



**WELCOME!**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

*Open Doors with Loving Hearts*

**April 12, 2026**





# CENTERING SONG

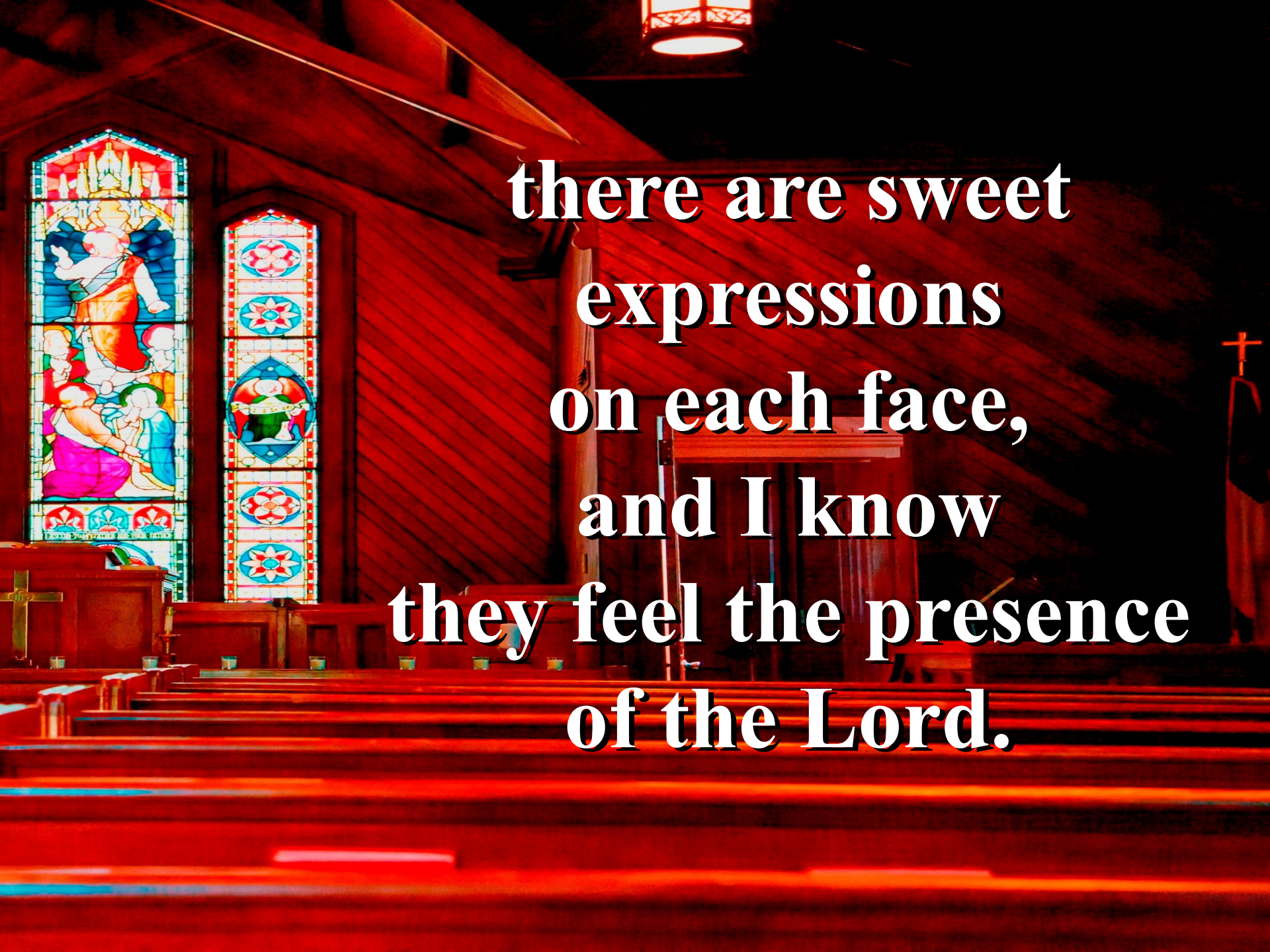
**“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”  
UMH 334**

