



**WELCOME!**  
**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**OPEN DOORS WITH LOVING HEARTS**  
**MAY 17, 2026**

# CENTERING SONG

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**SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT**  
**UMH 334**

# Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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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.**

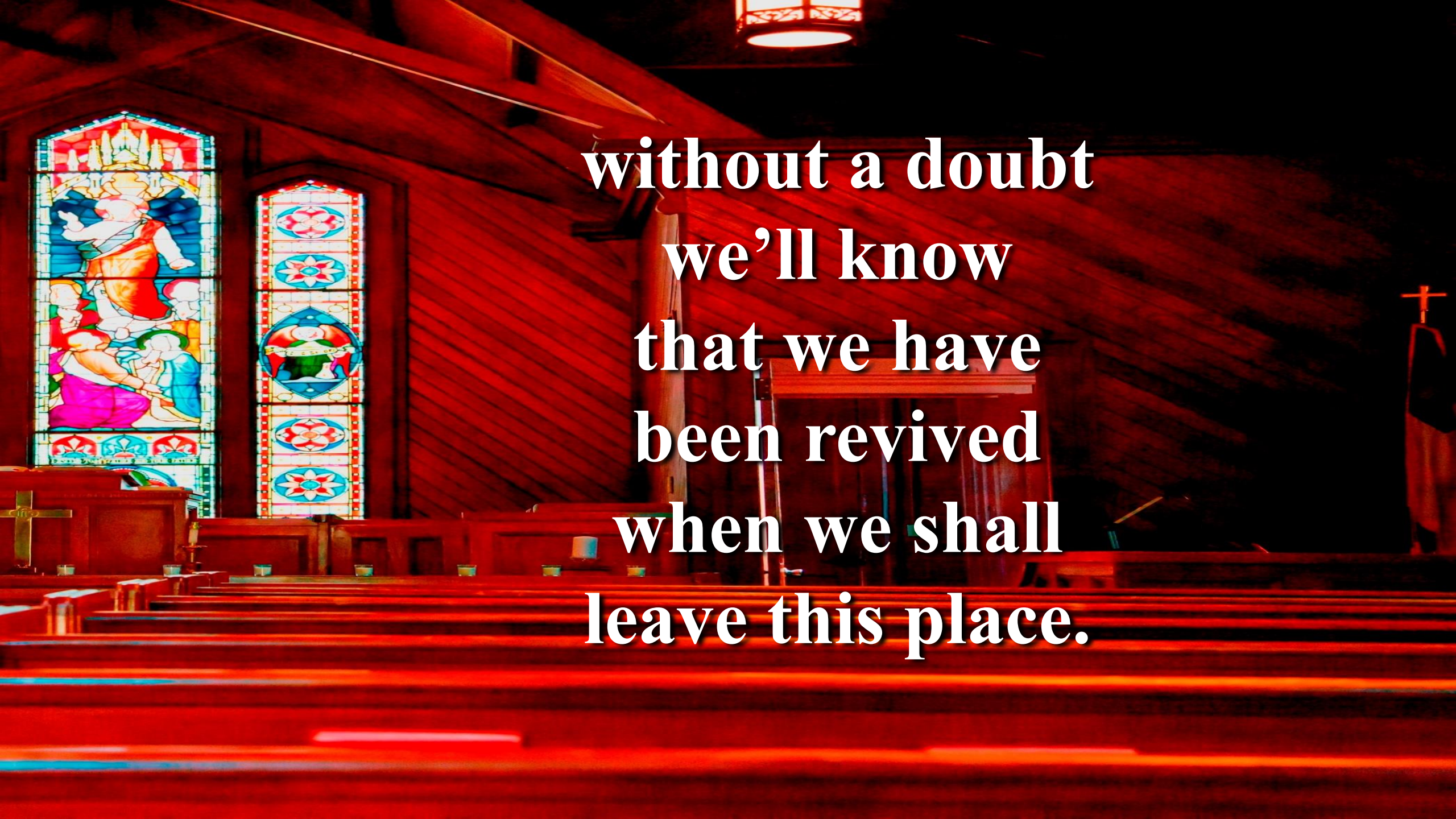
A photograph of a church interior with wooden walls and pews. Two large stained glass windows are visible on the left. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*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.**

