



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
October 4, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



“I Will Trust In the Leader”

UMH 464

I Will Trust in the Lord

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WORDS: African American spiritual (Ps. 37:3)

1. I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
till I die;

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross, and two large stained glass windows in the background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**I will trust in the Lord,
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I will trust in the Lord,
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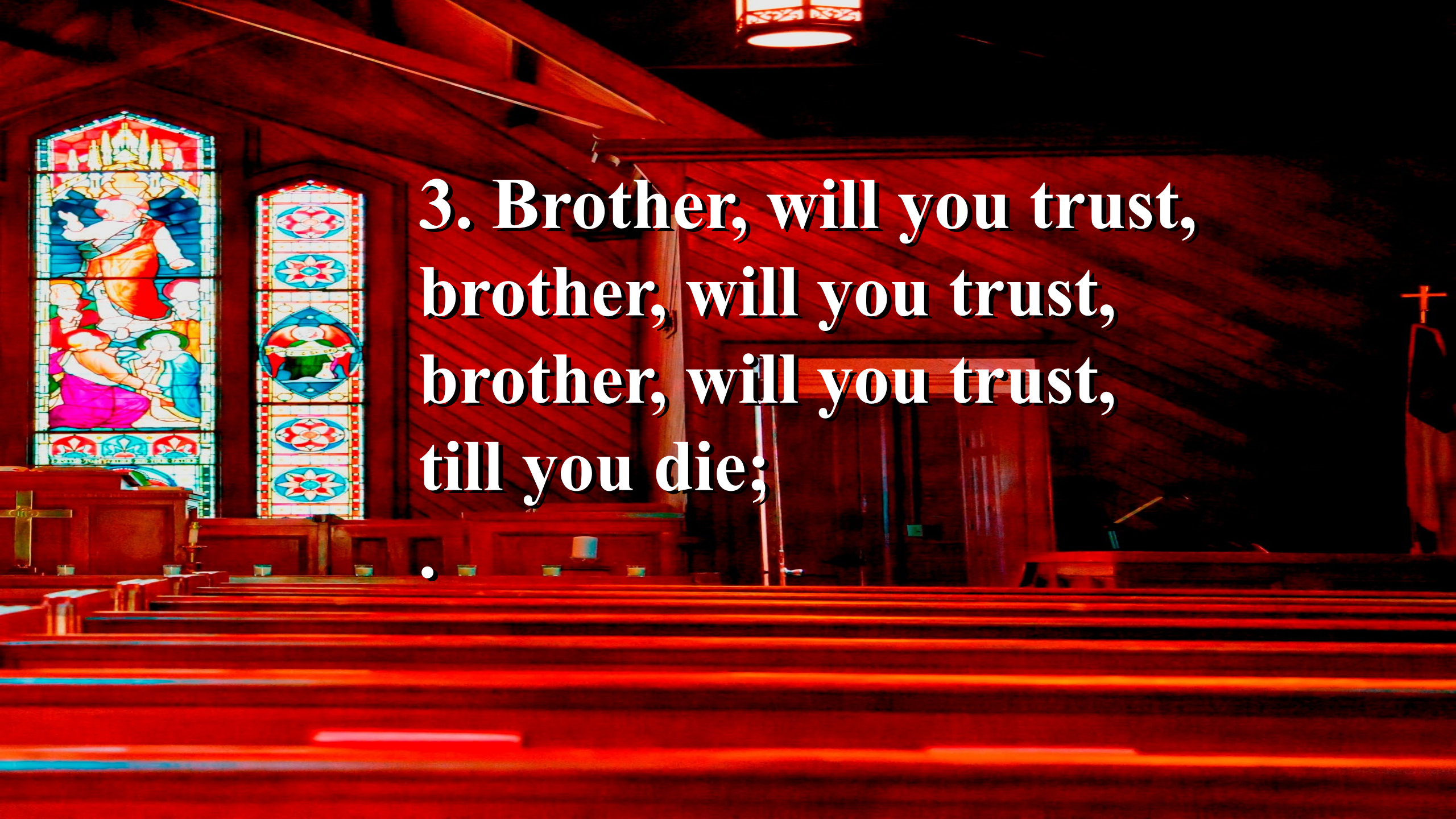
A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross, and two large stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures, and the right window has a geometric pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**2. Sister, will you trust,
sister, will you trust,
sister, will you trust,
till you die;**

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The walls are made of dark wood, and the ceiling is also wooden. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The first window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The second window features a series of circular and floral patterns. In the foreground, several rows of wooden pews are visible, some with small white candles placed on them. In the background, a wooden altar is visible, and a large cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, creating a solemn atmosphere.

