

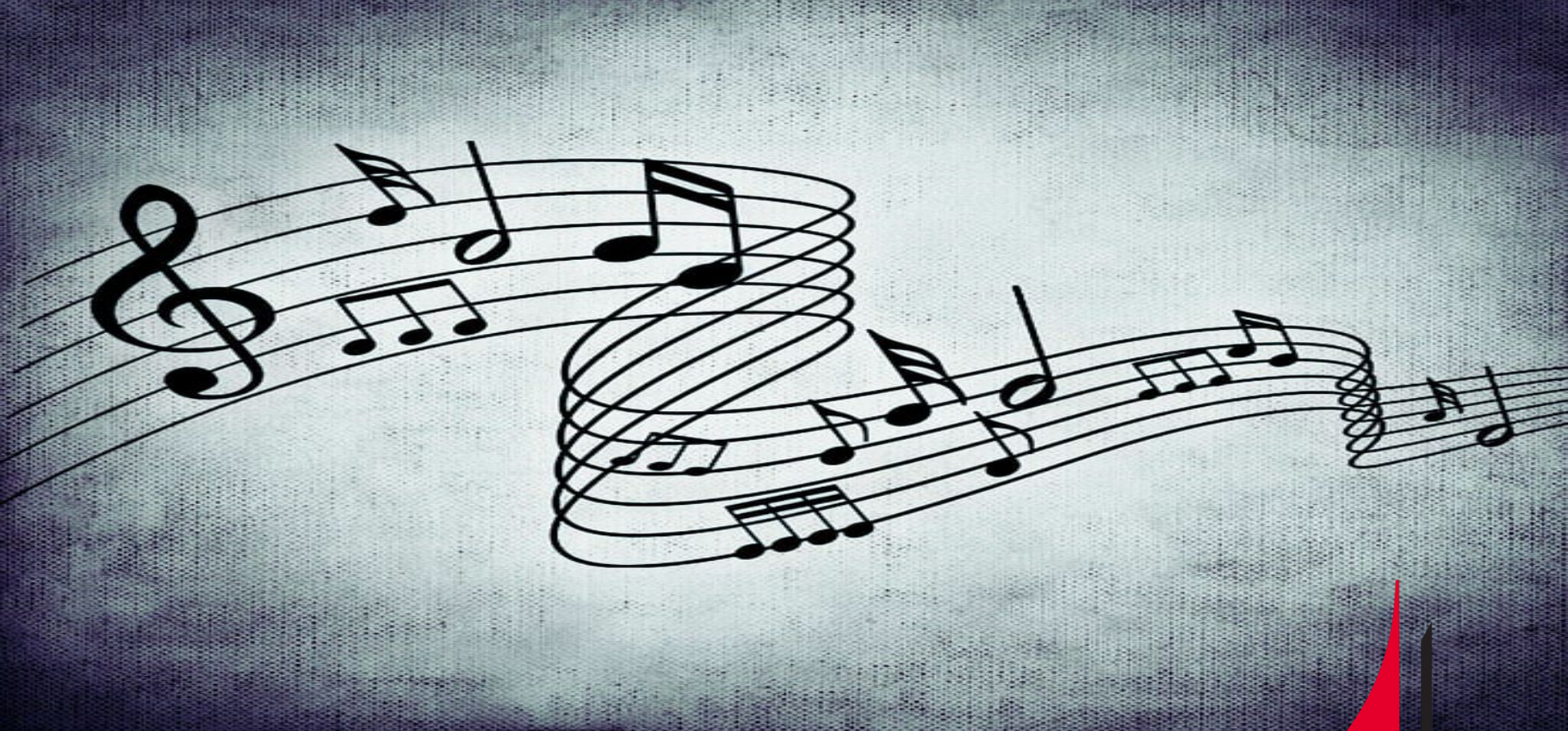


WELCOME!

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 26 , 2025

OPEN DOORS WITH LOVING HEARTS



CENTERING SONG

“Surely the Presence”
UMH 328



A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews, a wooden altar, and two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The right window has a geometric, star-like pattern. The text is overlaid on this background.

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.

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The pews are dark wood and filled with people. The walls are dark wood paneling. On the left, there is a large, colorful stained glass window depicting a religious scene. To its right is a smaller, narrower stained glass window with a similar design. The altar area is visible in the distance, with a cross on the wall. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, creating a solemn atmosphere.

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of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
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A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The pews are dark wood and mostly empty. On the left, there is a large, colorful stained glass window depicting a religious scene, possibly the Resurrection. To its right is a narrower stained glass window with a geometric pattern. The altar area is visible in the distance, featuring a wooden structure and a cross. The lighting is warm, and the overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

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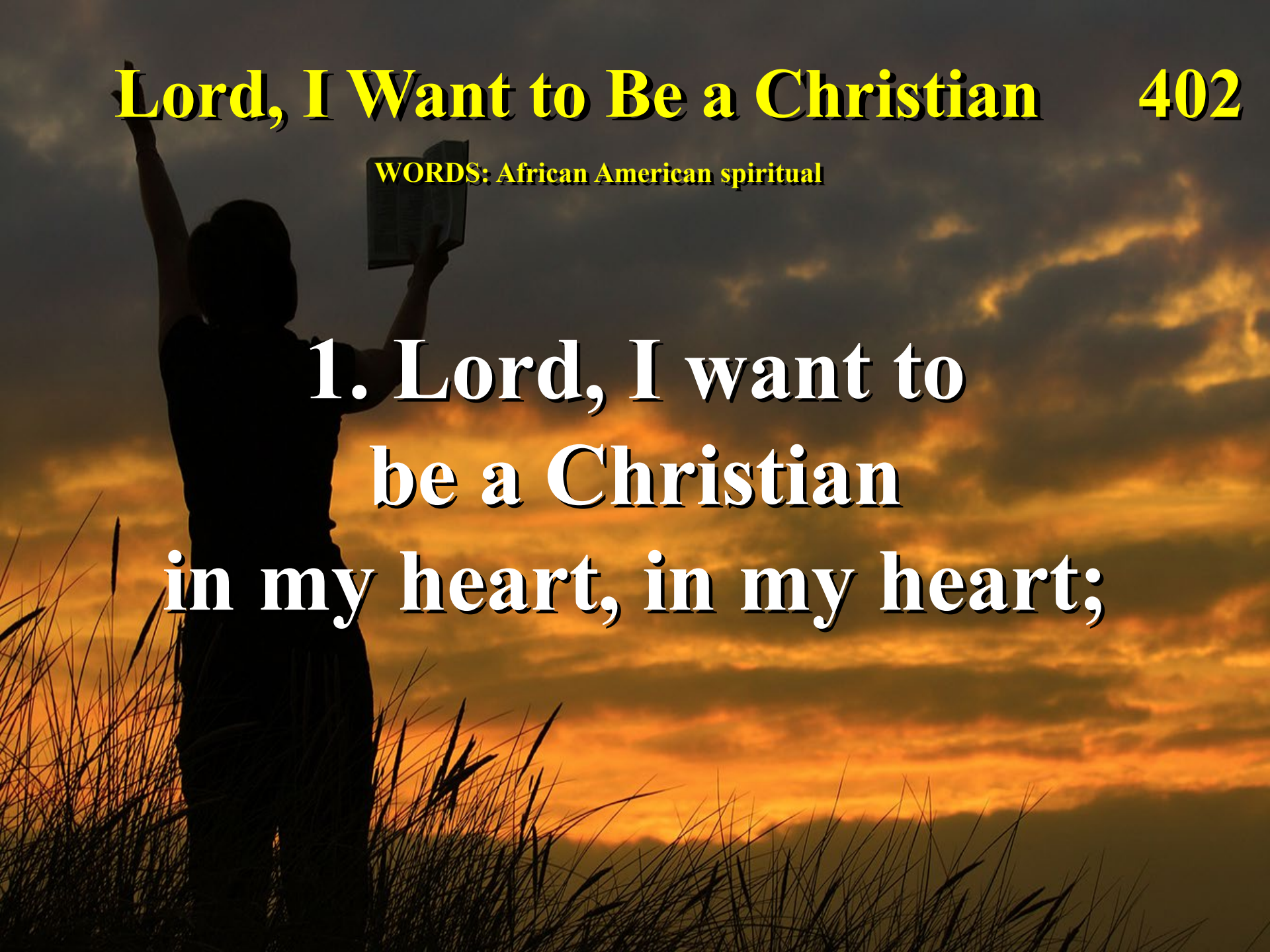
GATHERING SONG