# GATHERNING SONG

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**“Spirit Song”**

# Spirit Song

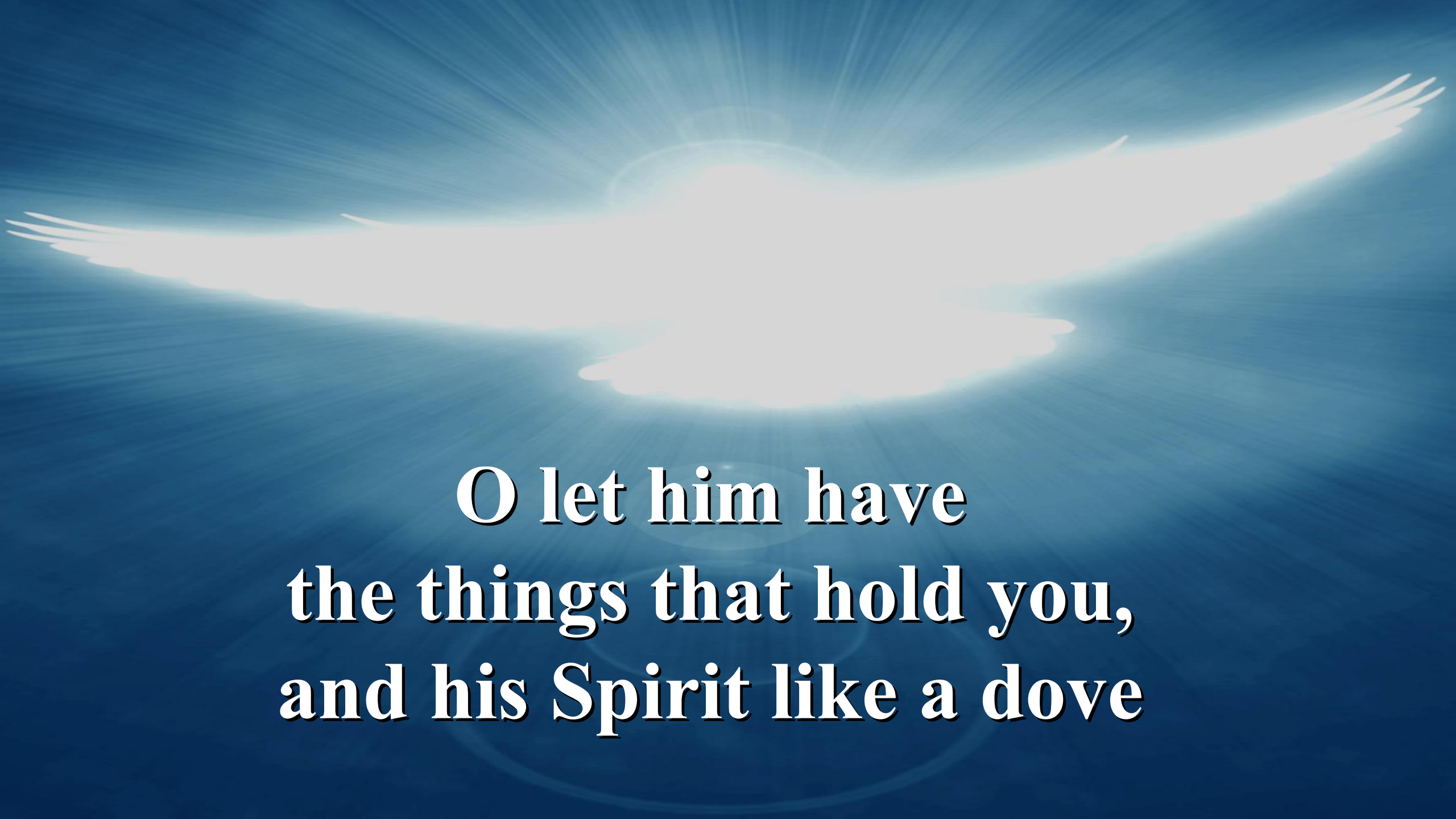
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WORDS: John Wimber, 1979

**1. O let the Son of God  
enfold you with his Spirit  
and his love.**

A bright sun with rays shining over a blue ocean. The sun is positioned in the upper center, with rays radiating outwards. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue. The overall scene is bright and serene.