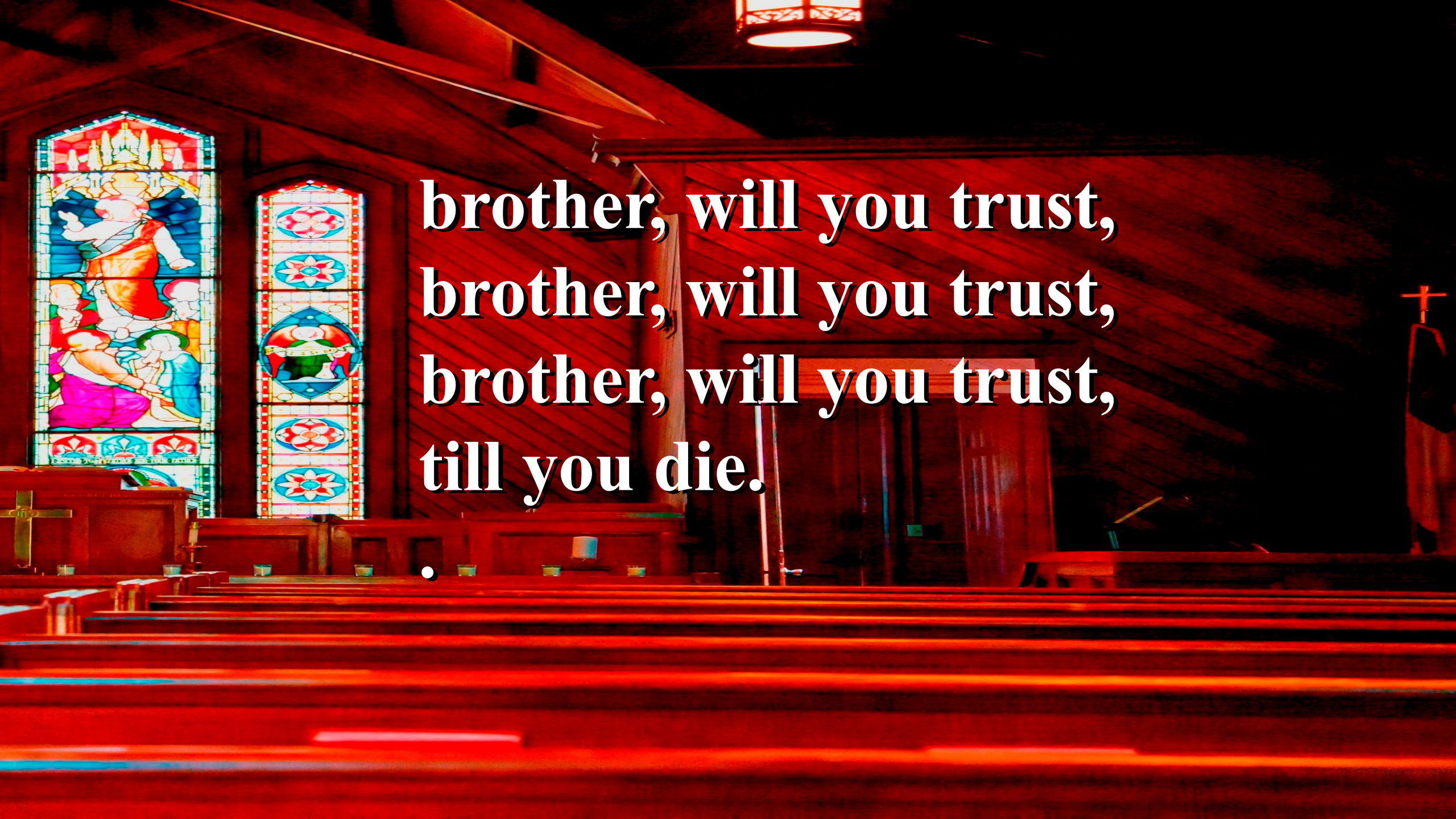
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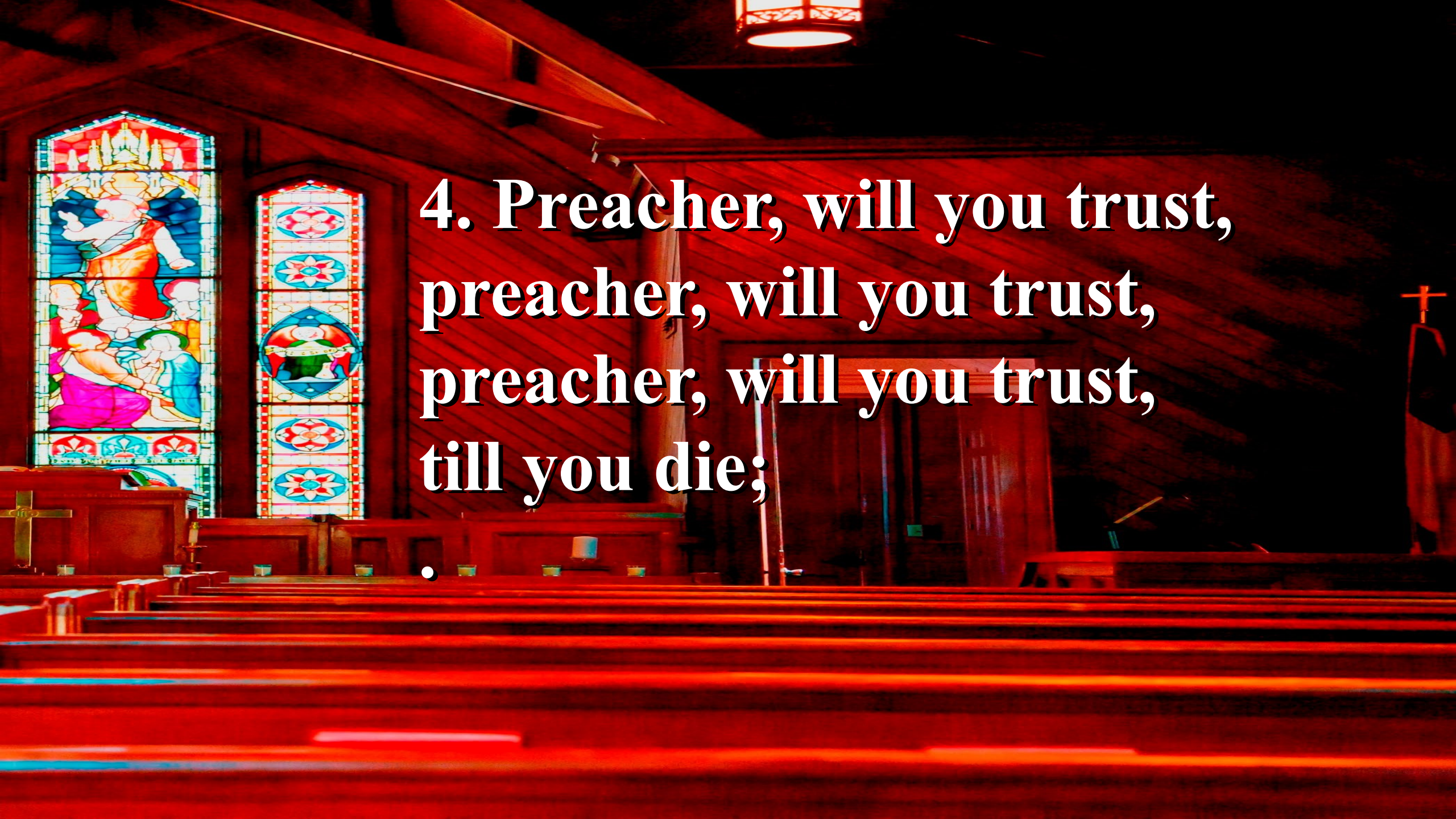
**3. Brother, will you trust,
brother, will you trust,
brother, will you trust,
till you die;**

