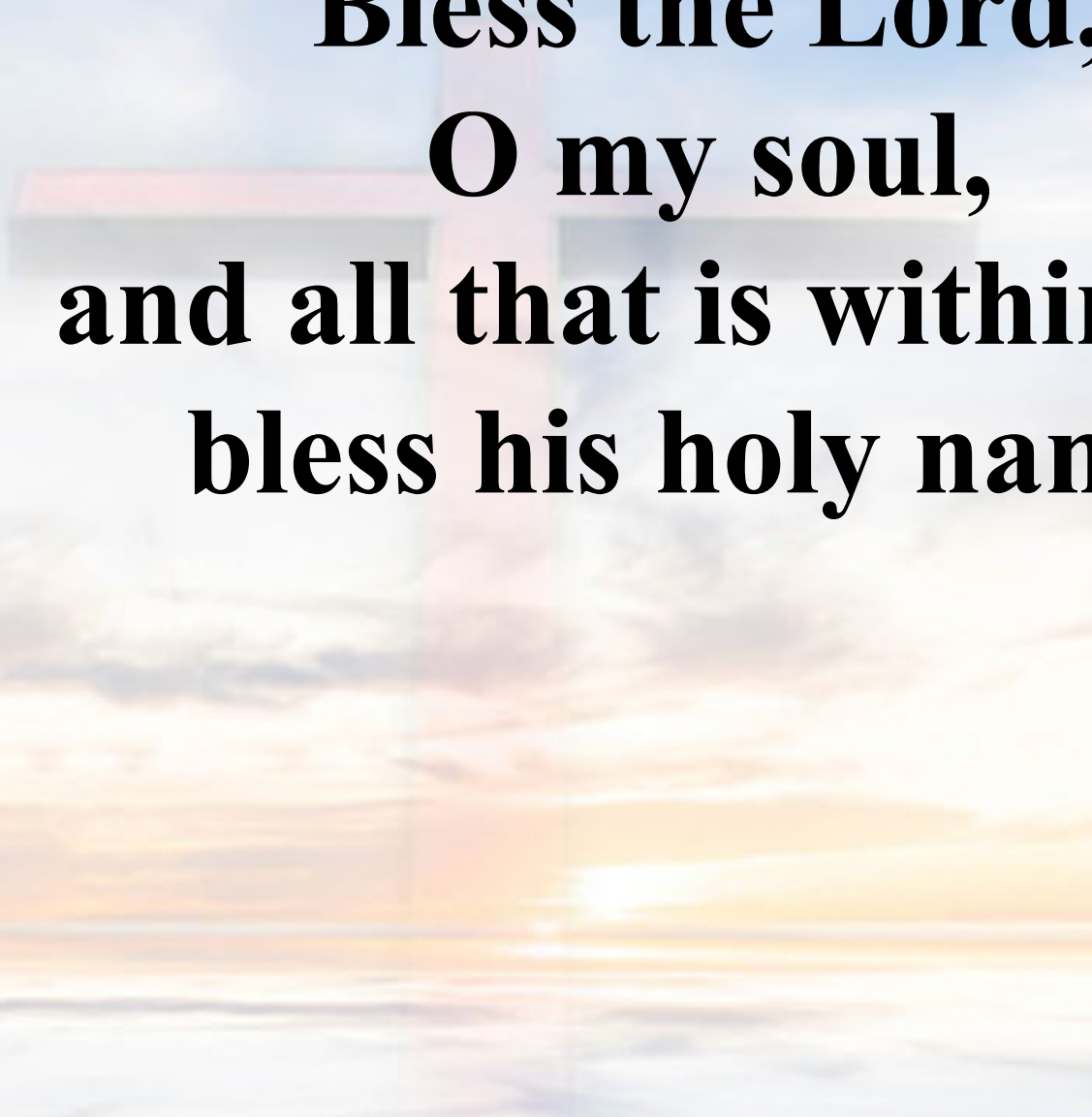
BLESS HIS HOLY NAME

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**Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**



**He has done great things,
he has done great things,
he has done great things,
bless his holy name.**



**Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

GATHERING SONG



“LEAD ME, GUIDE ME”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Doris Akers

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along
the way; For if You lead me,
I cannot stray; Lord, let me
walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews, a wooden altar, and two large stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The right window has a geometric pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

1. I am weak, and I need Thy
strength and power To help me
over my weakest hour; Let me
through the darkness Thy face
to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead
me. *Refrain*

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2. Help me tread in the paths
of righteousness; Be my aid
when Satan and sin oppress. I
am putting all my trust in
Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead
me. *Refrain*

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**3. I am lost if you take your
hand from me; I am blind
without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy
servant be; lead me, O Lord,
lead me. *Refrain***



“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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

People: In Christ, we are chosen, loved, redeemed, and called to live for God's glory.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of our sins.