“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”

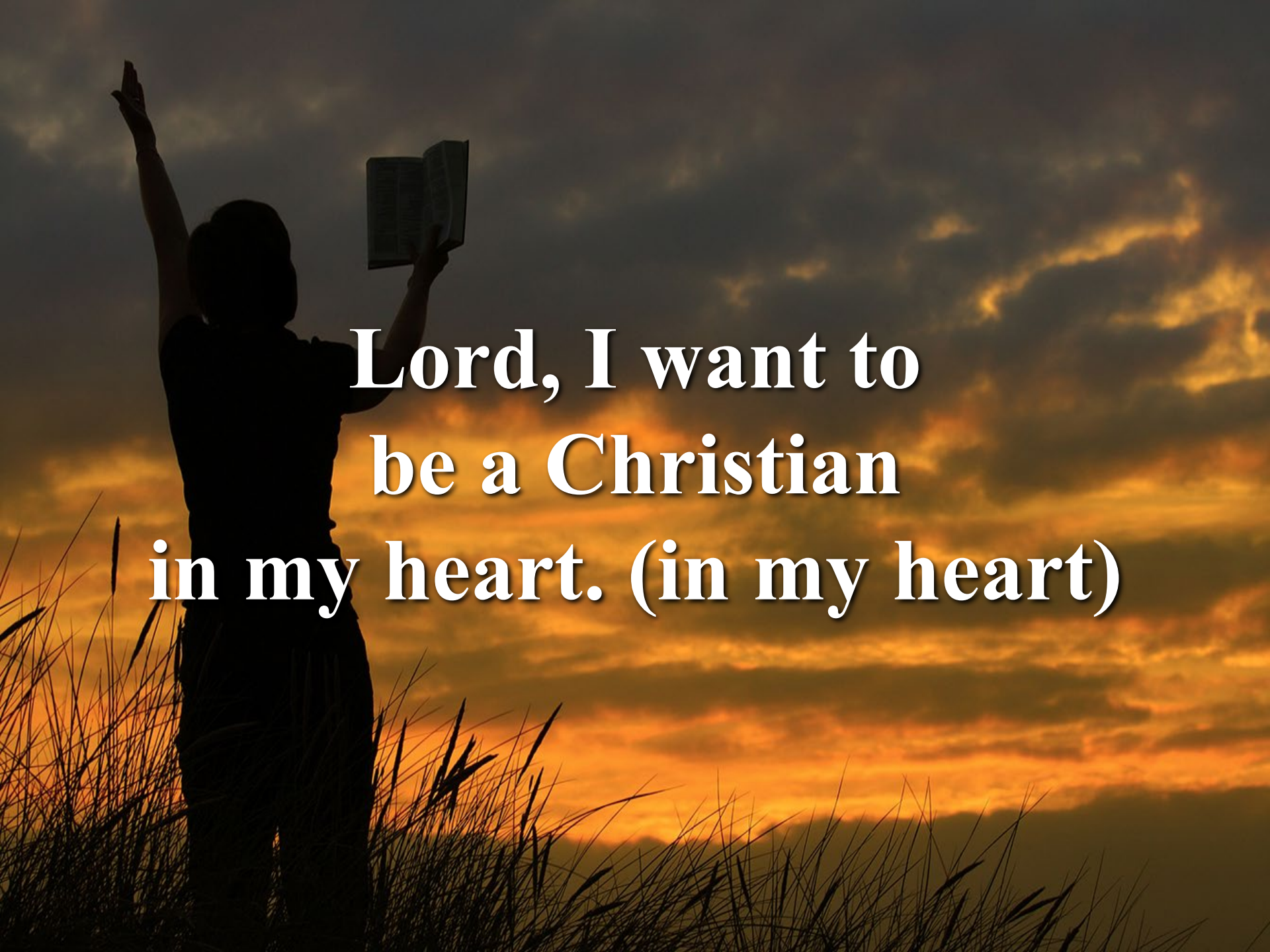
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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WORDS: African American spiritual