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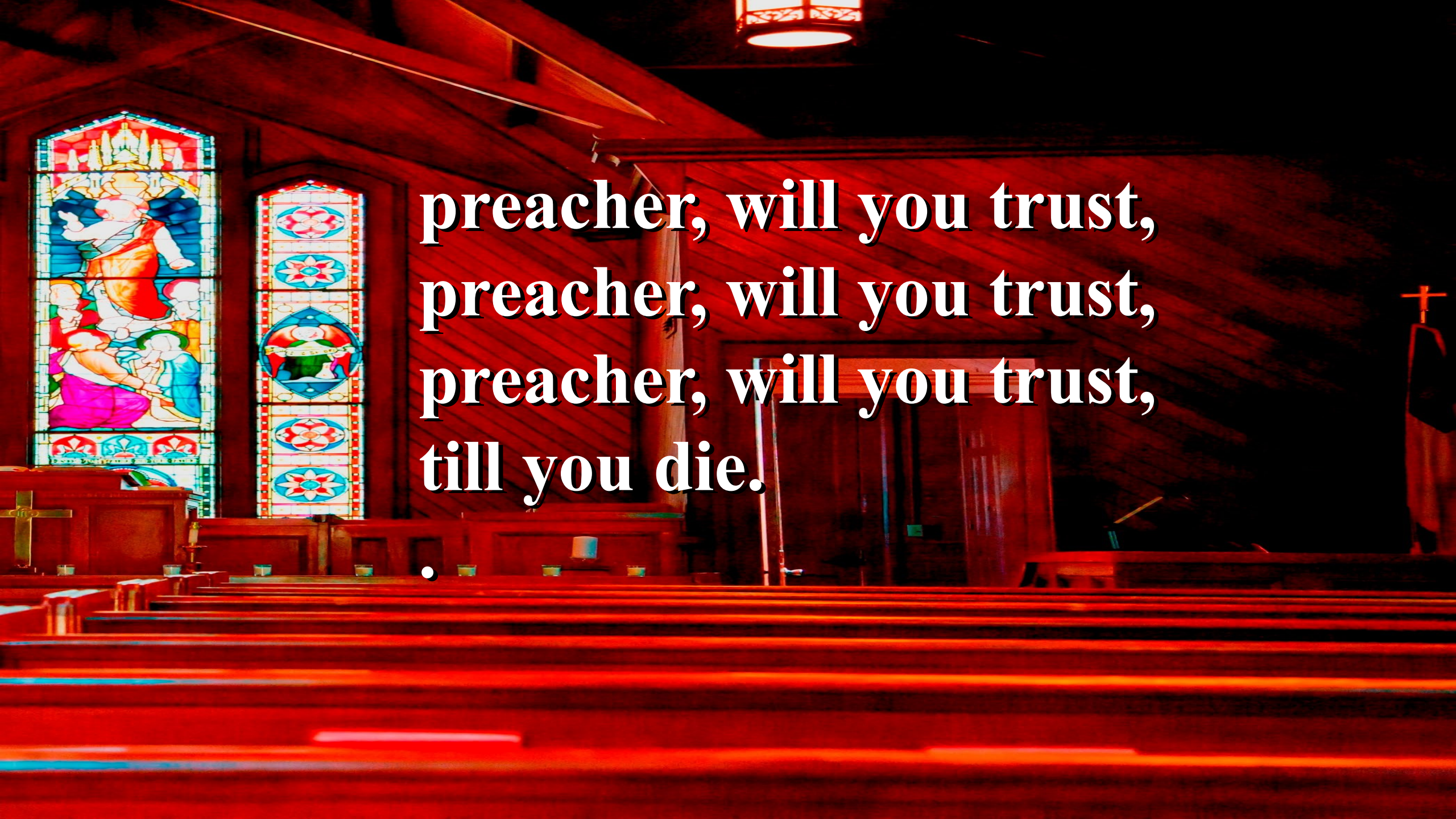
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till you die.**