**Let him fill your heart  
and satisfy your soul.**

A bright white dove with its wings spread, set against a blue background with a sunburst effect. The dove is positioned in the upper half of the image, with its wings extending towards the left and right edges. The background is a deep blue with a bright white sunburst or halo effect centered behind the dove's head. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

**O let him have  
the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove**

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**will descend upon your life  
and make you whole.**

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*Refrain*

Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.

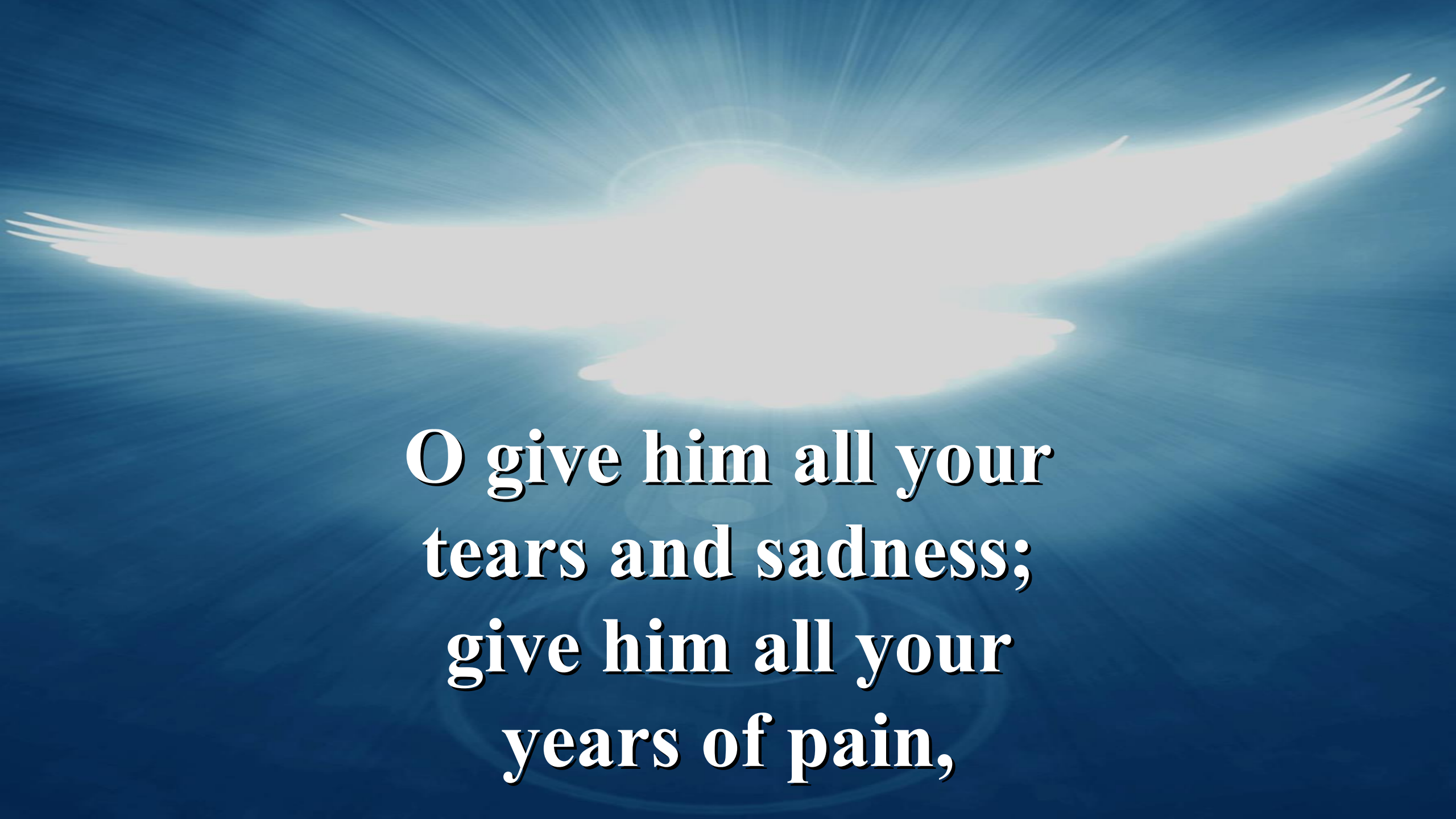
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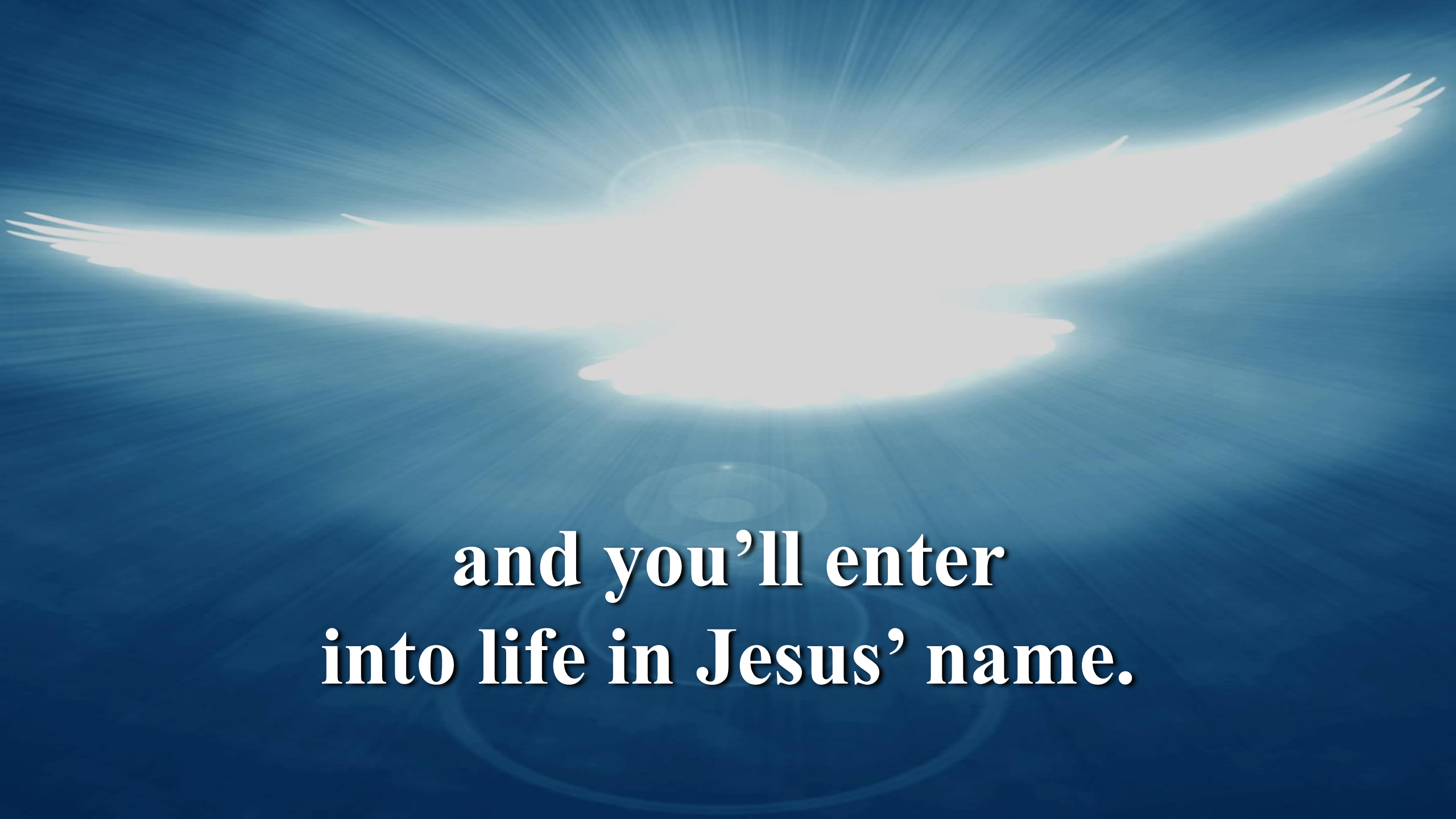
**2. O come and sing  
this song with gladness  
as your hearts  
are filled with joy.**