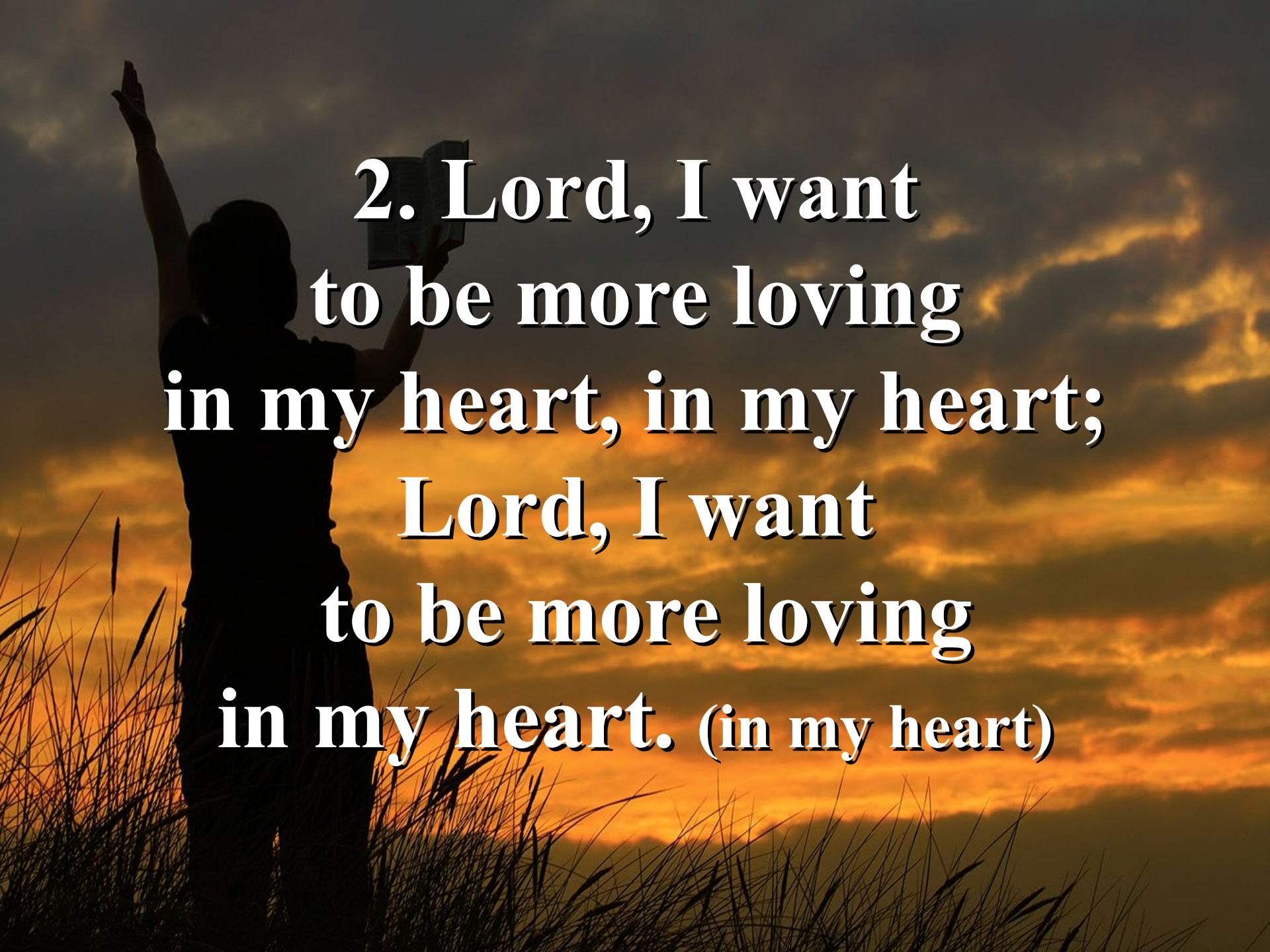
1. Lord, I want to
be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;

A silhouette of a person stands in a field of tall grass, facing away from the viewer. Their right arm is raised high, and their left hand holds an open book. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with clouds illuminated in shades of orange and yellow. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

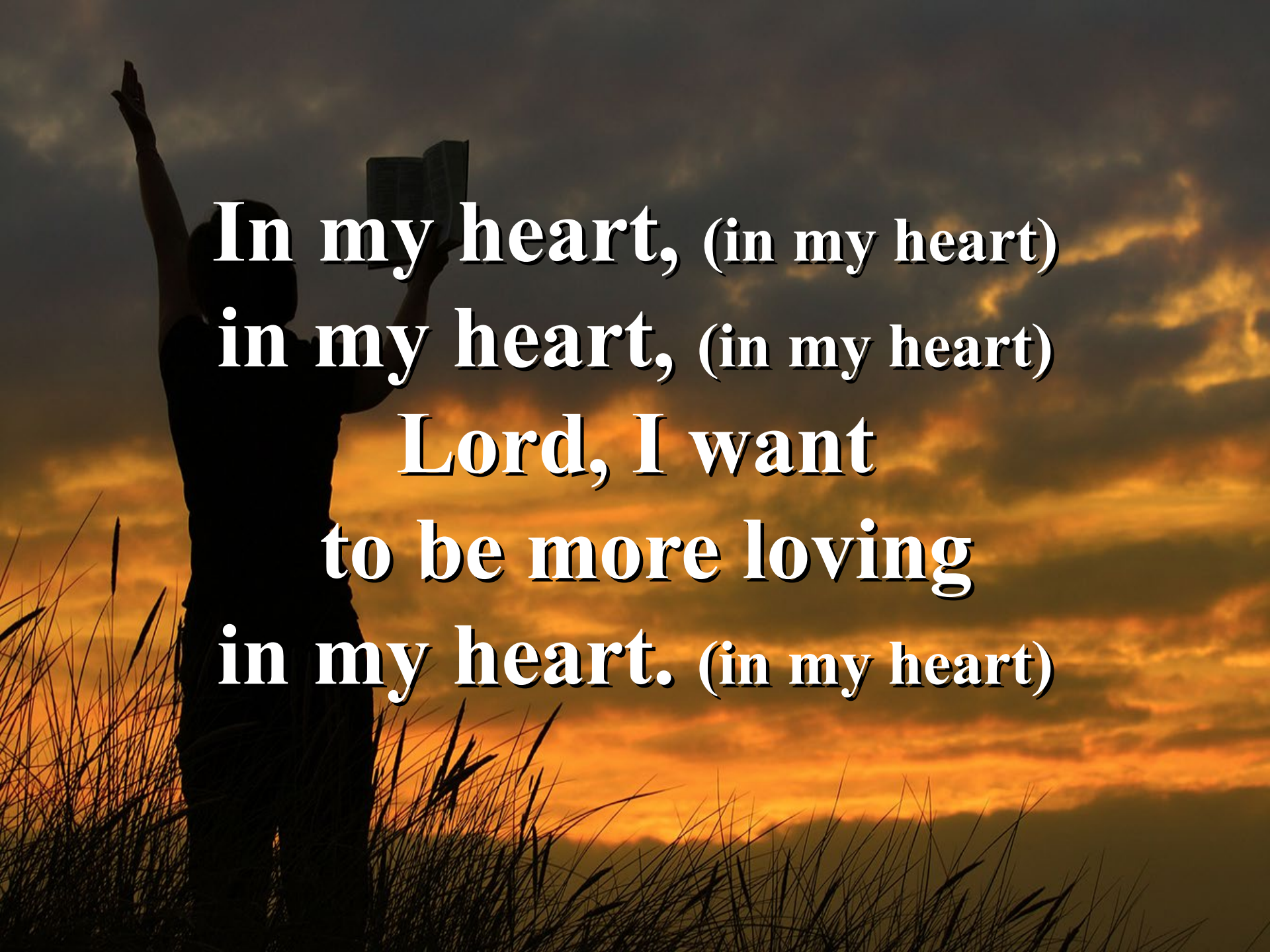
**Lord, I want to
be a Christian
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person stands in a field of tall grass, their arms raised in prayer. They are holding a book, likely a Bible, with both hands. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with clouds illuminated in shades of orange, yellow, and grey. The overall mood is one of devotion and spiritual seeking.

