



WELCOME!
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OPEN DOORS WITH LOVING HEARTS
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CENTERING SONG



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.**

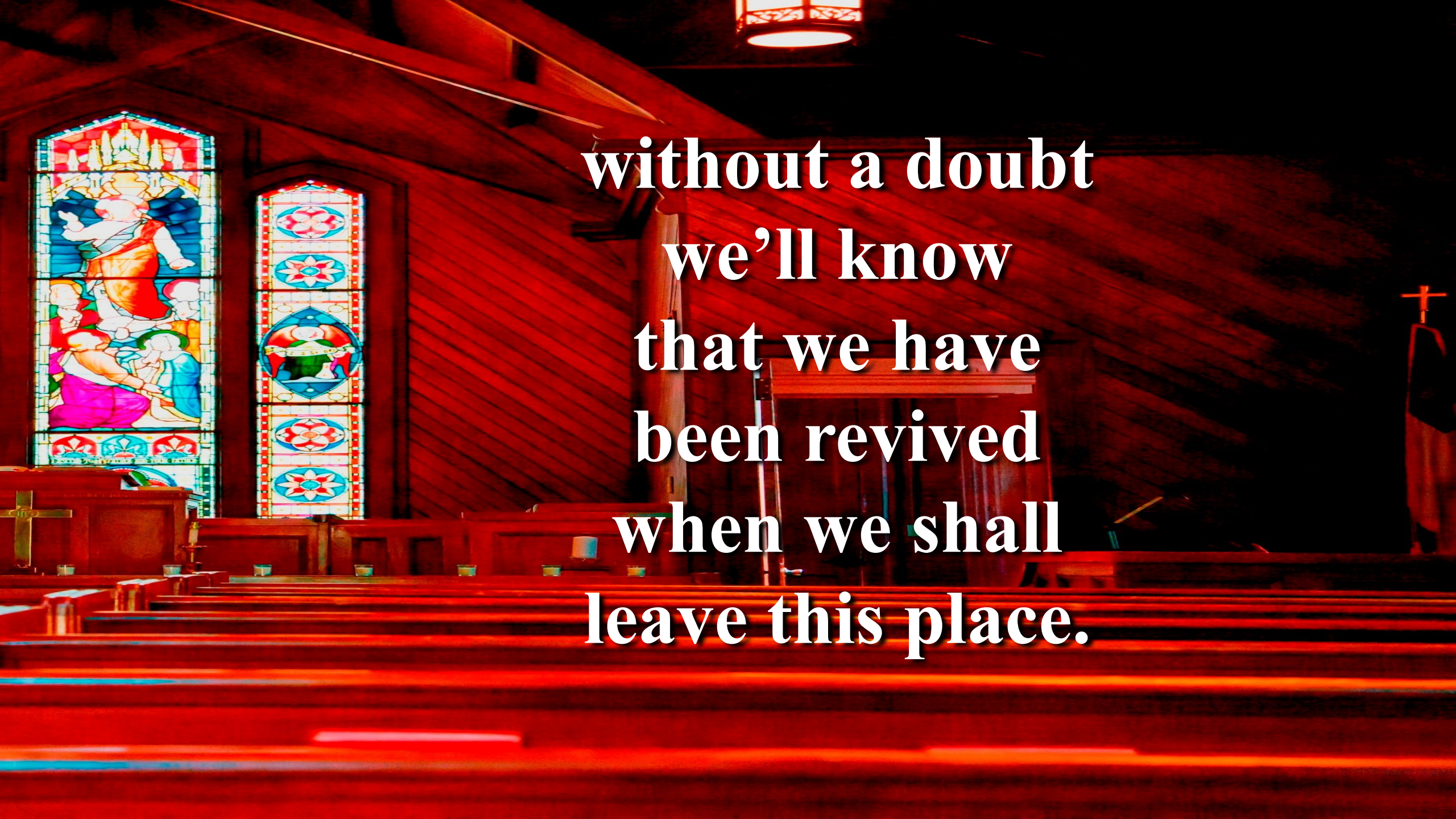
The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and pews. A large stained glass window on the left depicts the Pentecost, with the Holy Spirit as a dove and tongues of fire. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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