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4. Preacher, will you trust,
preacher, will you trust,
preacher, will you trust,
till you die;

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A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross on the left, and two tall, narrow stained glass windows in the background. The windows depict religious scenes. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

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preacher, will you trust,
till you die.

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GATHERING SONG



“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

We've Come This Far by Faith

WORDS: Albert A Goodson

**We've come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in his holy word.
He's never failed us yet.
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,
We've come this far by faith.**

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Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in his holy word.
He's never failed us yet.
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,
We've come this far by faith..**



“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: Family of God, on our journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: Because God is with us, we can love boldly. Leader: God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.

People: Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.

Leader: Through God, we work for the flourishing of self, neighbor, and all creation.



People: Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.

Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving, and courageously leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.



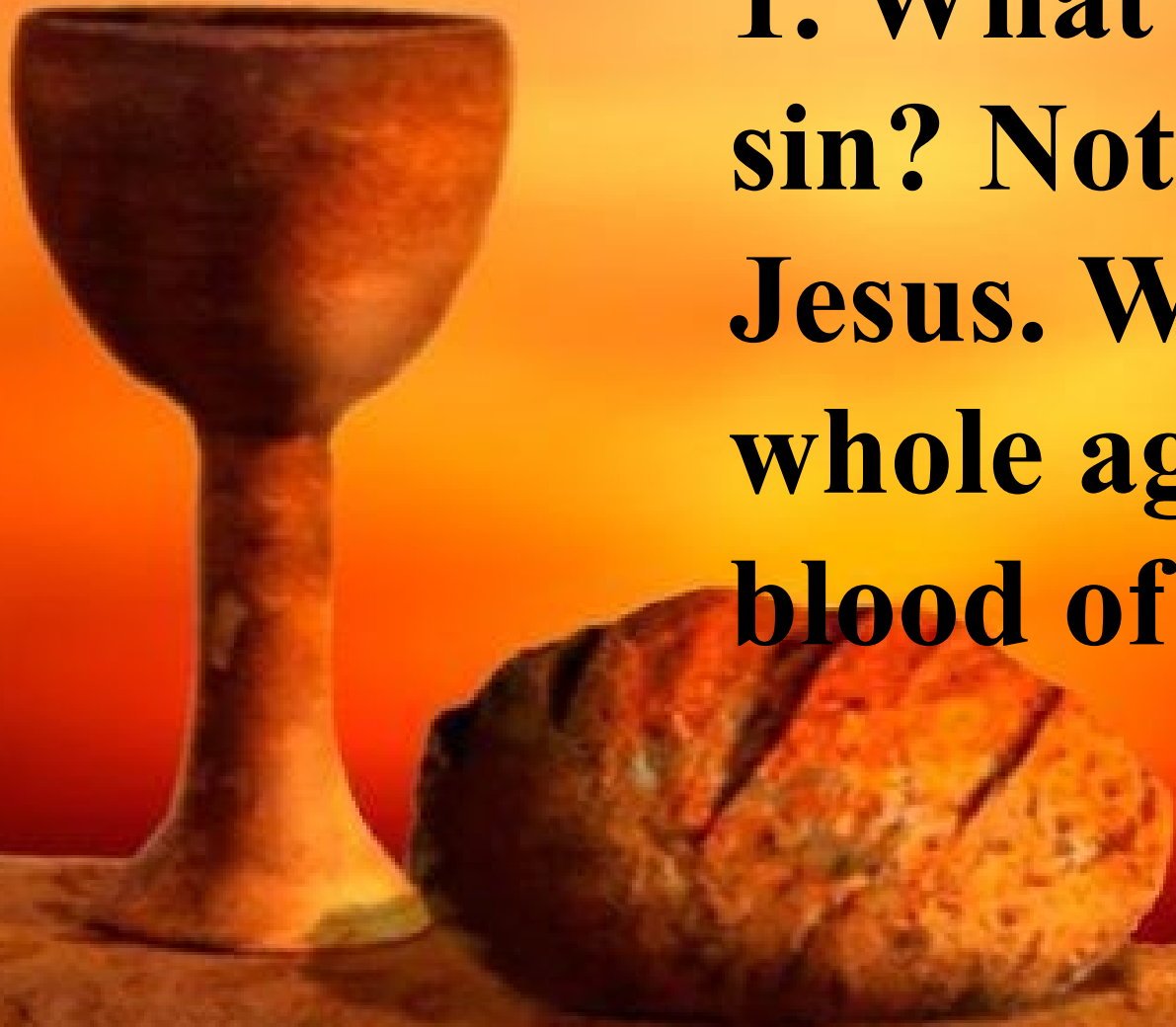
OPENING SONG
“Nothing but the Blood”
UMH 362