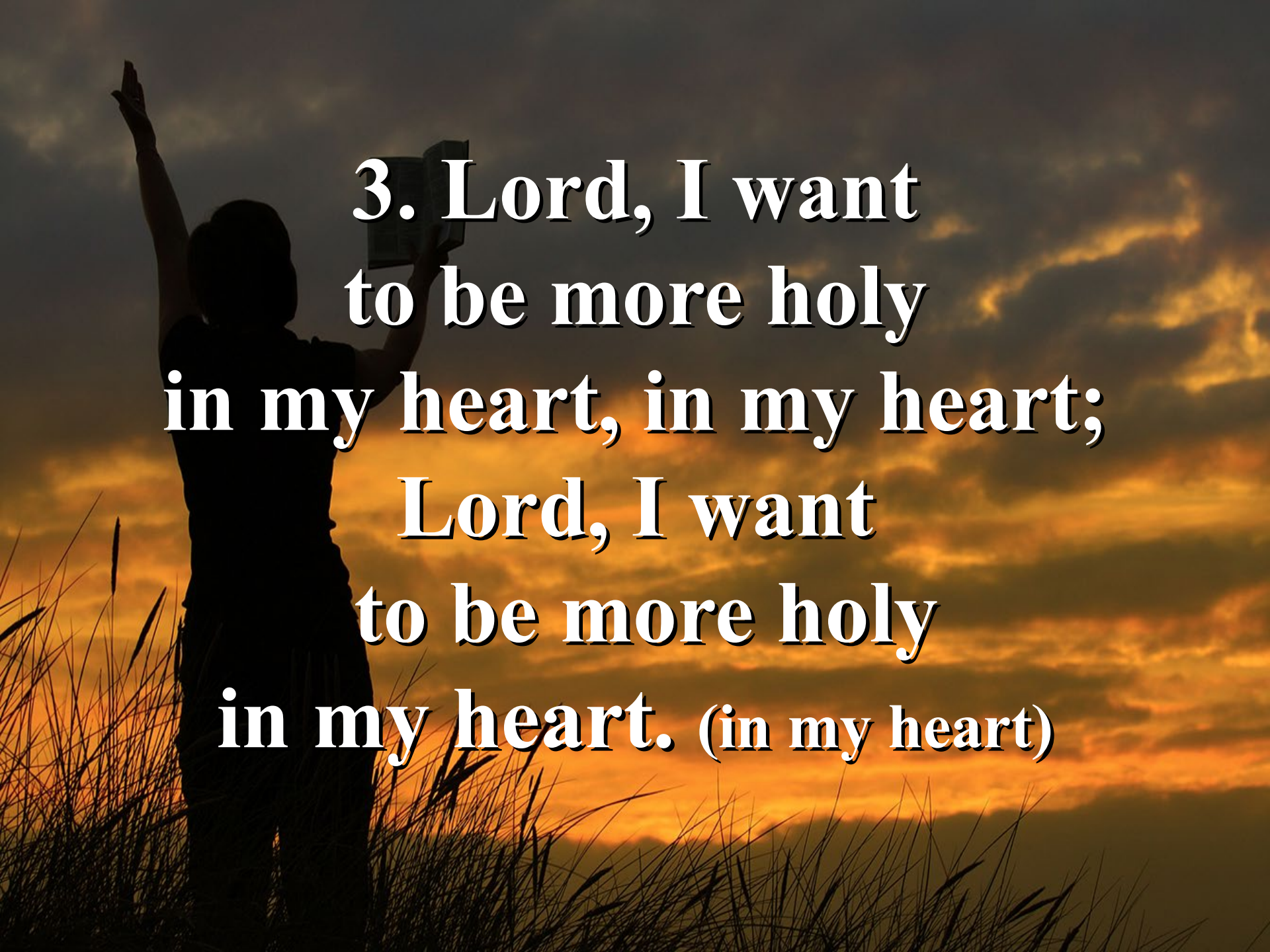
**In my heart, (in my heart)
in my heart, (in my heart)
Lord, I want
to be a Christian
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person stands in a field of tall grass, their arms raised in prayer, holding a book. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light filtering through dark, textured clouds. The overall mood is one of devotion and hope.

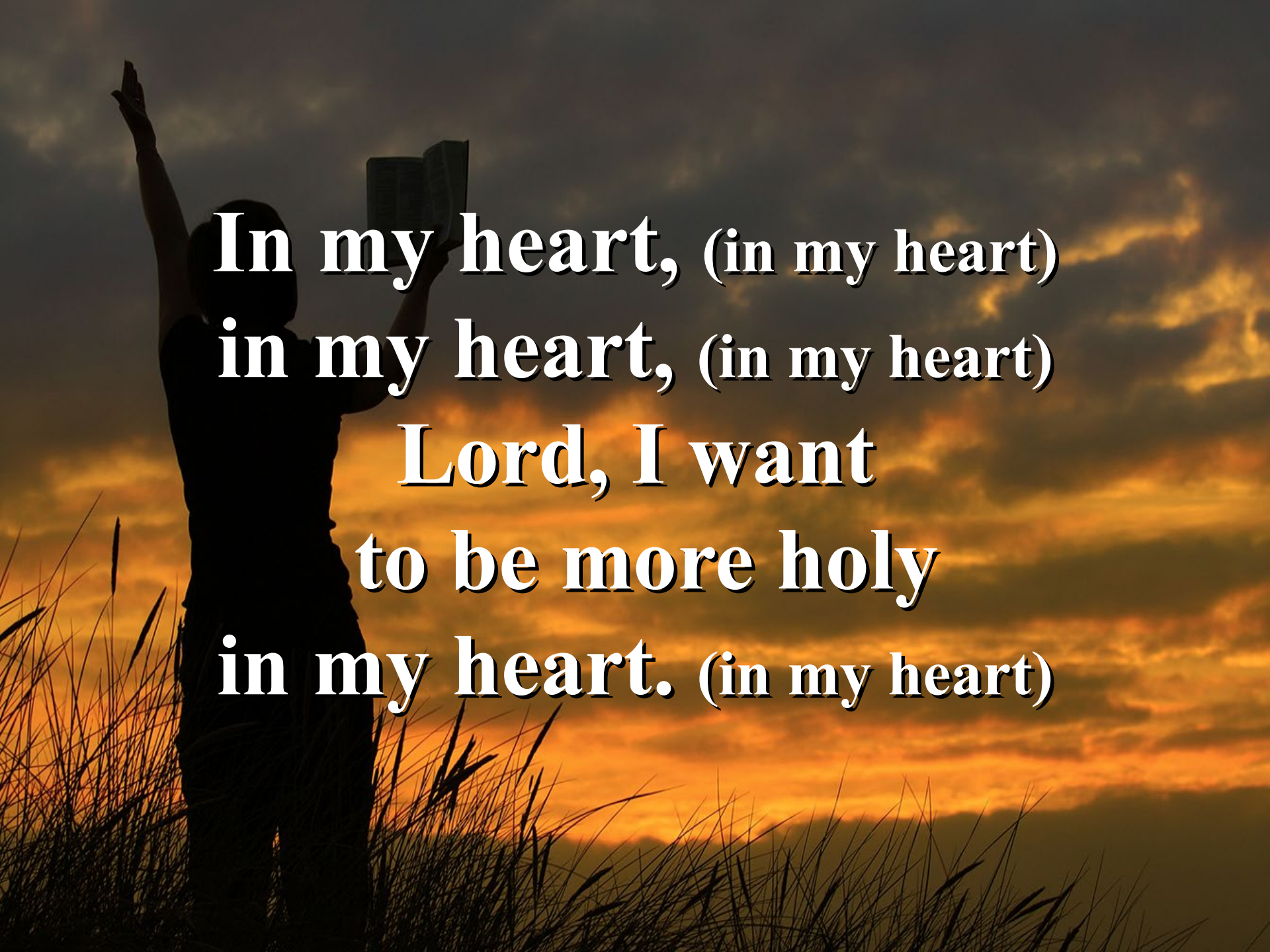
**2. Lord, I want
to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want
to be more loving
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in their right hand. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font with a black outline.