People: In Christ, grace has been freely given to us.



Leader: In Christ, we have received an inheritance and have been marked with the promised Holy Spirit.

People: Jesus Christ is our Savior, our Redeemer, our hope, and our life.

Leader: So let us worship God with grateful hearts and ask again:

All: Who is Jesus Christ to me?



OPENING SONG
“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”
UMH 399

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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WORD: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)

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1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take
my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.



**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love. Take my
feet, and let them be swift and
beautiful for thee.**



**2. Take my voice, and let me
sing always, only, for my
King. Take my lips, and let
them be filled with messages
from thee.**



**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt
choose.**



**3. Take my will, and make it
thine; it shall be no longer
mine. Take my heart, it is
thine own; it shall be thy
royal throne.**



**Take my love, my Lord, I
pour at thy feet its treasure-
store. Take myself, and I will
be ever, only, all for thee.**





OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and eternal God, We gather in Your presence with thanksgiving for every spiritual blessing You have given us in Jesus Christ. You have chosen us in love, redeemed us by grace, forgiven our sins, and called us into a new life. As we worship today, move us beyond simply knowing about Jesus. Help us know Him personally, trust Him deeply, and follow Him faithfully.

**Open our hearts to answer the question:
Who is Jesus Christ to me? May our
worship reveal Him as Savior, Redeemer,
Lord, and the hope of our lives. Fill us with
Your Holy Spirit and let everything we say,
sing, pray, and hear bring glory to Your
name. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**