# Sweet, Sweet Spirit

334

WORDS: Doris Akers, 1962

There's a sweet,  
sweet Spirit  
in this place,  
and I know that it's  
the Spirit of the Lord



**there are sweet  
expressions  
on each face,  
and I know  
they feel the presence  
of the Lord.**

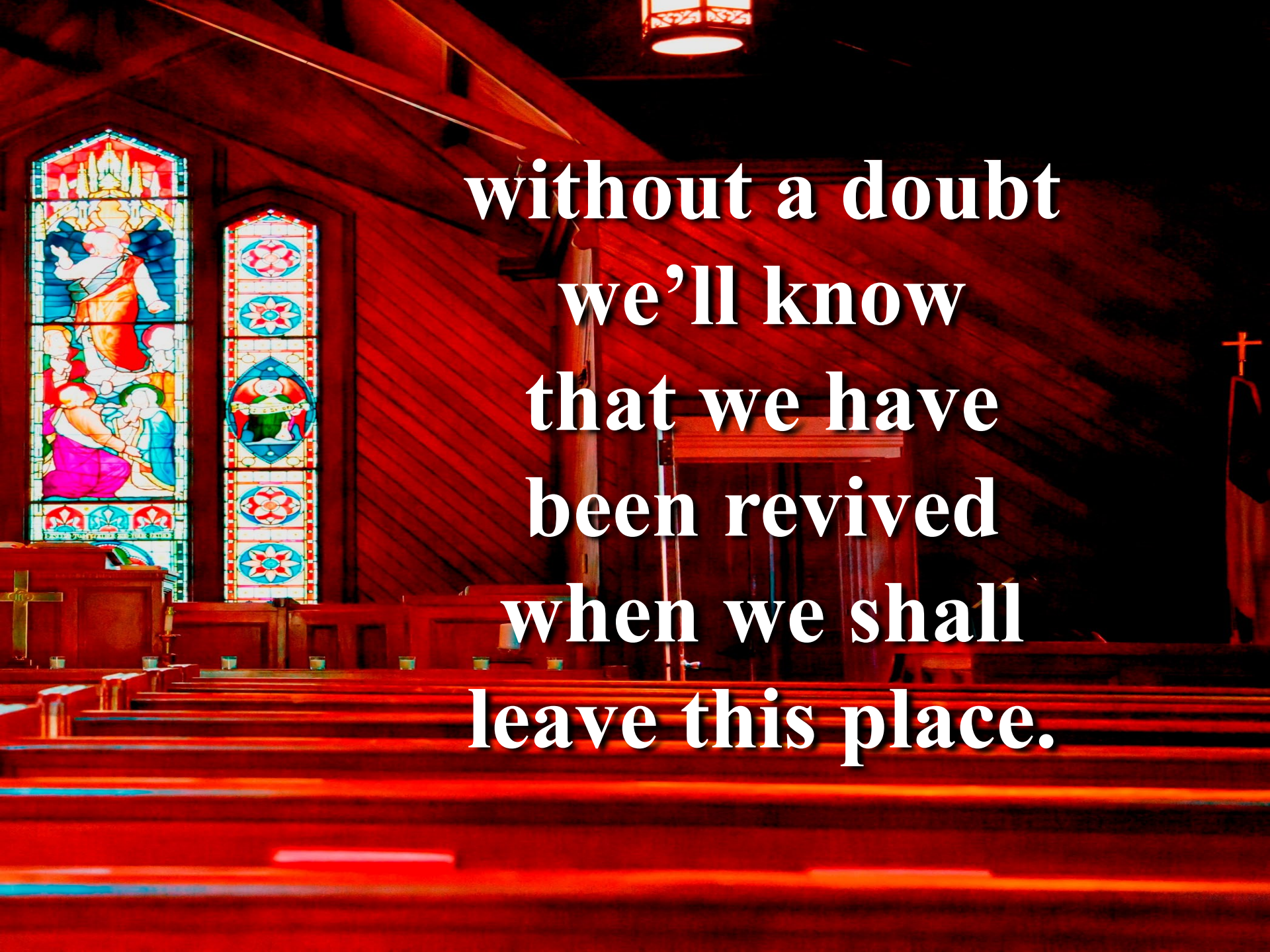


*Refrain*

**Sweet Holy Spirit,  
sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love;**



**and for these blessings  
we lift our hearts  
in praise;**



**without a doubt  
we'll know  
that we have  
been revived  
when we shall  
leave this place.**