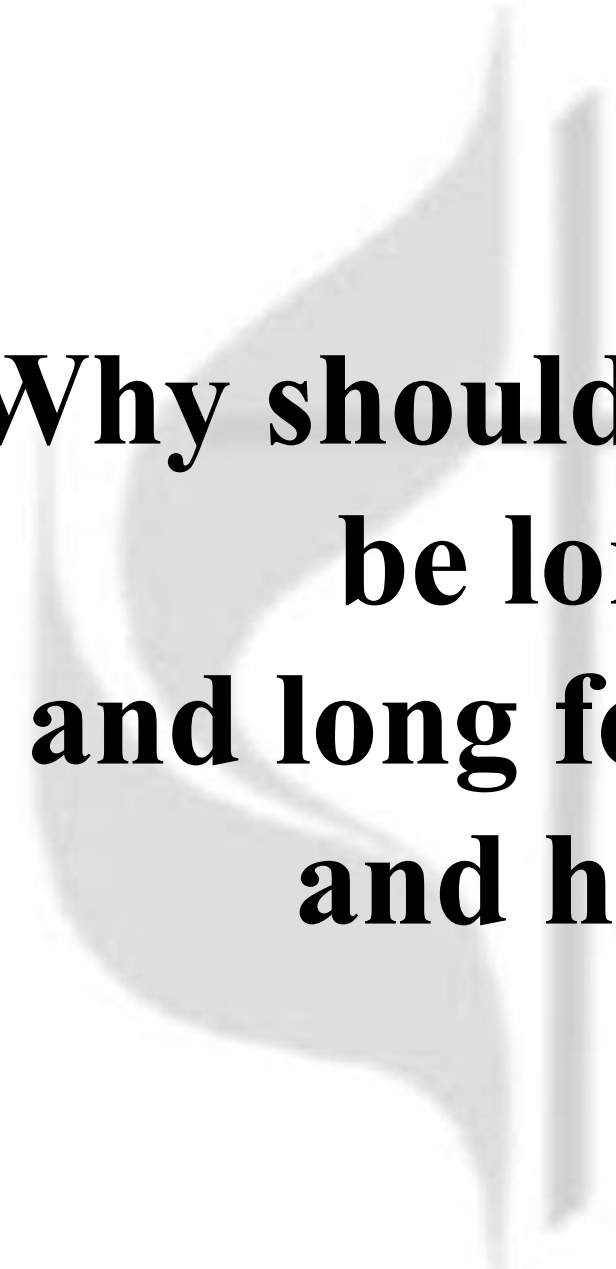


HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

His Eye Is on the Sparrow 2146

Civilla Martin (Luke 12:6-7; John 14:1)

**1. Why should I feel
discouraged?
Why should
the shadows come?**



**Why should my heart
be lonely
and long for heaven
and home,**

When Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he:

**His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;**

**his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

**I sing because I'm happy,
(*I'm happy,*)**

**I sing because I'm free,
(*I'm free,*)**

**for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**2. “Let not your heart
be troubled,”**

**his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;**

**though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

**I sing because I'm happy,
(*I'm happy,*)**

**I sing because I'm free,
(*I'm free,*)**

**for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place
to sighing,
when hope within me dies,**

**I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

**I sing because I'm happy,
*(I'm happy,)***

**I sing because I'm free,
*(I'm free,)***

**for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**



PRELUDE



**WELCOME
&
ANNOUNCEMENT**



Birthday/Anniversary



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

People: Christ has called us here.

Leader: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

People: God is with us here.

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

All: May the Spirit guide our way.





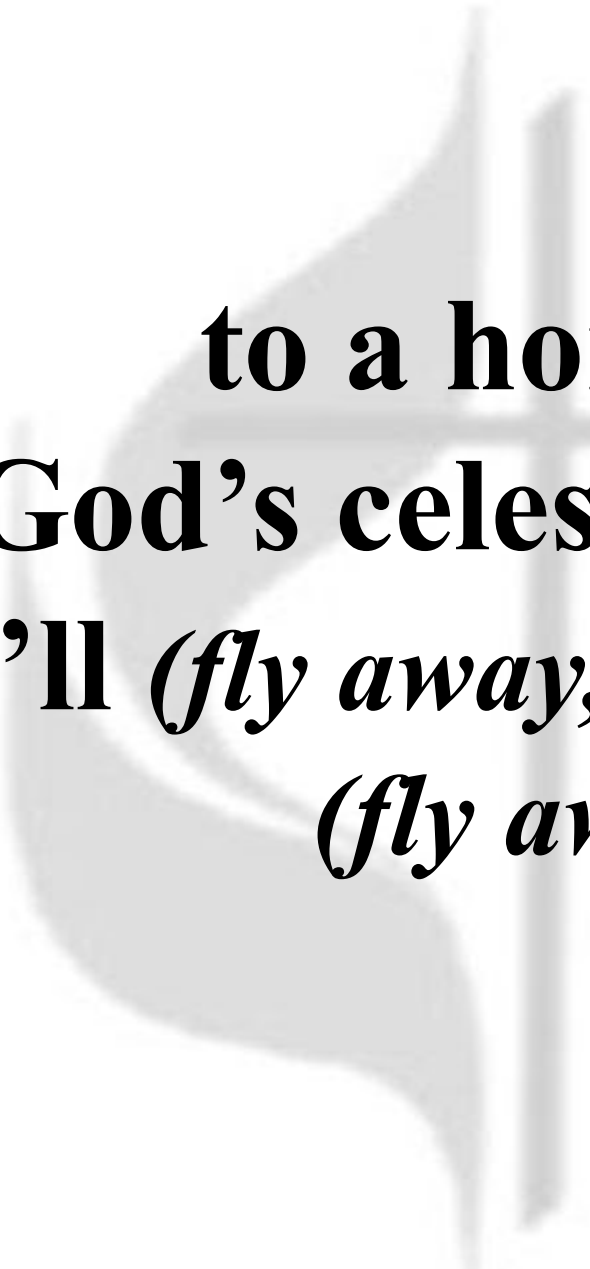
OPENING SONG
“I’ll Fly Away”