**Lift your hands in sweet  
surrender to his name.**

A bright sun with rays shining over a blue ocean. The sun is positioned in the upper center, with rays radiating outwards. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue. The overall scene is bright and serene.

**O give him all your  
tears and sadness;  
give him all your  
years of pain,**

A bright, glowing light source, possibly representing the sun or a divine light, is centered in the upper half of the image. It emits numerous rays of light that spread outwards, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a deep, dark blue with a subtle radial gradient, making the light source stand out prominently. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

**and you'll enter  
into life in Jesus' name.**



*Refrain*

**Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**



# PRELUDE



**WELCOME  
&  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Birthday/Anniversary**



**CALL TO WORSHIP**



**Leader:** Listen! Do you hear a sound like the howling of a fierce wind?

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Leader:** Look! Can you see flames of fire?

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Leader:** Wait! Can you feel the power?

**All: The Holy Spirit is here!**



## **OPENING SONG**


**“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**

# Surely the Presence of the Lord

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WORDS: Lanny Wolfe, 1977

Surely the presence  
of the Lord is  
in this place;  
I can feel his mighty  
power and his grace.




**I can hear the brush  
of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
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# OPENING PRAYER



**Holy Spirit, power of God, come and fill us with your strength. May your Spirit touch each of us. Gather us with our different gifts into one community. Give us eyes to see your work. May the winds of the Spirit blow away our fears and fill us with power. Open our hearts, that we may welcome everyone. Amen.**



# “I Trust in God”

<https://youtu.be/iJE4yahEIBQ?si=8YUMvWz5RrAIK1EO>



# 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.**



# SCRIPTURE


## ACTS 2:1-21




1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were




staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and



Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 14 Then Peter stood up with the



Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,



your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'




**SERMON**  
**“ARE YOU READY?”**



# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, Divine Spirit, be with us now. It's easy to feel like our gifts and our talents aren't good enough for you. Help us see ourselves as part of a larger creation. While our gifts differ, each one is important, adding something wonderful to your world.**



**Our gifts come from you, and they are what you want for us. Help us accept our own gifts. Enlarge our hearts, so that we may recognize and welcome others, each with differing gifts. Amen.**



# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are all baptized into one body.  
The Spirit blesses us all. **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

**“BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD”**

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)

1. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
fill me with life  
anew,



**that I may love  
what thou dost  
love, and  
do what thou  
wouldst do.**



**2. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
until my heart  
is pure,**



**until with thee  
I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**



**3. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
till I am wholly  
thine,**



**till all this earthly  
part of me  
glows with thy fire  
divine.**



**4. Breathe on me,  
Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,**



**but live with thee  
the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**





# BENEDICTION





**May the flames Spirit rest upon each of you, blessing you with gifts of wisdom and compassion. May the power Spirit support you, opening your hearts to see God in every person. Go forth to proclaim the good news: God welcomes everyone!**



# 564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains vocal lines with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "A-men, A-men, A - - - men." The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The score concludes with a double bar line.

# CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