UNITY IN THE  
**Body of Christ**

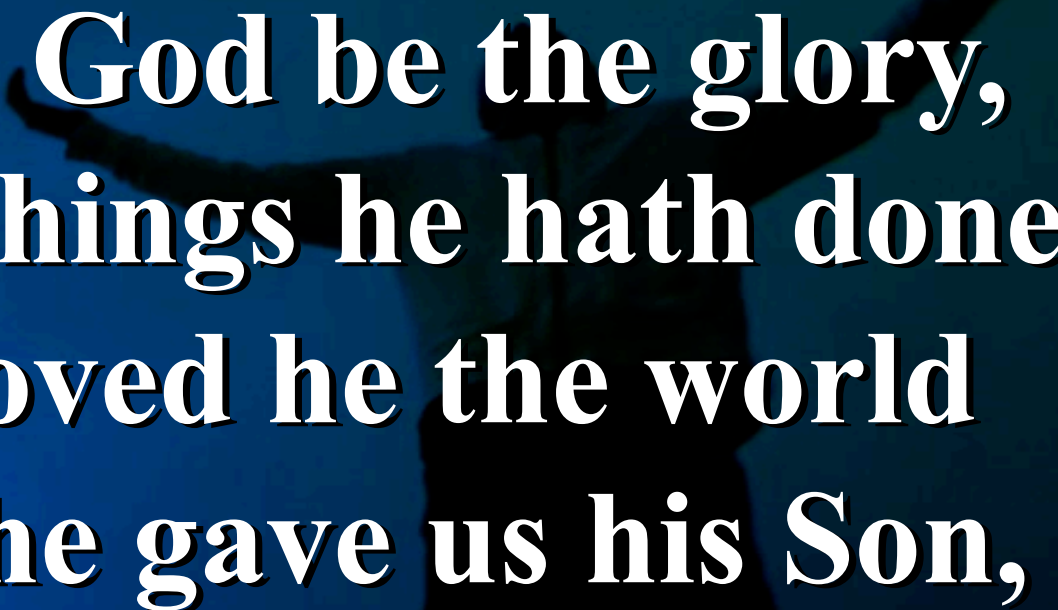
EPHESIANS 4

**“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”**

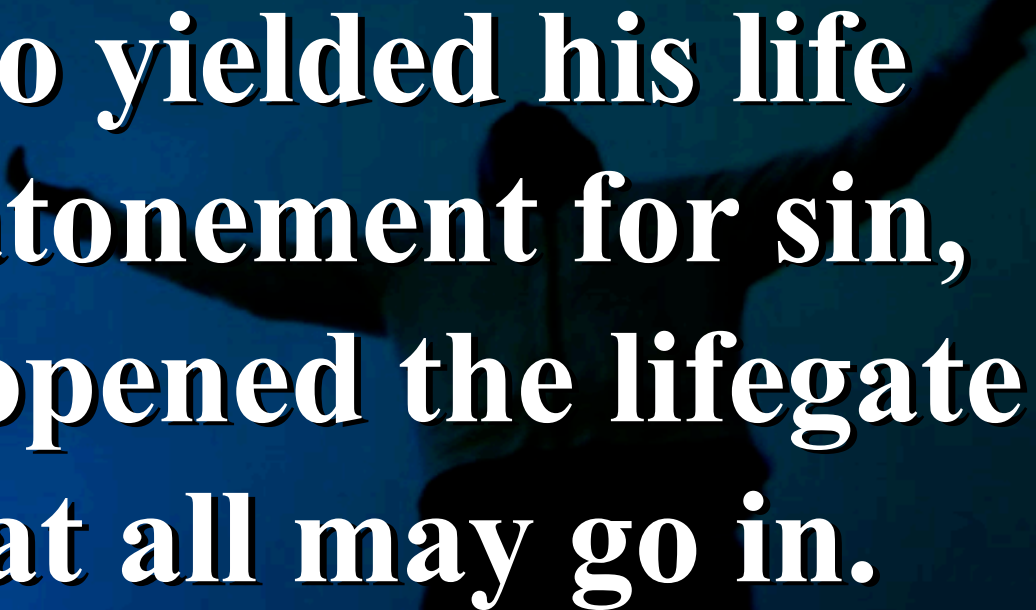
# To God Be the Glory

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WORDS: Fanny Crosby, 1875



1. To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,

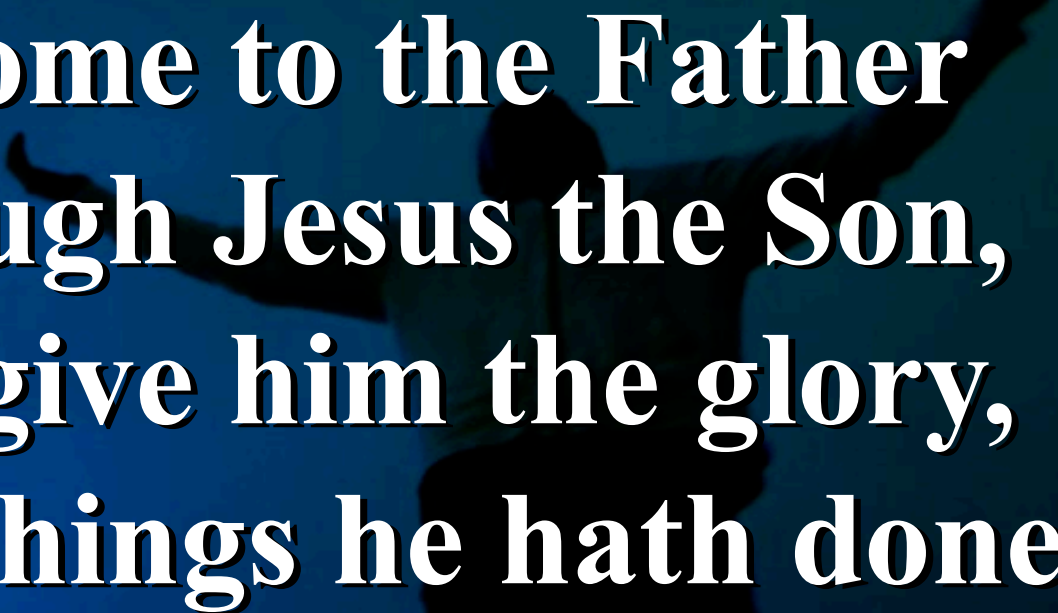
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**who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate  
that all may go in.**