I'll Fly Away

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Albert E. Brumley (Isa. 55:6; 2 Cor. 5:8)

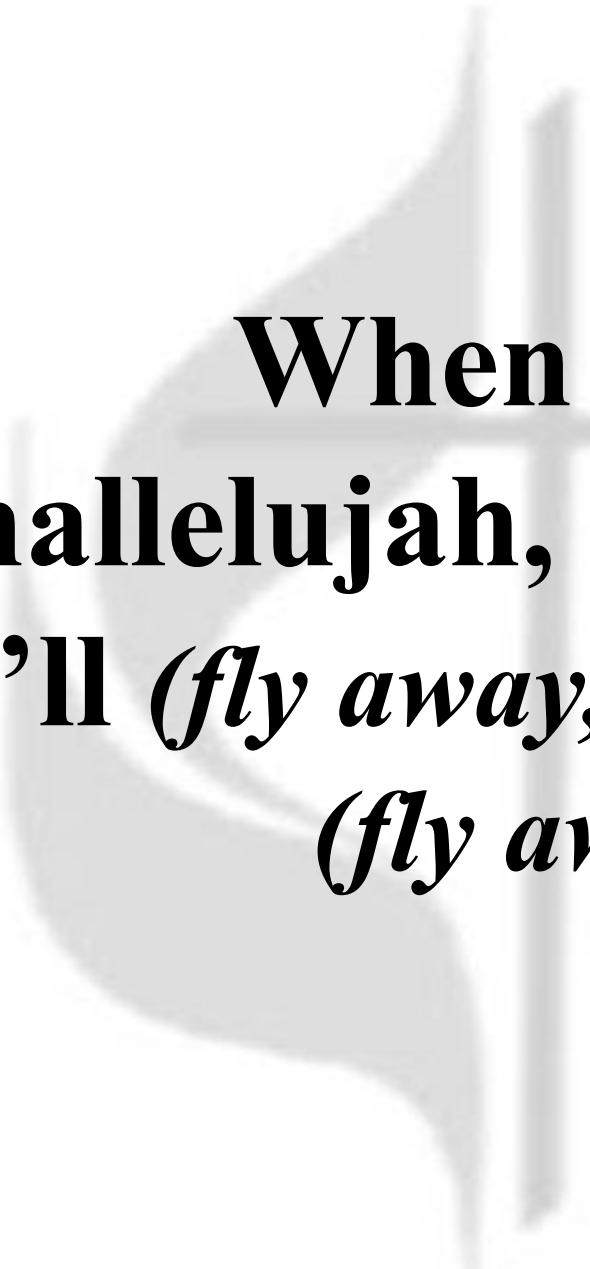
**1. Some glad morning
when this life is o'er,
I'll (*fly away,*) fly away;
(*fly away;*)**



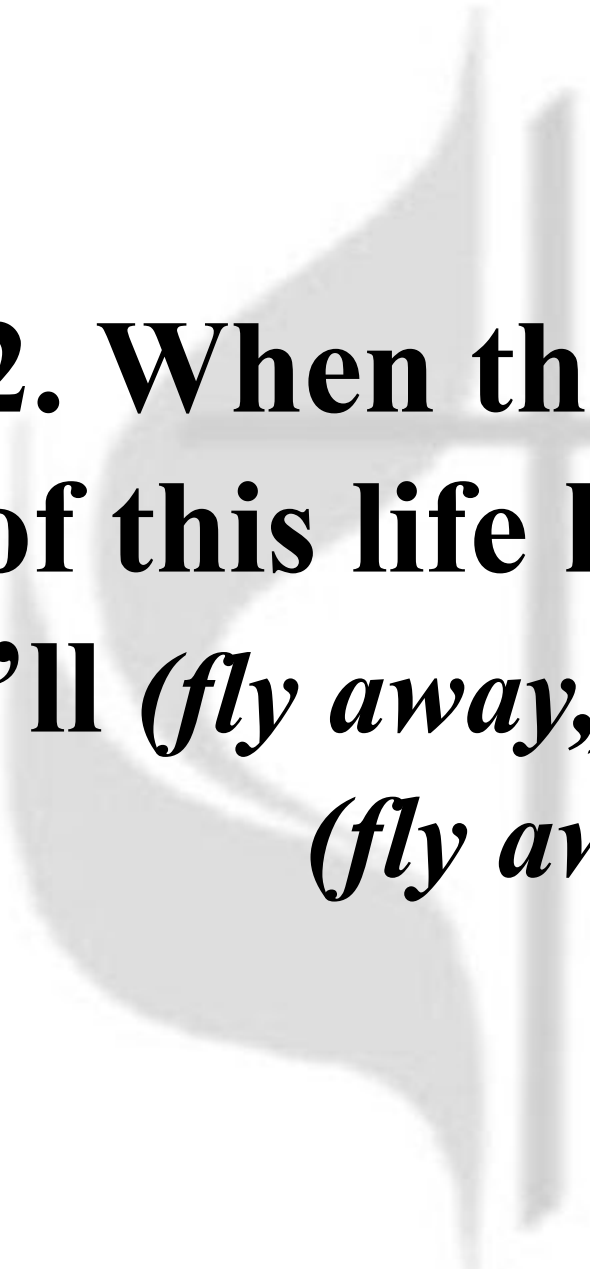
**to a home on
God's celestial shore,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away.
*(fly away.)***