**WELCOME
&
ANNOUNCEMENT**



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir

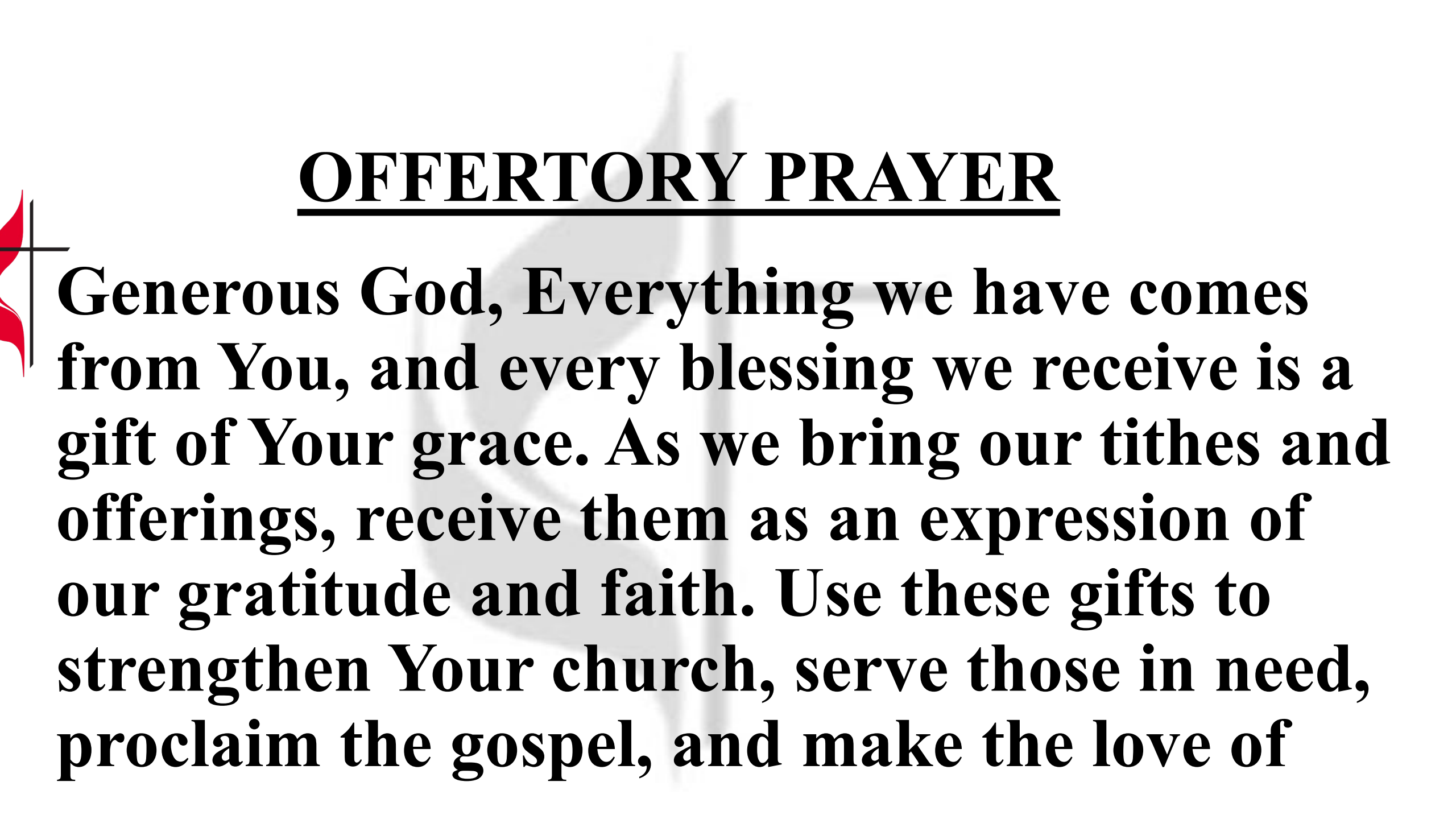


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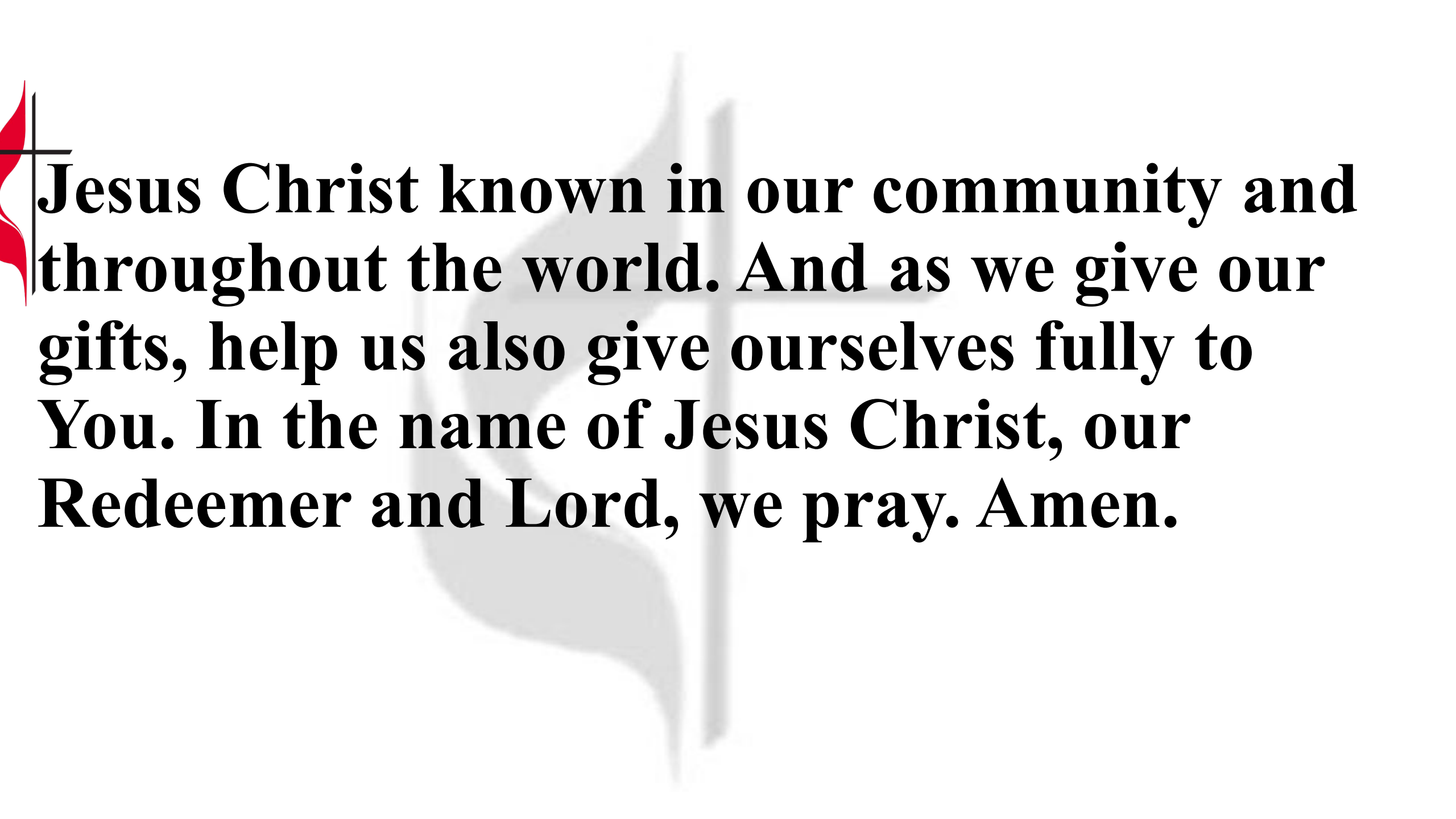
Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