**In my heart, (in my heart)
in my heart, (in my heart)
Lord, I want
to be more loving
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person stands in a field of tall grass, their arms raised in prayer. They are holding a small, light-colored rectangular object, possibly a book or a tablet, with both hands. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light filtering through dark, textured clouds. The overall mood is one of devotion and spiritual seeking.

**3. Lord, I want
to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want
to be more holy
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, with one arm raised and holding a book. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font with a black outline.

**In my heart, (in my heart)
in my heart, (in my heart)
Lord, I want
to be more holy
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person stands in a field of tall grass at sunset. The person is holding a book in their left hand and has their right arm raised towards the sky. The background is a dramatic sky with orange and yellow clouds.

**4. Lord, I want
to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want
to be like Jesus
in my heart. (in my heart)**

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in the air with both hands. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**In my heart, (in my heart)
in my heart, (in my heart)
Lord, I want
to be like Jesus
in my heart. (in my heart)**



PRELUDE



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A festive birthday graphic featuring a blue sky background with white confetti. On the left, there are three balloons: a yellow one at the top, a purple one in the middle, and a large blue one at the bottom. The words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" are written in large, colorful, blocky letters. The letters are arranged in two rows: "HAPPY" on top and "BIRTHDAY" on the bottom. Each letter is a different color: H (purple), A (green), P (orange), P (light blue), Y (red), B (red), I (light blue), R (orange), T (green), H (purple), D (red), A (green), Y (light blue).

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Birthday/Anniversary



CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be
glad.

People: God is our hope and our
salvation.

Leader: The Lord blesses the earth
with rain.

People: God crowns the year with
bounty.



Leader: The Lord makes old men
dream dreams.

People: God makes young girls
see visions.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be
glad.

All: God is our hope and our
salvation.

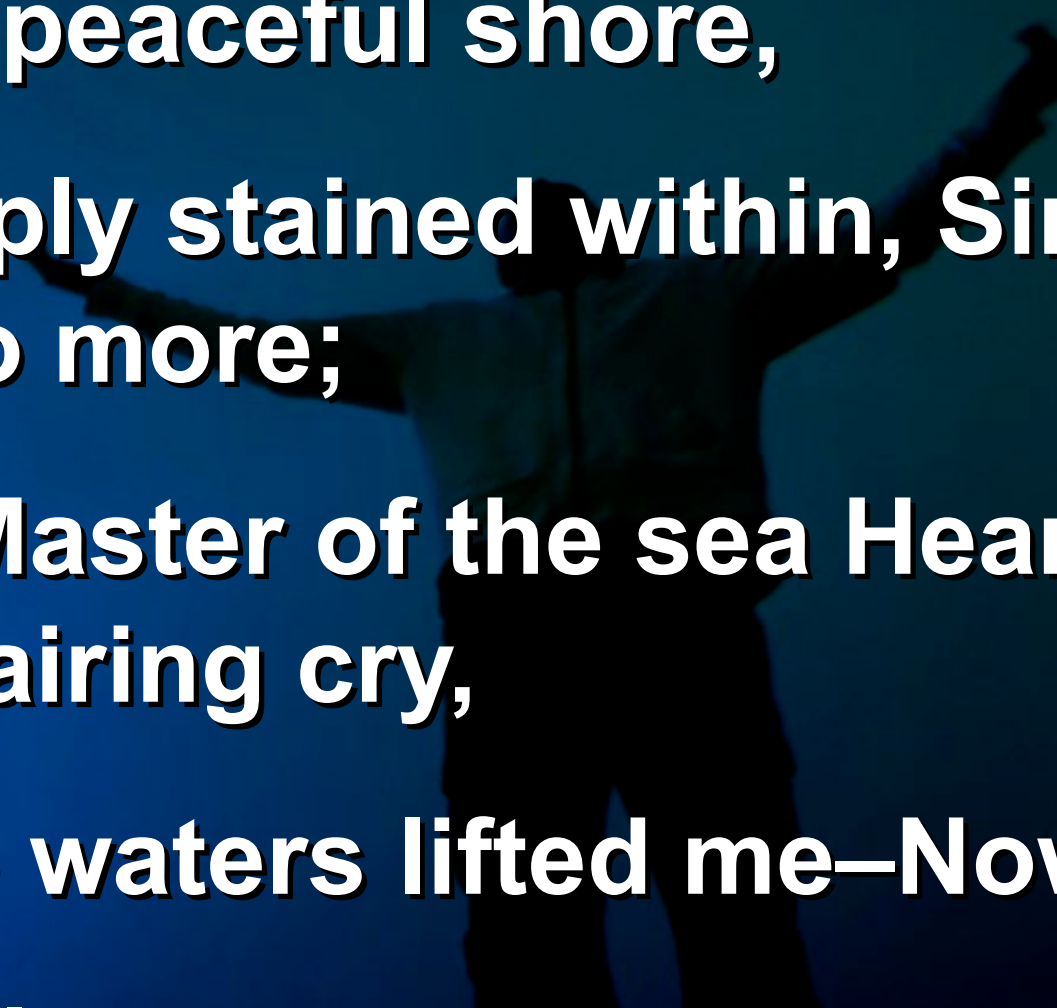


OPENING SONG:

“Love Lifted Me”

Lord, Lifted Me

**1. I was sinking deep in sin, Far
from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking
to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard
my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—Now
safe am I.**

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a blue gradient background.