## *Refrain*

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!**

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a blue background with a light flare on the left side. The person is positioned behind the text.

**O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!**

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**2. O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
to every believer  
the promise of God;**

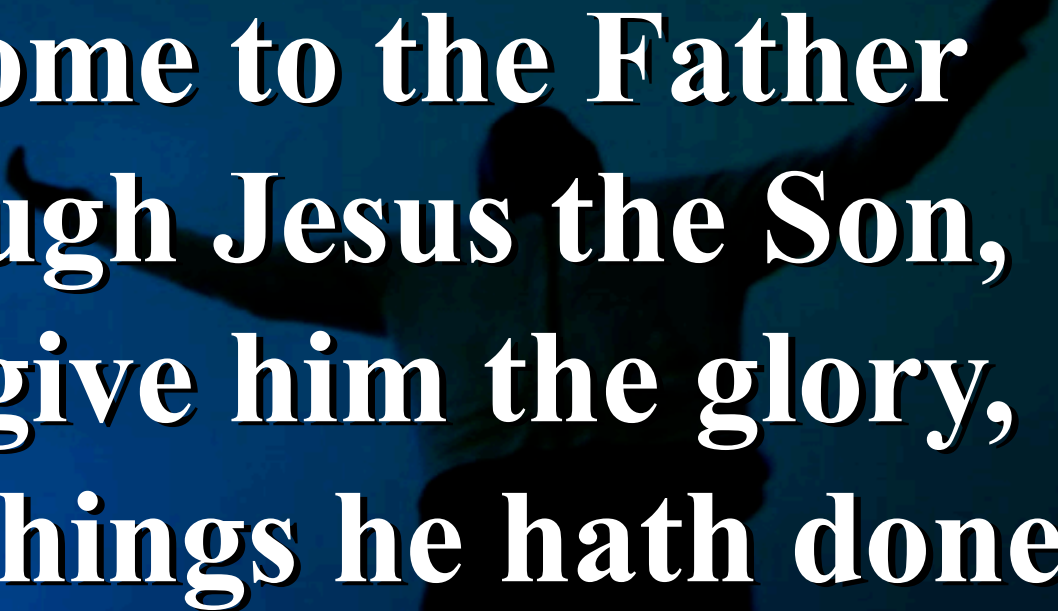
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**the vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives.**