OFFERTORY PRAYER



Generous God, Everything we have comes from You, and every blessing we receive is a gift of Your grace. As we bring our tithes and offerings, receive them as an expression of our gratitude and faith. Use these gifts to strengthen Your church, serve those in need, proclaim the gospel, and make the love of



Jesus Christ known in our community and throughout the world. And as we give our gifts, help us also give ourselves fully to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, we pray. 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

Holy and righteous God: As Your Word is read and proclaimed, open our minds and hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us hear again the good news that in Christ we are chosen, redeemed, forgiven, and sealed with Your Spirit. Move Your Word from our ears to our hearts, and from our hearts into the way we live. And as we listen, help each of us answer with faith and conviction: Who is Jesus Christ to me?



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Reveal Christ to us again as Savior, Lord, Redeemer,
and the One in whom our hope is found. In His name
we pray. Amen.**



SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 1:1–14

Ephesians 1:1–14 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

5 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.



Before The First Step

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that too often we speak the name of Jesus without fully surrendering our lives to Him. We say He is Lord, yet we still seek to control our own way. We say He is Savior, yet we sometimes trust our own strength more than His grace. We say He is our hope yet fear and anxiety often shape our decisions.

**Forgive us for the times we have treated
our faith as habit rather than relationship,
and religion rather than discipleship.
Forgive us for the love we have withheld,
the mercy we have failed to show, the truth
we have avoided, and the obedience we
have delayed. Renew us by Your grace.
Help us remember that in Christ we are
redeemed, forgiven,**

**and called to live for Your glory. Create in
us hearts that can truly say: Jesus Christ is
my Savior, my Lord, my hope, and my life.
In His name we pray. Amen.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of God's grace. We are not defined by our failures. We are not abandoned because of our weakness. We are not without hope. In Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are made new. In Christ, we are chosen and loved.

And through the Holy Spirit, we are sealed as God's own people. So, receive this grace with thankful hearts. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