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,

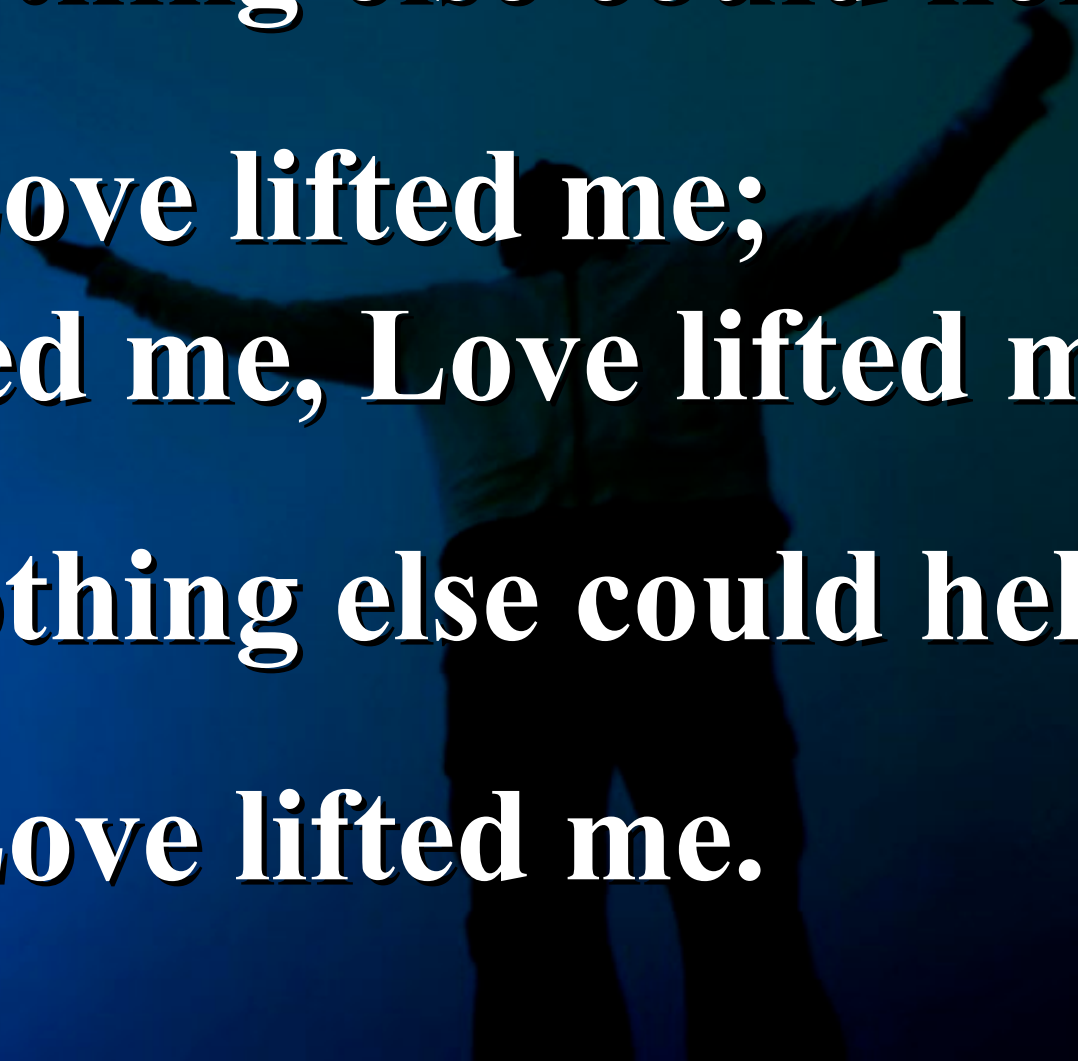
When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me;

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.



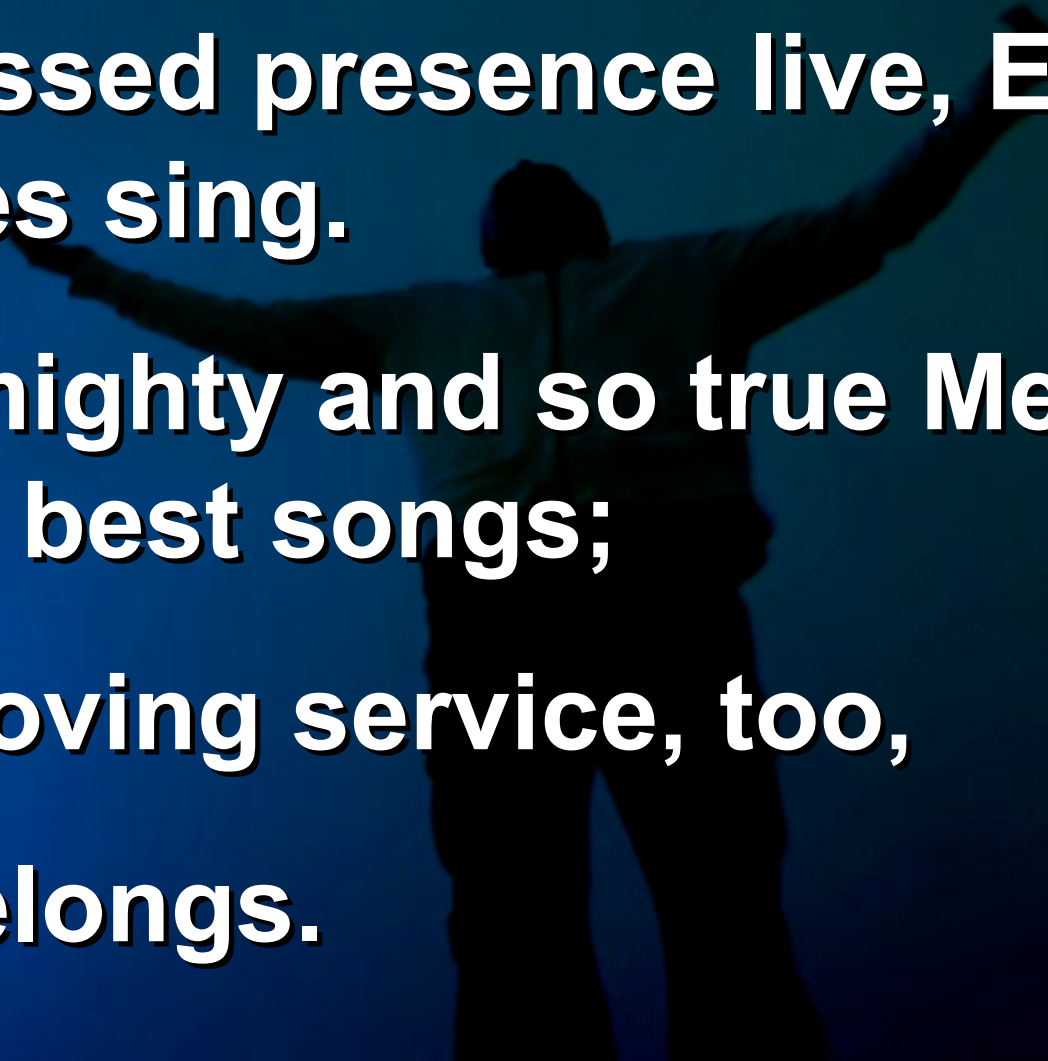
**2. All my heart to Him I give, Ever
to Him I'll cling,**

**In His blessed presence live, Ever
His praises sing.**

**Love so mighty and so true Merits
my soul's best songs;**

Faithful, loving service, too,

To Him belongs.