Refrain

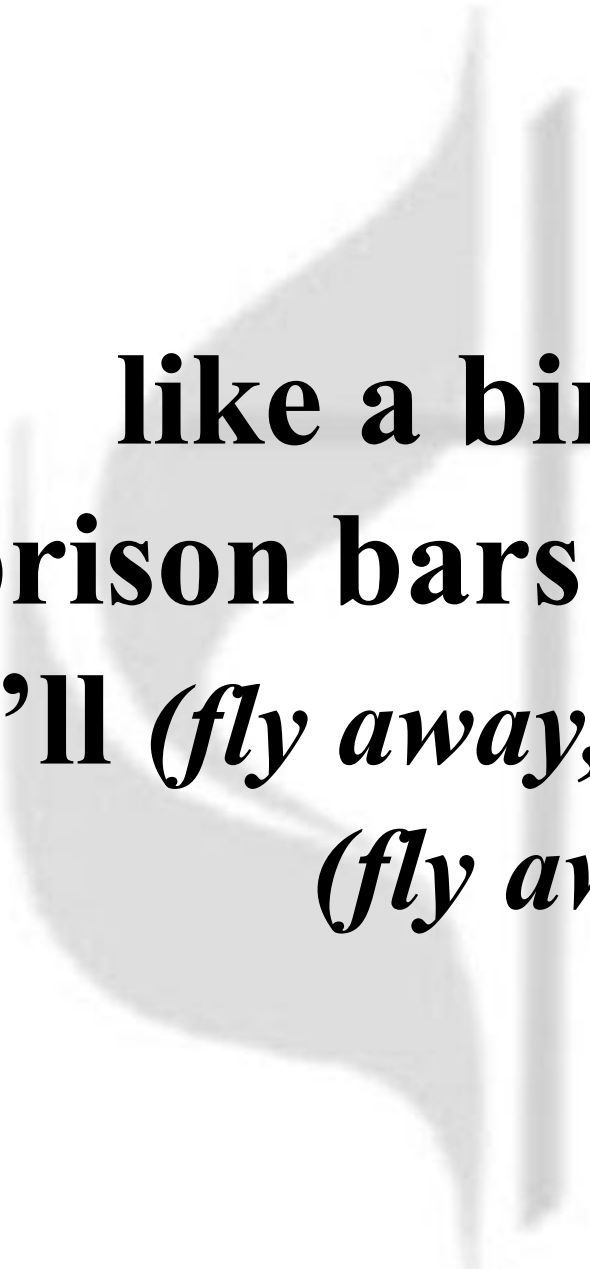
**I'll (*fly away,*) fly away,
O glory,
I'll (*fly away,*) fly away.
(*in the morning.*)**



**When I die,
hallelujah, by and by,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away.
*(fly away.)***



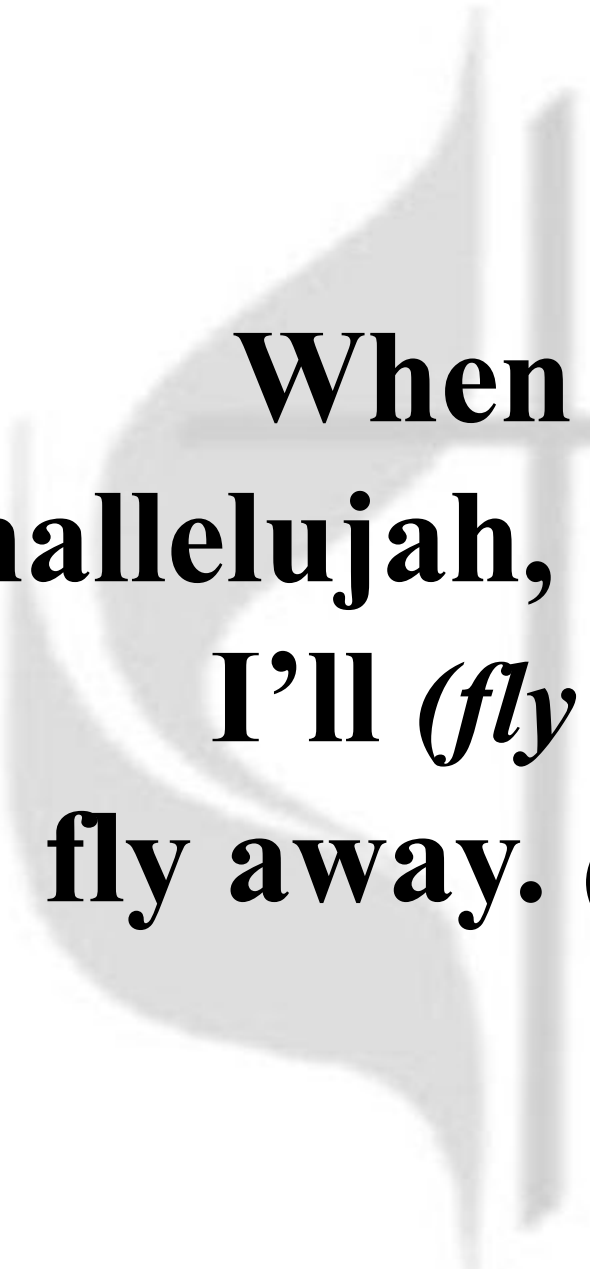
**2. When the shadows
of this life have gone,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away;
*(fly away;)***