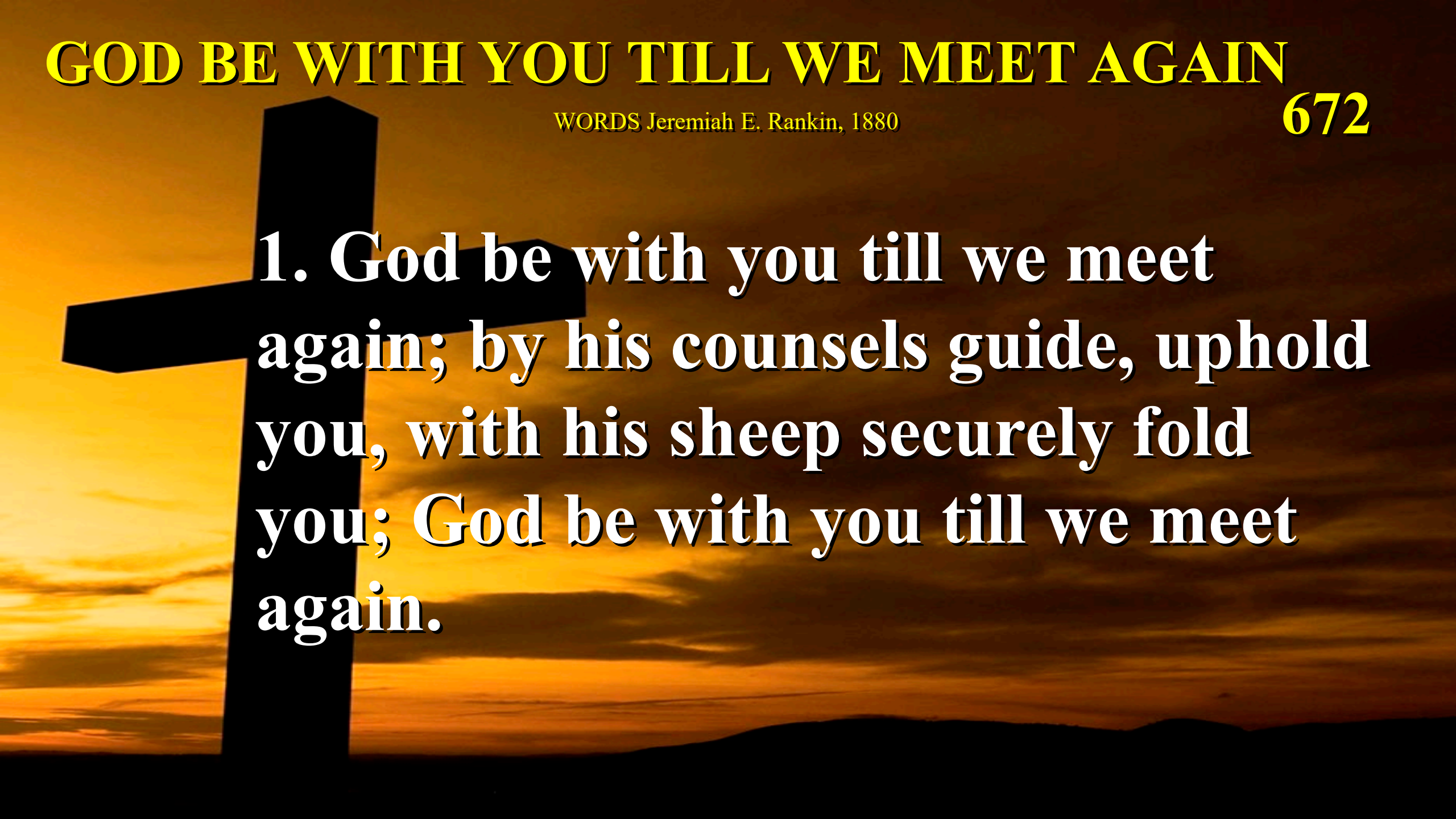


CLOSING SONG
“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”
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GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

WORDS Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

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**1. God be with you till we meet
again; by his counsels guide, uphold
you, with his sheep securely fold
you; God be with you till we meet
again.**