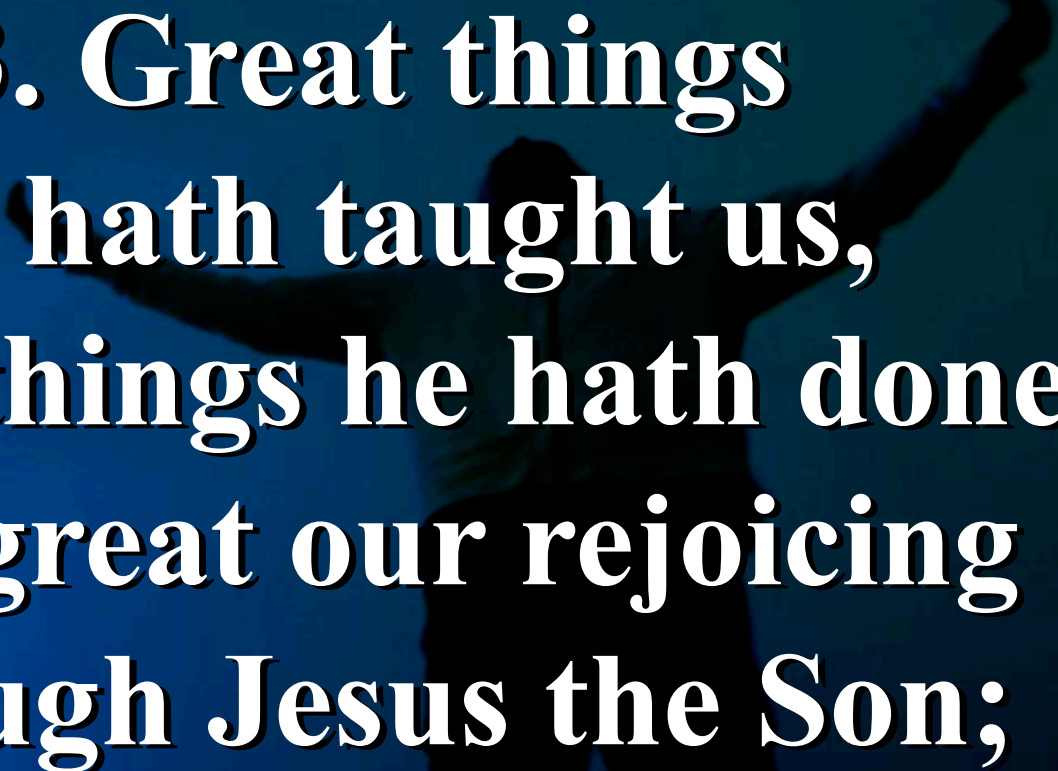
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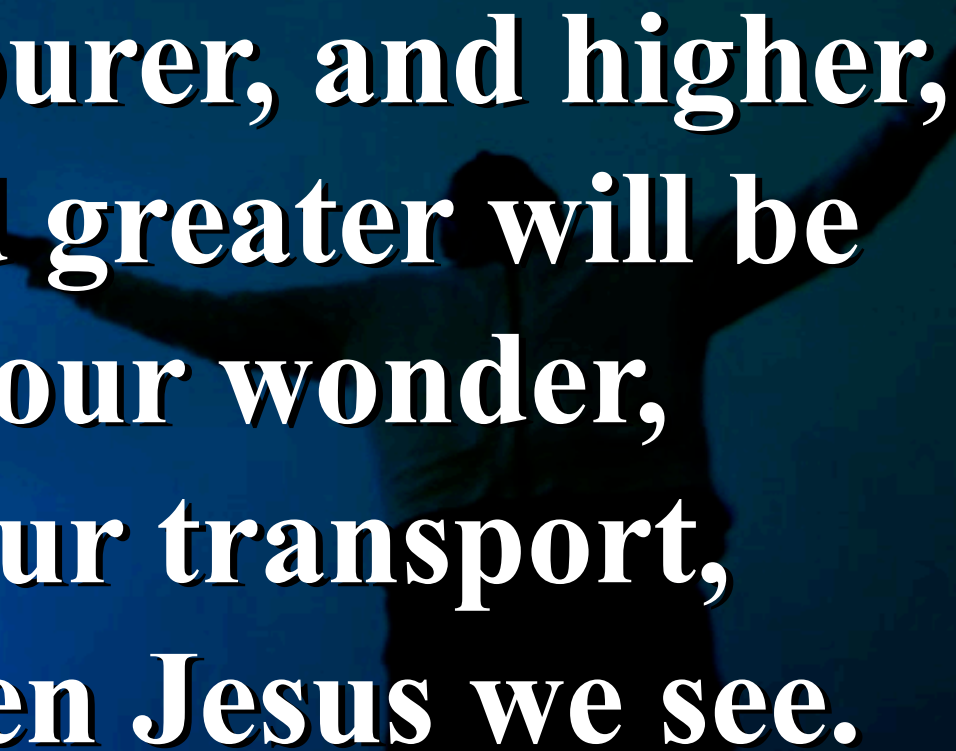
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**O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!**