**like a bird from
prison bars has flown,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away.
*(fly away.)***

Refrain

**I'll (*fly away,*) fly away,
O galory,
I'll (*fly away,*) fly away.
(*in the morning.*)**



**When I die,
hallelujah, by and by,
I'll *(fly away,*
fly away. *(fly away.)***

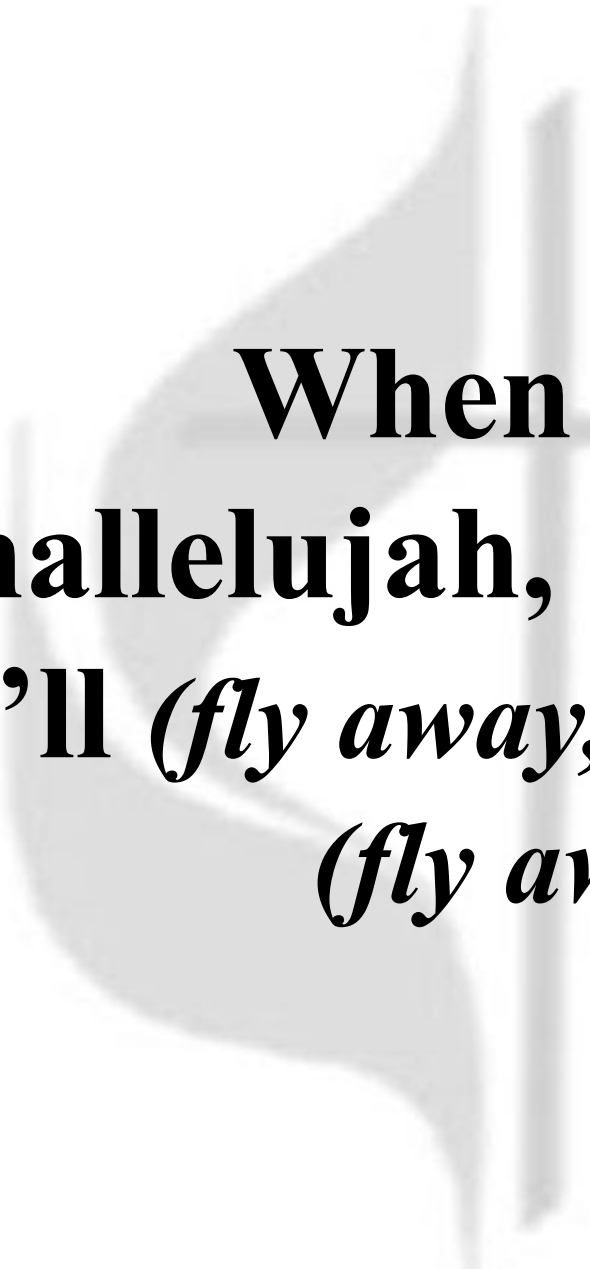
**3. Just a few more
weary days and then,
I'll (*fly away,*) fly away;
*(fly away;)***



**to a land where
joys shall never end,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away.
*(fly away.)***

Refrain

**I'll (*fly away,*) fly away,
O glory,
I'll (*fly away,*) fly away.
(*in the morning.*)**



**When I die,
hallelujah, by and by,
I'll *(fly away,)* fly away.
*(fly away.)***



OPENING PRAYER



Faithful God, you are our refuge and our strength, a mighty fortress in a world of chaos and turmoil. Protect us but also encourage us to be brave. Strengthen us to face this world and to make it a better place. Inspire our worship, that in this time we may deepen our faith and place our trust in you. Amen.



“We are the Church”