Love lifted me, Love lifted me,

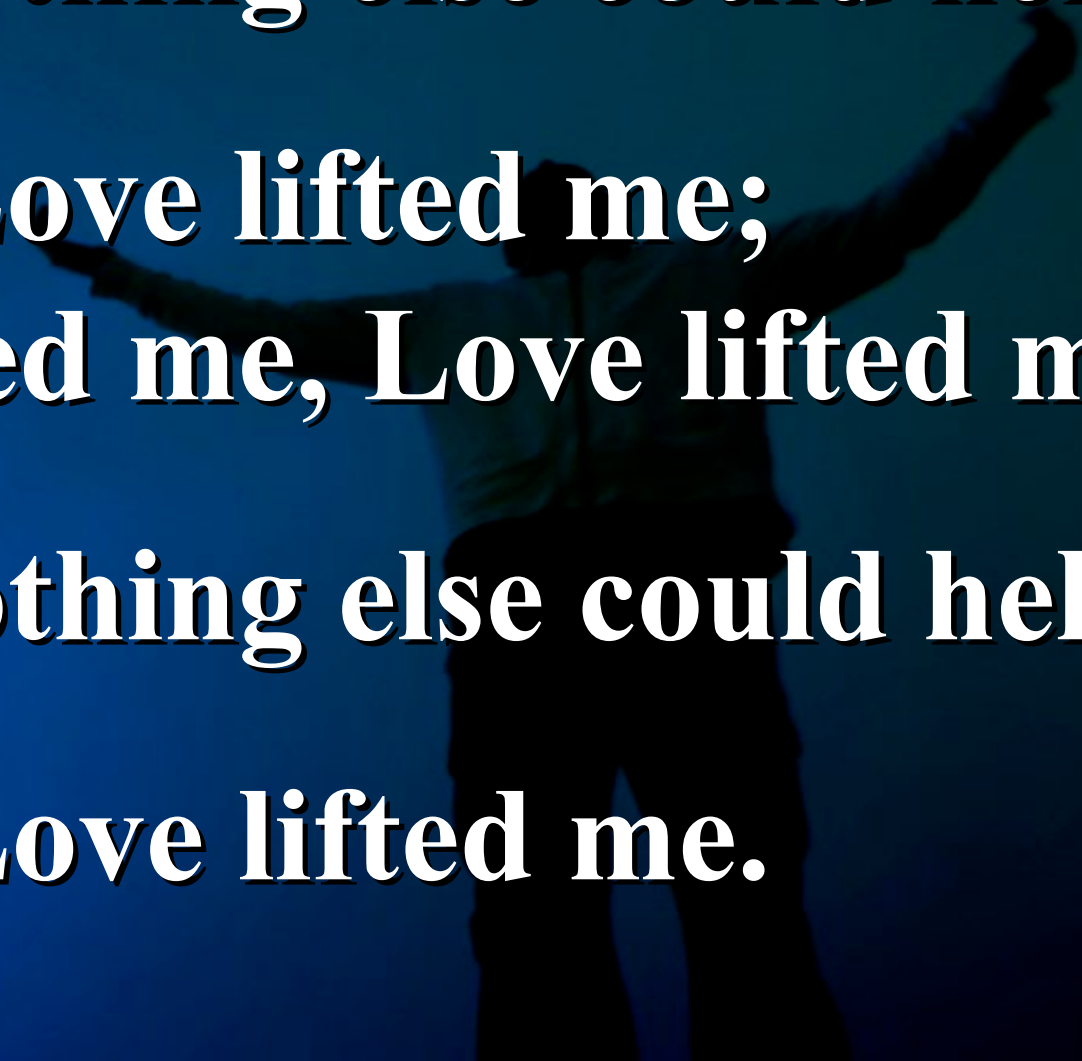
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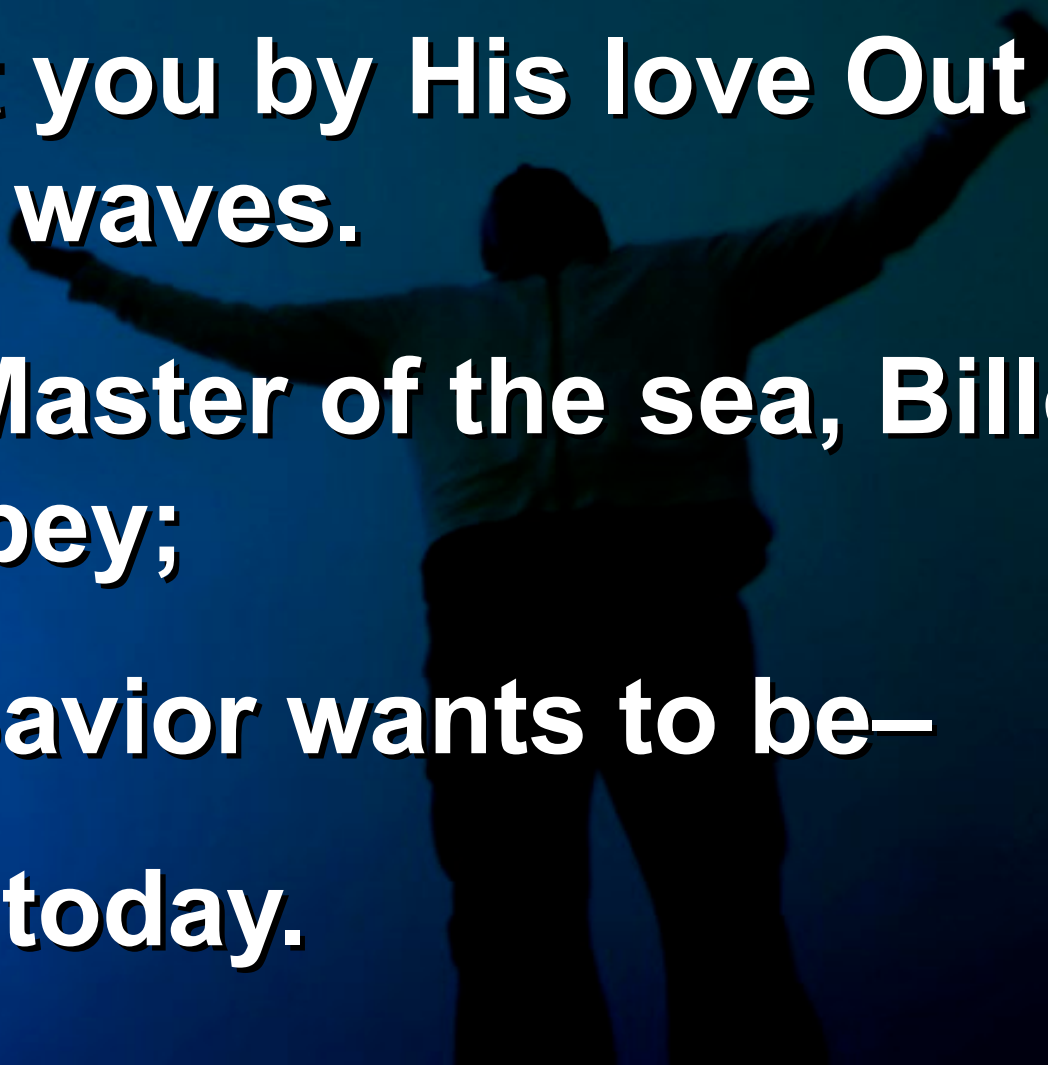