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**3. Great things  
he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;**

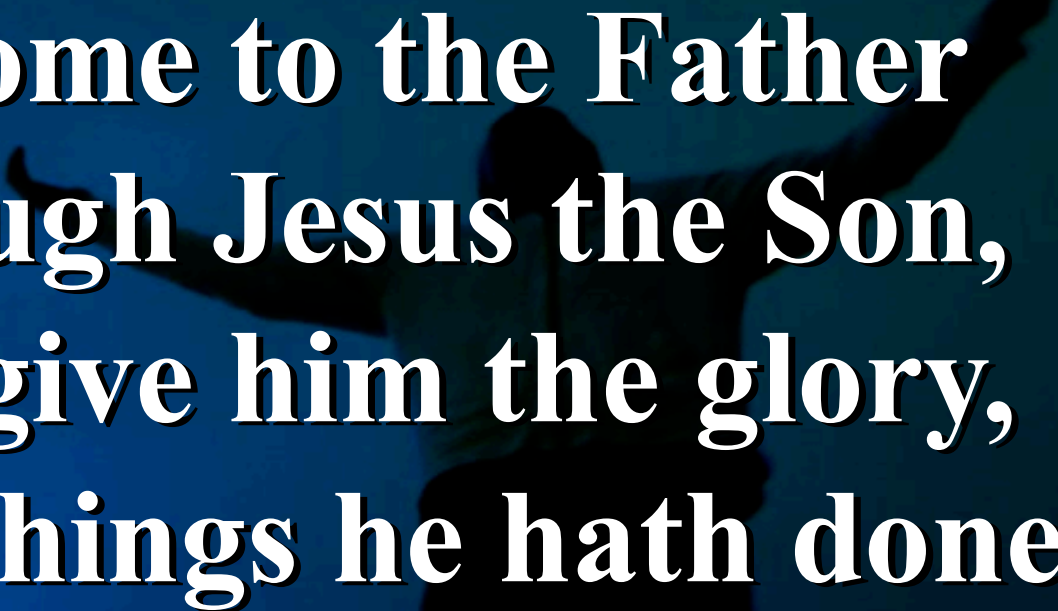
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**but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder,  
our transport,  
when Jesus we see.**