We Are the Church

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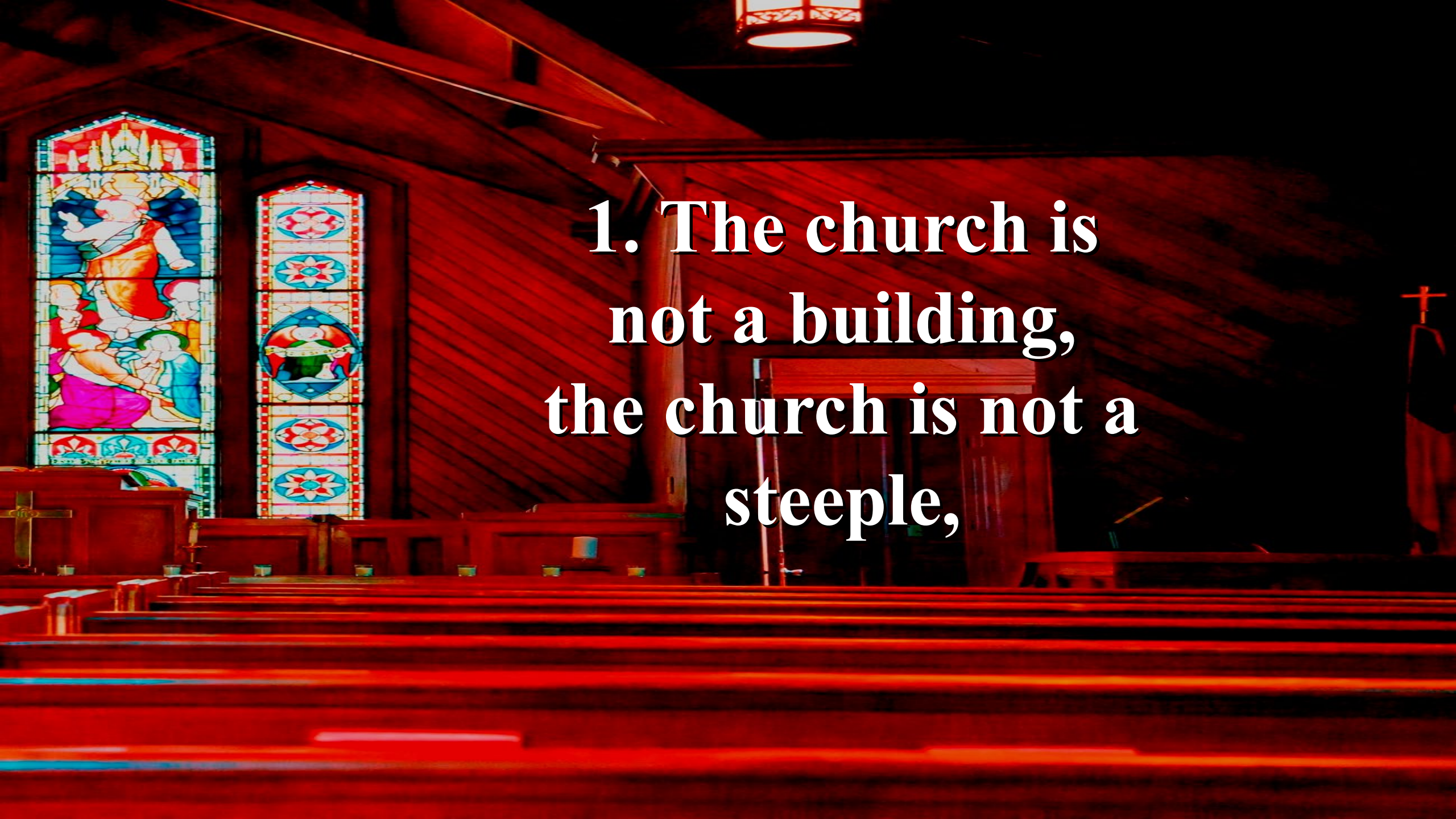
WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

Refrain

**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the
church together!**

A photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary or chapel. The walls are made of dark wood paneling. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The leftmost window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The window next to it features a series of decorative, circular patterns. In the foreground, rows of wooden pews are visible, extending towards the back of the church. A wooden altar is partially visible on the far left. The lighting is warm, and the overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**

The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and a high, vaulted ceiling. In the foreground, several rows of dark wooden pews are visible. To the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The larger window on the left depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The smaller window to its right features a series of decorative, circular patterns. In the background, a wooden altar area is visible, including a cross on the right and a pulpit on the left. The lighting is warm, highlighting the textures of the wood and the colors of the stained glass.

**1. The church is
not a building,
the church is not a
steeple,**


The image shows the interior of a church with a warm, reddish-brown wooden finish. Rows of wooden pews are visible in the foreground, leading towards the altar area. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The larger one on the left depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes, while the smaller one next to it features geometric patterns. A wooden pulpit with a cross is partially visible on the far left. In the background, a wooden altar and a cross on a stand are visible. The lighting is soft and focused on the central text.

**the church is
not a resting place,
the church is a people.**

A photograph of a church interior with wooden pews and stained glass windows. The text is overlaid on the image. The background shows a church sanctuary with rows of wooden pews in the foreground. In the background, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures, and the right window has a geometric pattern. The church has a wooden ceiling and walls.

Refrain

**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the
church together!**

The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and a high ceiling. In the foreground, several rows of wooden pews are visible. On the left, a large stained glass window depicts Jesus in a red robe, surrounded by people. To the right of this window is a smaller, narrower stained glass window with geometric patterns. In the background, a wooden altar is visible, topped with a cross. The lighting is warm, and the overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**



**2. We're many
kinds of people,
with many kinds
of faces,**




**all colors and
all ages, too,
from all times
and places.**

A photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary or choir loft, featuring dark wood paneling and a high, vaulted ceiling. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The larger one on the left depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes, possibly the Last Supper or a similar biblical event. The smaller one to its right has a geometric, floral design. In the foreground, rows of dark wooden pews are visible, extending towards the back of the church. A cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The overall lighting is warm and somewhat dim, with a red tint overlaid on the entire image.

Refrain


**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the
church together!**

The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and a high ceiling. In the foreground, several rows of wooden pews are visible. To the left, a large stained glass window depicts Jesus in a red robe, surrounded by other figures. To the right, a wooden altar is partially visible. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**



3. Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,




sometimes it's riding,
sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.