Nothing But the Blood

WORDS: Robert Lowry

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**1. What can wash away my
sin? Nothing but the blood of
Jesus. What can make me
whole again? Nothing but the
blood of Jesus.**



Refrain

**O precious is the flow that
makes me bright as snow; no
other fount I know; nothing but
the blood of Jesus.**



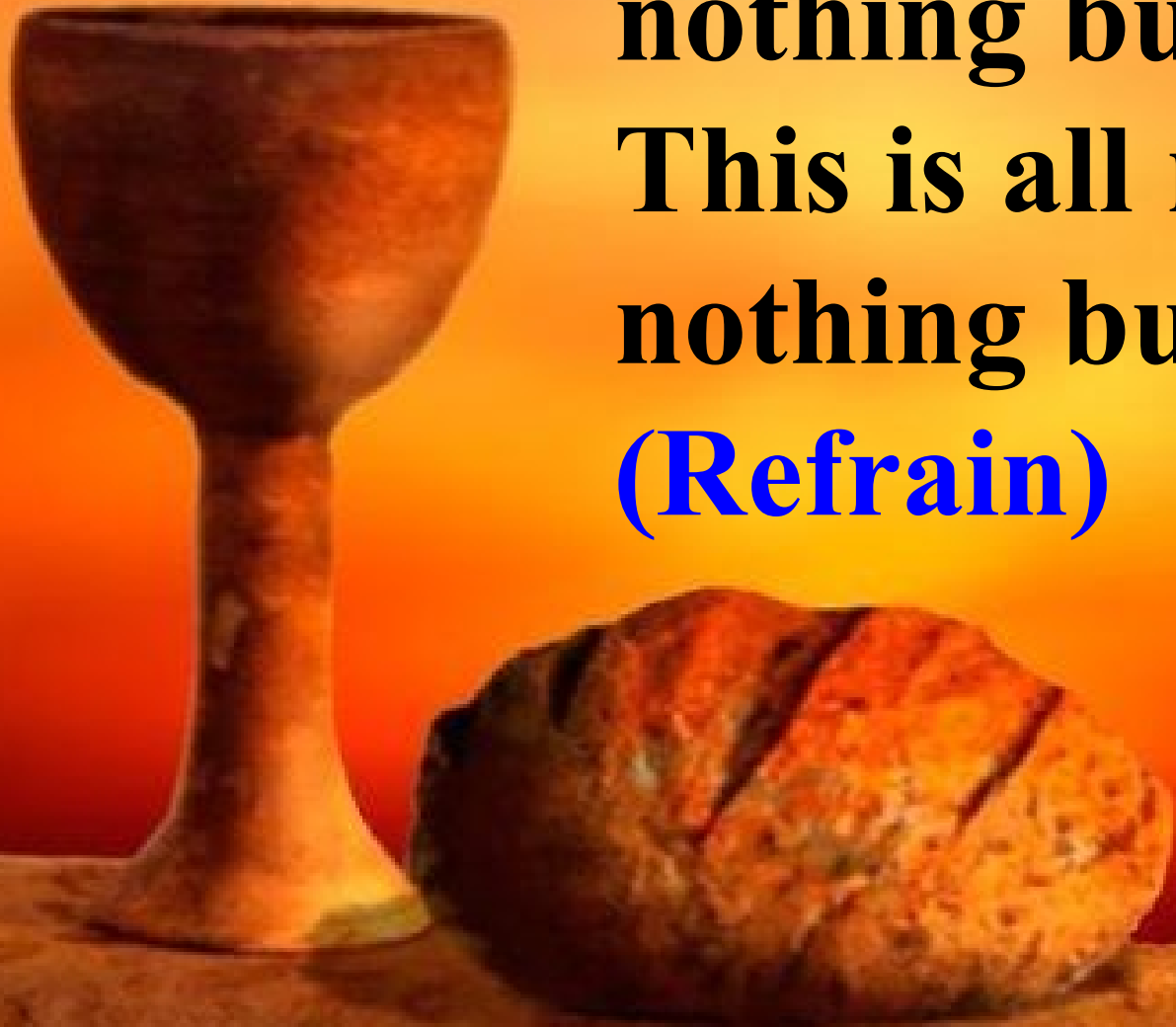
**2. For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Refrain)**