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# PRELUDE





UNITY IN THE  
**Body of Christ**

EPHESIANS 4

**WELCOME  
&  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**




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**Birthday/Anniversary**

# CALL TO WORSHIP






**Leader:** You who have touched the wounds of the world.

**People:** You who have been wounded by the world, All Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God.

**Leader:** We have not seen you, Risen One.



**People: We have not touched you,  
but we believe you are our Lord  
and our God.**

**Leader: You are our refuge in hurt  
and pain.**

**People: You are the path of life. You  
are our Lord and our God! Alleluia!**

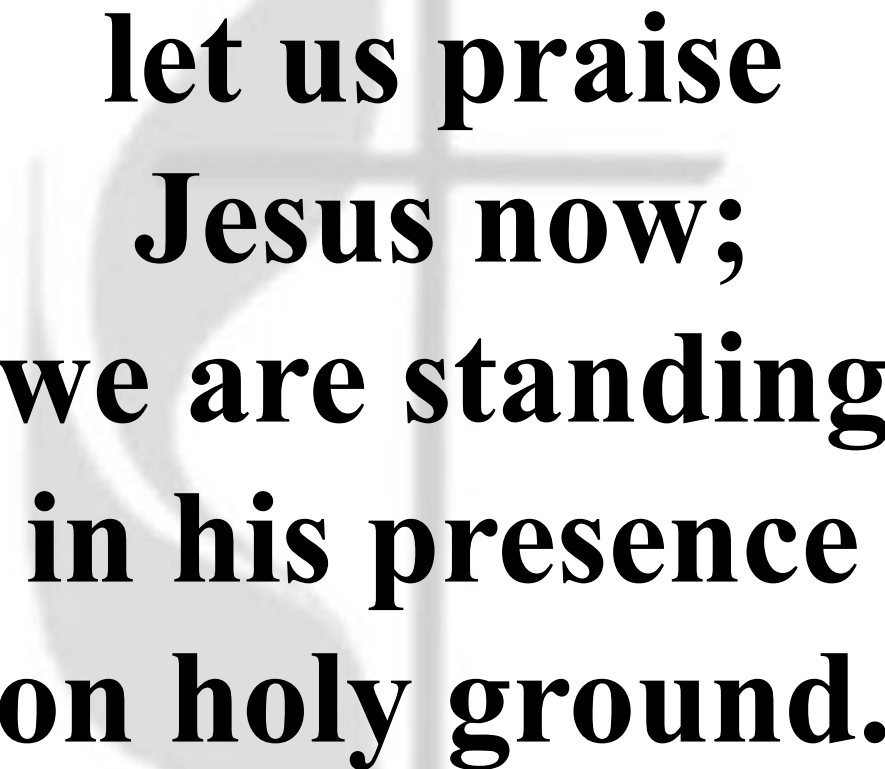


# Holy Ground

2272

Geron Davis (Exod. 3:5)

**We are standing  
on holy ground,  
and I know  
that there are angels  
all around;**



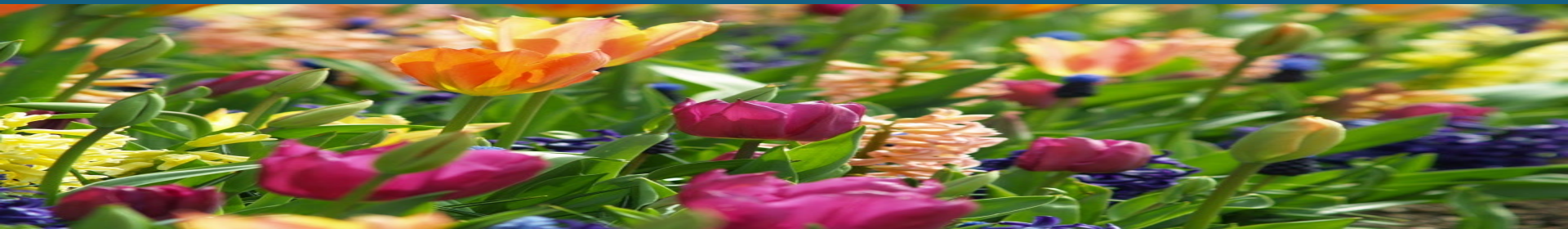
**let us praise  
Jesus now;  
we are standing  
in his presence  
on holy ground.**