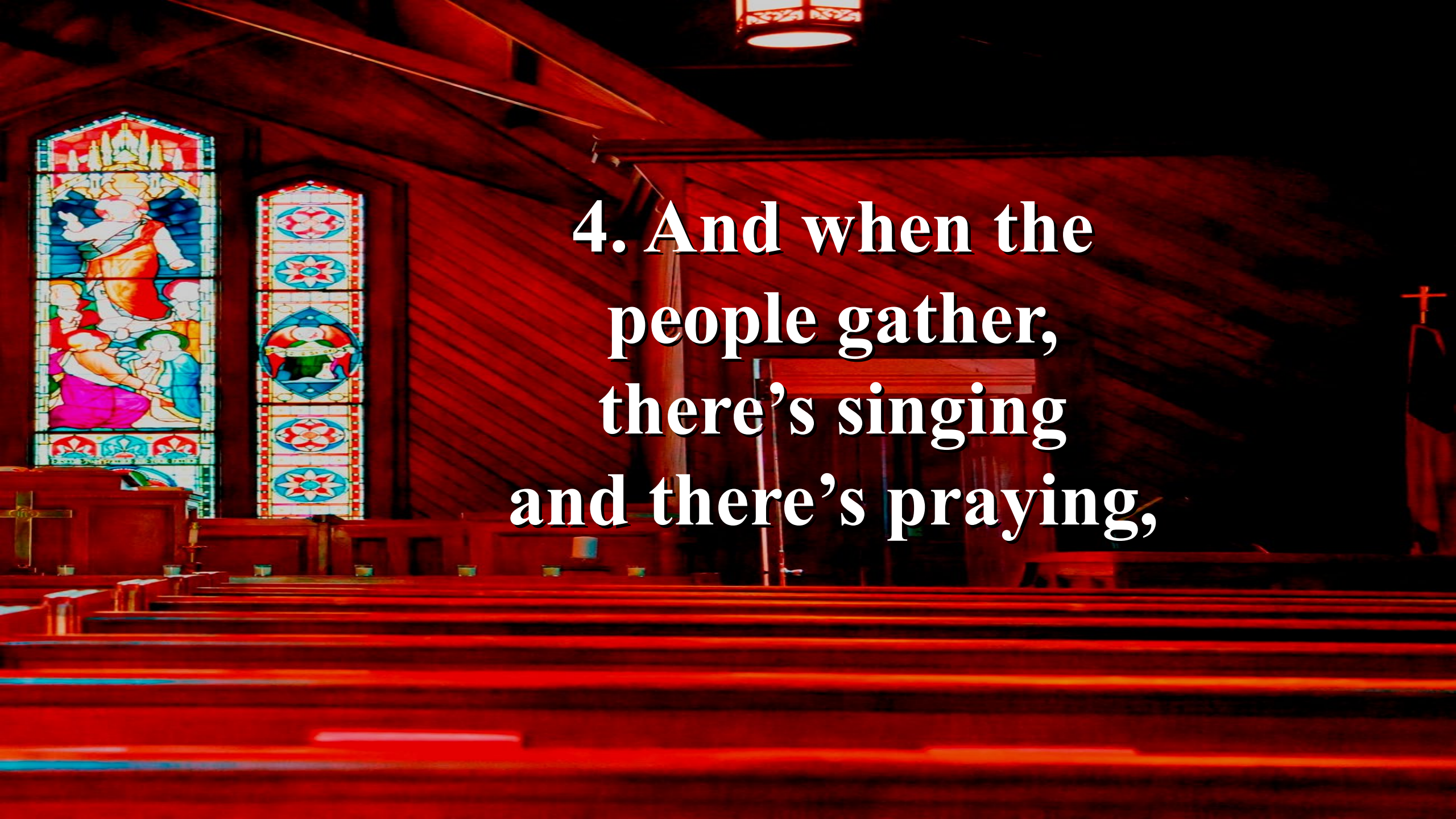
The background of the image is the interior of a church. It features rows of dark wooden pews in the foreground. In the background, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The right window has a geometric, floral pattern. The church's walls and ceiling are made of dark wood, and a cross is visible on the right side.

Refrain

**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the
church together!**



**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**



**4. And when the
people gather,
there's singing
and there's praying,**




there's laughing and
there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:

The image shows the interior of a church with a high, vaulted wooden ceiling and dark wood paneling. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The larger one on the left depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The smaller one next to it has a repeating geometric pattern. In the foreground, rows of wooden pews are visible, leading towards the altar area. A cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The overall lighting is warm and somewhat dim, with a red tint overlaid on the entire image.

Refrain


**I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the
church together!**

The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and pews. On the left, a large stained glass window depicts Jesus in a red and gold robe, surrounded by people. To the right, a wooden altar is visible with a cross on top. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**

The image shows the interior of a church with dark wood paneling and a vaulted ceiling. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The leftmost window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The second window features a central circular medallion with a figure, surrounded by decorative patterns. In the foreground, rows of wooden pews are visible, leading towards the altar area. A cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the central text.