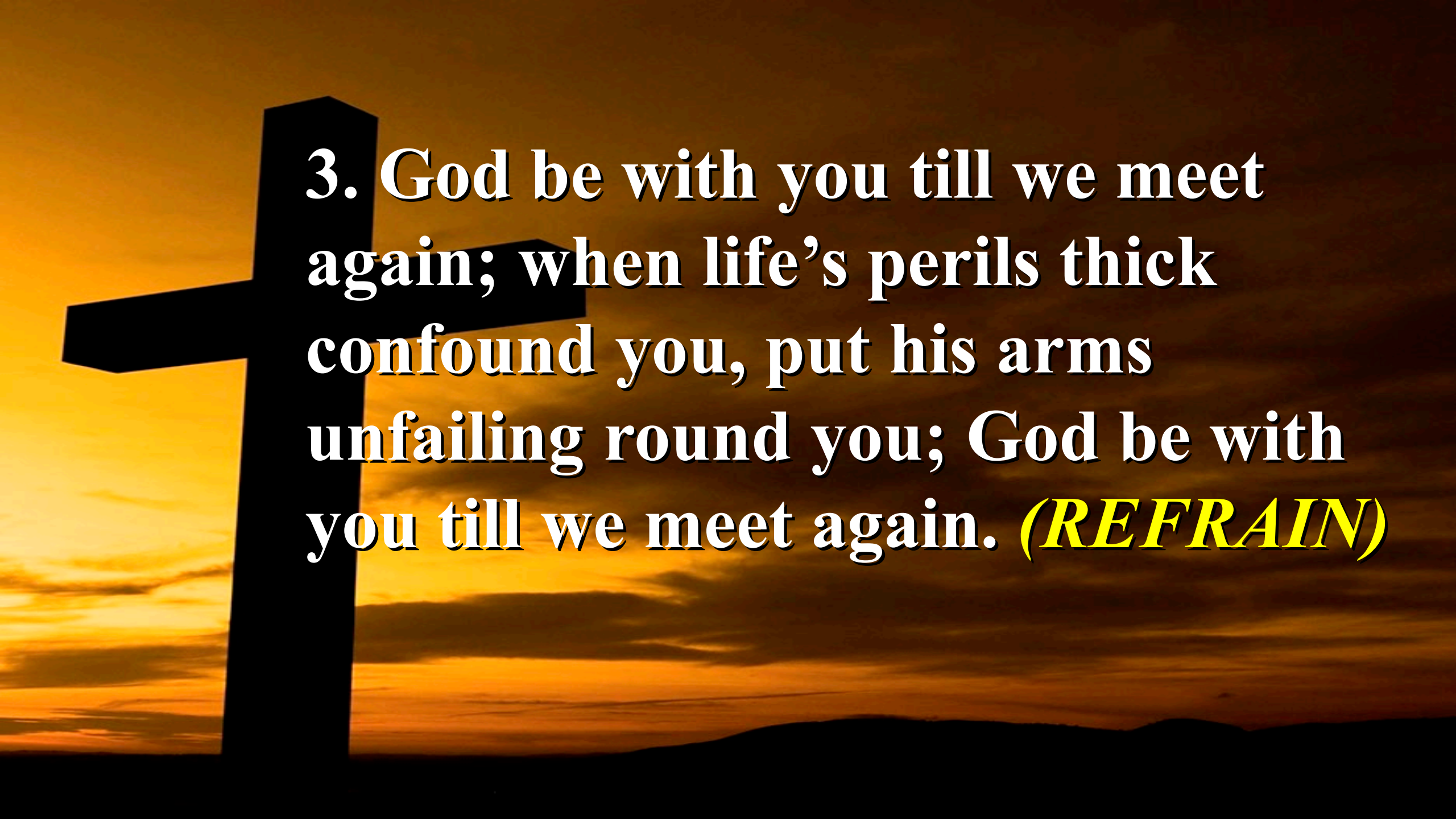
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REFRAIN

**Till we meet, (till we meet,) till
we meet, (again) till we meet
at Jesus' feet; (till we meet) till
we meet, (till we meet,) till we
meet, (again) God be with you
till we meet again.**



2. God be with you till we meet
again; neath his wings securely
hide you, daily manna still
provide you; God be with you
till we meet again. (*REFRAIN*)



3. God be with you till we meet
again; when life's perils thick
confound you, put his arms
unfailing round you; God be with
you till we meet again. ***(REFRAIN)***

A large black cross silhouette is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a vibrant sunset background with orange and yellow hues. The cross is a simple, bold shape. The text is overlaid on the right side of the cross.

4. God be with you till we meet
again; keep love's banner
floating o'er you, smite death's
threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet
again. (*REFRAIN*)



BENEDICTION

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

Go in the grace of God, grounded in the love of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Remember who you are in Christ; chosen, redeemed, forgiven, and sealed by the Spirit. As you go, carry this question in your heart: Who is Jesus Christ to me? May your life answer: He is my Savior and Redeemer. He is my hope. He is my Lord. Go in peace, walk in grace, and live for His glory.



Threefold Amen

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The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. 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