# OPENING PRAYER

Jesus of the Cross, Jesus of the Resurrection, we rejoice in you. For long before the experience of the cross, you defeated the powers of sin, pain, and death in the hurting people around you. And then you were struck down. But you defeated the cross and stood

**before your beloved disciples,  
as you are present today—alive  
again. We rejoice in you, Risen  
Savior, for you open before us  
your life-giving peace and  
power. You are our Lord and  
our God. Alleluia! Amen.**





**“I WILL ENTER HIS GATES”**

# He Has Made Me Glad

2270

Leona Von Brethorst (Ps. 100:2, 4; 118:24)

**I will enter his gates  
with thanksgiving  
in my heart,  
I will enter  
his courts with praise.**

**I will say,  
“This is the day  
that the Lord has made.”**

**I will rejoice,  
for he has  
made me glad.**

*Refrain*

**He has made me glad,  
he has made me glad.**

**I will rejoice,  
for he has made me glad.**



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he has made me glad.**

**I will rejoice,  
for he has made me glad.**



# OFFERING:

Praising God with Our Gifts  
Open Doors with Loving Hearts





# “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.**



# “CHILDREN’S MESSAGE”



# **“PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION”**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**



H E I S  
R I S E N  
C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R



**SCRIPTURE**  
**JOHN 20:19-31**

19 When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, the doors having been shut, where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst; and he says to them: Peace be to you. 20 And having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced



therefore, when they saw the Lord.  
21 Jesus therefore said to them  
again: Peace be to you. As the  
Father has sent me, I also send  
you. 22 And having said this, he  
breathed on them, and says to  
them: Receive the Holy Spirit.  
23 Whosoever sins ye remit,  
they are remitted to them; and  
whosoever ye retain, they are



retained. 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I see in his hands the print of the nails and thrust my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.



26 And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus comes, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. 27 After that, he says to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. 28 Thomas



answered and said to him: My Lord, and my God. 29 Jesus says to him: Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. Happy they who saw not and have believed! 30 Many other signs also did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.



31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life in his name.





**“What Will It Take for You to Believe?”**



# “PRAYER OF CONFESSION”

**Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, sometimes we are bold and sure that you are the Living One who defeated death and destruction for us all. Sometimes we wonder at the ancient stories of your resurrection, and we are not so sure that things happened**



# “PRAYER OF CONFESSION”

**the way stories tell them. Amid our doubts, bless us with your peace. Bless us with the joy and assurance of your presence, wherever we are in our journey of faith. In your compassionate name, we pray. Amen.**



# “WORDS OF ASSURANCE”

**Long ago, Jesus Christ gave his peace to disciples who were locked in a room and sorely in need of peace. Let us pass this peace to all who join us today with the words, “Peace be with you!” 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

“SHALOM TO YOU”

# Shalom to You

666

WORDS: Elsie S. Eslinger, 1980

Shalom to you now,  
shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies  
bless you, my friends.

**In all your living,  
and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom,  
Christ be your shalom.**



# BENEDICTION

**Leader:** Jesus called out to his disciples, “Peace be with you!”

**People:** We praise Jesus, our Lord and our God, for this peace.

**Leader:** Jesus breathed upon the disciples [breathe out so all can hear] and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit!”

**People: We praise Jesus, our Lord and our God, for the Holy Spirit who accompanies us.**

**Leader: As disciples of Jesus Christ, go out into the world with power—to forgive, to touch wounds with healing hands, and to live out the love, life, and power of our Lord and our God.**

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**



# 564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

A-men, A-men, A - - - men.

The musical score is presented in two systems. The top system features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains four measures of music: the first two measures consist of two chords each, and the last two measures feature a melodic line with a slur over the final two notes. The bottom system features a bass clef, the same key signature and time signature. It contains four measures: the first two measures are whole rests, and the last two measures feature a melodic line with a slur over the final two notes. The lyrics "A-men, A-men, A - - - men." are positioned between the two staves, with the first two notes of the melody in the bottom staff aligned with the words "A-men, A-men".

**CARRY OUT THE LIGHT**