**5. At Pentecost
some people
received the Holy Spirit**




and told the **Good News**
through the world
to all who would hear it.

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Refrain

**I am the church!
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We are the
church together!**



**All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the
church together!**



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


JOHN 14:1-14



1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."
5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know



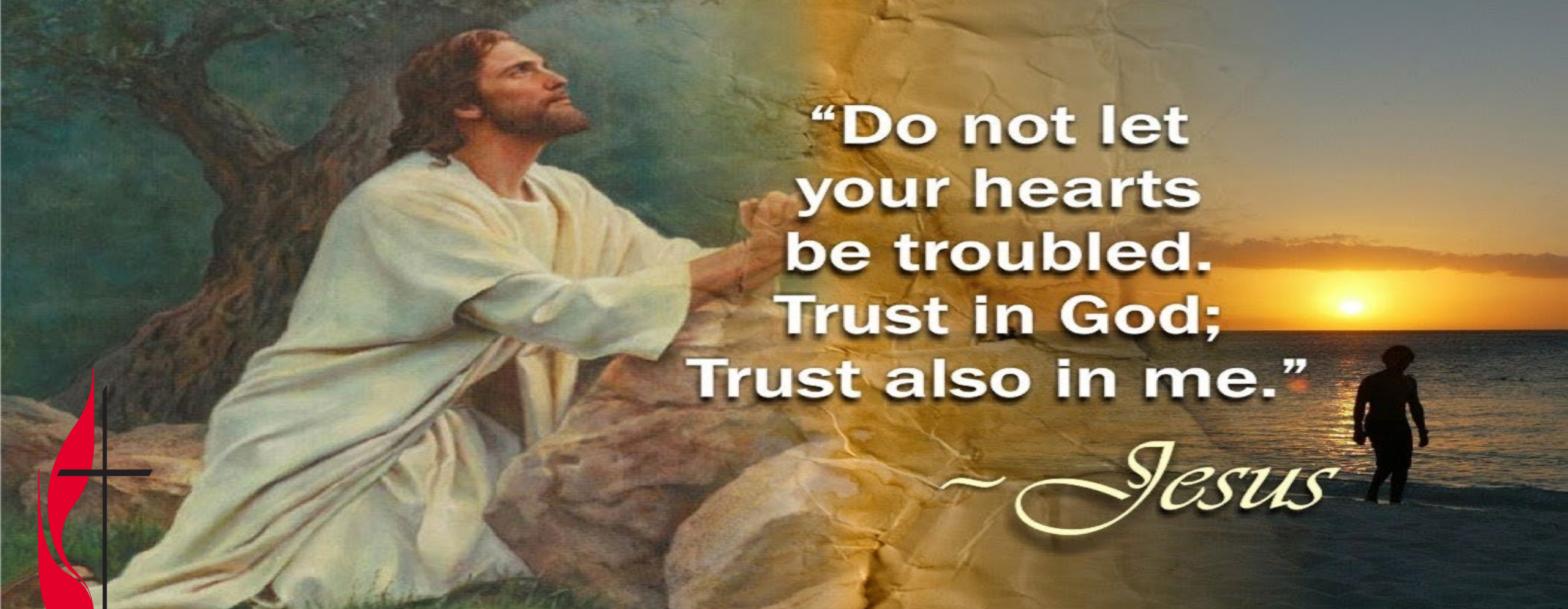
where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a



long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell



you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.



**“Do not let
your hearts
be troubled.
Trust in God;
Trust also in me.”**

~ Jesus

SERMON


“DON'T LET YOU HEART BE TROUBLED”



HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Christ the Lord invites to
his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.



Therefore, let us confess
our sin before God
and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**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.
Amen.**

Hear 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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!**

Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.


Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our
thanks, and praise.**


It is right, and a good
and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ.


By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a
new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he
gave himself up for us,
he took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples
and said:

“Take, eat;
this is my body which is
given for you.
Do this
in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over,
he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples,
and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood
of the new covenant,
poured out for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.




Do this, as often
as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise
and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's
offering for us,

as we proclaim the
mystery of faith.


Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.



Pour out your Holy Spirit
on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of
bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body
and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us
one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry
to all the world,



until Christ comes in
final victory
and we feast at his
heavenly banquet.

Through your Son
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit
in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me



**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





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

“THE SUMMONS”

The Summons

2130

John Bell

**1. Will you come
and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go
where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let
my love be shown,
will you let
my name be known,
will you let
my life be grown in you
and you in me?**

**2. Will you leave
yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care
for cruel and kind
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk
the hostile stare
should your life
attract or scare?**

**Will you let
me answer prayer in you
and you in me?**

**3. Will you let
the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set
the prisoners free
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss
the leper clean,
and do such
as this unseen,
and admit to
what I mean in you
and you in me?**

**4. Will you love
the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell
the fear inside
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the
faith you've found
to reshape the
world around,
through my sight and
touch and sound in you
and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons
echoes true
when you but
call my name.
Let me turn
and follow you
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go
where your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move
and live and grow in you
and you in me.**



BENEDICTION





Even as God sends us into the world, Christ has prepared the way. Following Christ, we go to serve and love with faith and hope.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

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

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