**3. Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;**

**He will lift you by His love Out of
the angry waves.**

**He's the Master of the sea, Billows
His will obey;**

**He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today.**



Love lifted me, Love lifted me,

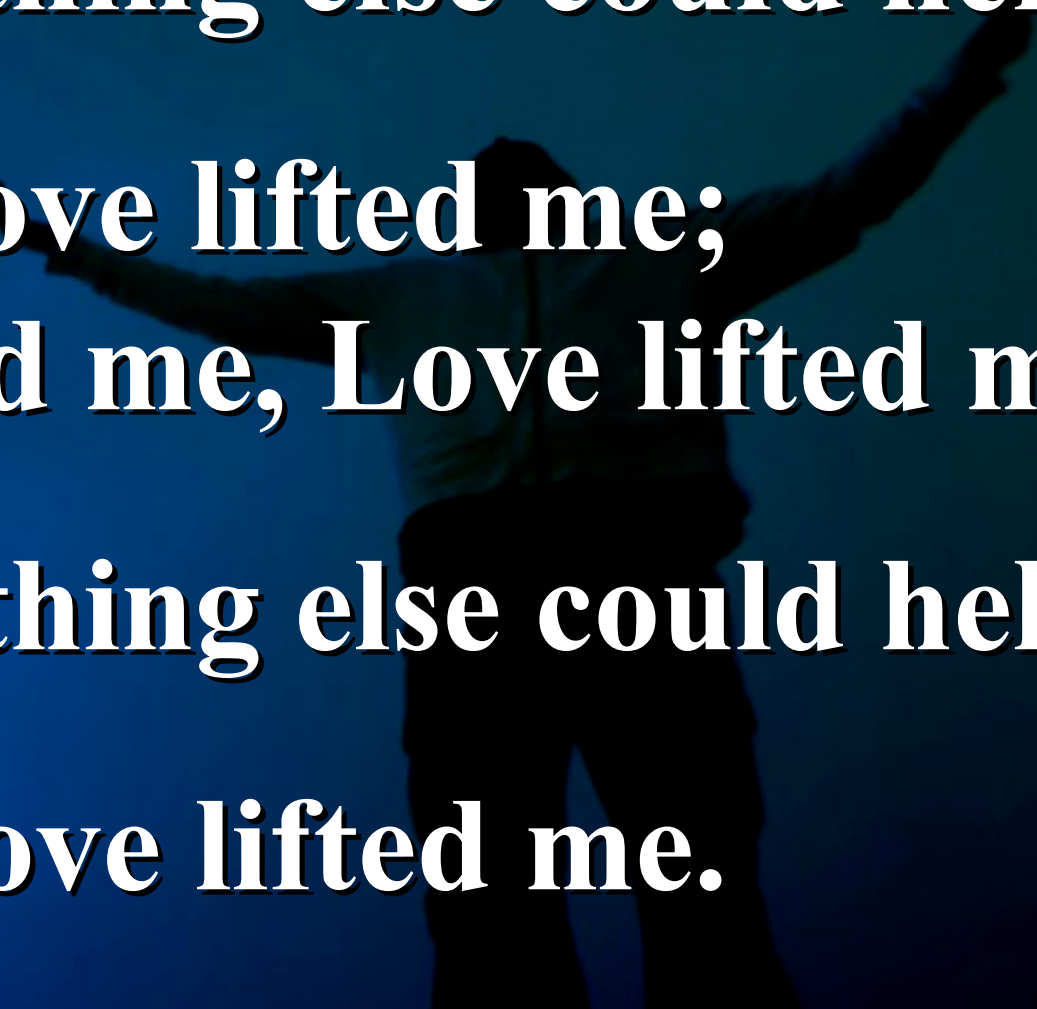
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Love lifted me, Love lifted me,

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.





OPENING PRAYER



Giver of dreams and visions, pour out your Spirit on our fellowship, for we need your presence in our lives. Show your portents in the heavens and set your signs on the earth and seas. Touch our spirits with the awe of your majesty, that we may humbly dwell within your courts in peace and harmony. Amen.



“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)

1. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter;
I am the clay.

**Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.**

2. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!

**Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.**

**3. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!**

**Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!**

**4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.**

Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!



PRAISE

“God Is So Good!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CfcbZw4haY>



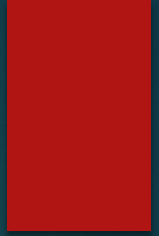
OFFERING:

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

Luke 18: 9 -14



9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax

collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE
HUMBLLED

WHOEVER HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE
EXALTED

LK 18:14

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SERMON

“LOUD AND PROUD!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, prepare us for the marathon of life, even as seek the ease of a leisurely stroll. May we never tire of fighting the good fight, nor fall exhausted from running our race. May we never grow weary from keeping the faith. Speak your words of promise once more, O



God, for we need to find your quiet center amid the noisy tumult of life. Bless us with dreams and guide us with visions, that we may faithfully endure life's trials and receive your righteous crown. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ offers a crown of righteousness to those who love him and long for his appearance. Rejoice and be glad! 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

**“The Summons”
(Will You Come and Follow Me)**



The Summons

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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

**Fight the good fight. Finish
the race. Keep the faith. Love
deeply and live well. Claim the
crown of righteousness,
which is given to all who love
God and who yearn for
Christ's appearance. Amen.**





564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

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



CARRY OUT THE LIGHT