**3. Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Refrain)**



**4. This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Refrain)**





OPENING PRAYER



Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with the cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



OFFERING

Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



**All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord,
And Of Thine Own Have We Given
Thee. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as You commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous, prepare our hearts now to hear Your Word. Quiet every distraction and open our minds to Your truth. By Your Holy Spirit, give us wisdom to understand, faith to believe, and courage to obey. Remind us that we do not face the challenges before us in our own strength,



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

but in the strength of the Lord and the power of Your might. May Your Word guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and equip us to lead courageously wherever You have called us to serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

JOSHUA 1:5-9 & EPHESIANS 6:10-18



Joshua 1: 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall [a]divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may [b]prosper wherever you go.



Joshua 1: 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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Ephesians 6: 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [b]wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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Ephesians 6: 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—



Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

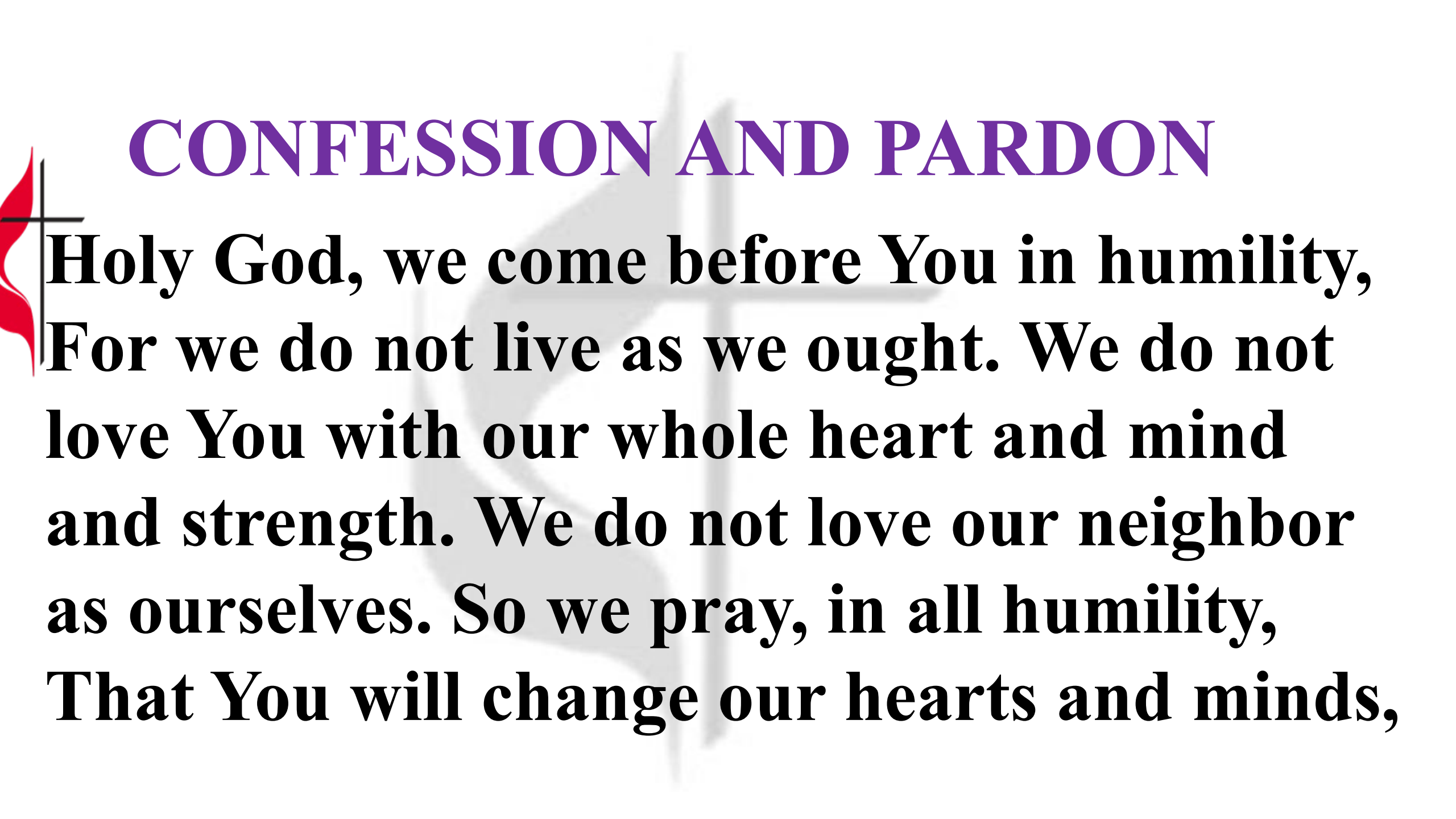


SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II



Pastor: 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.

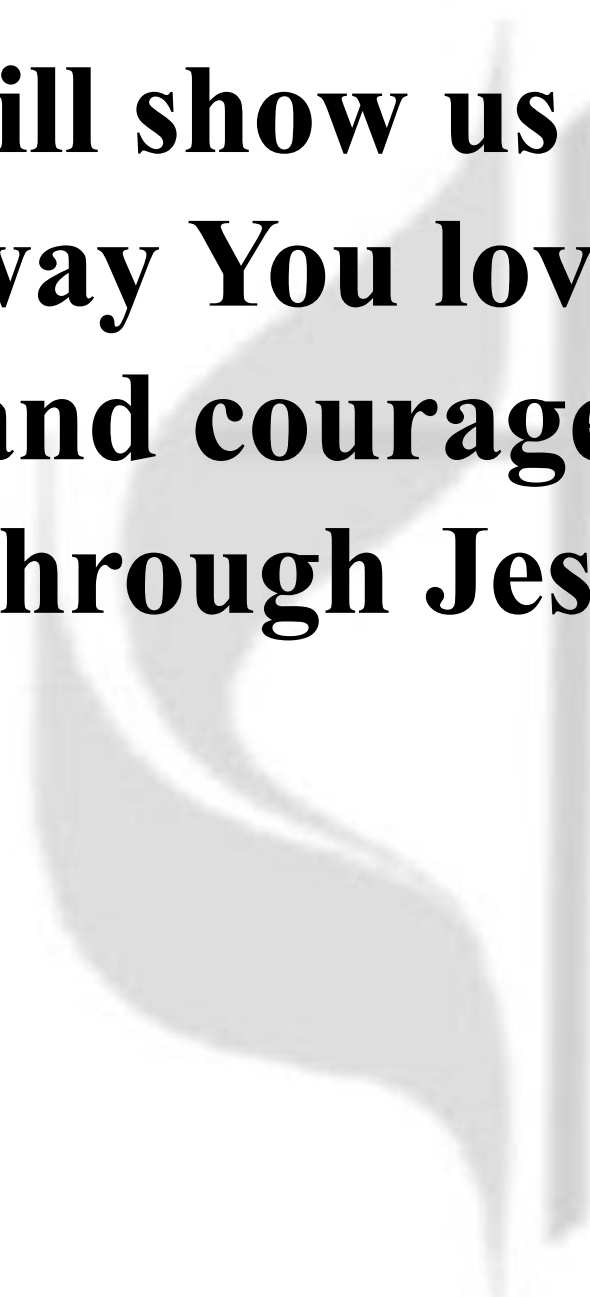
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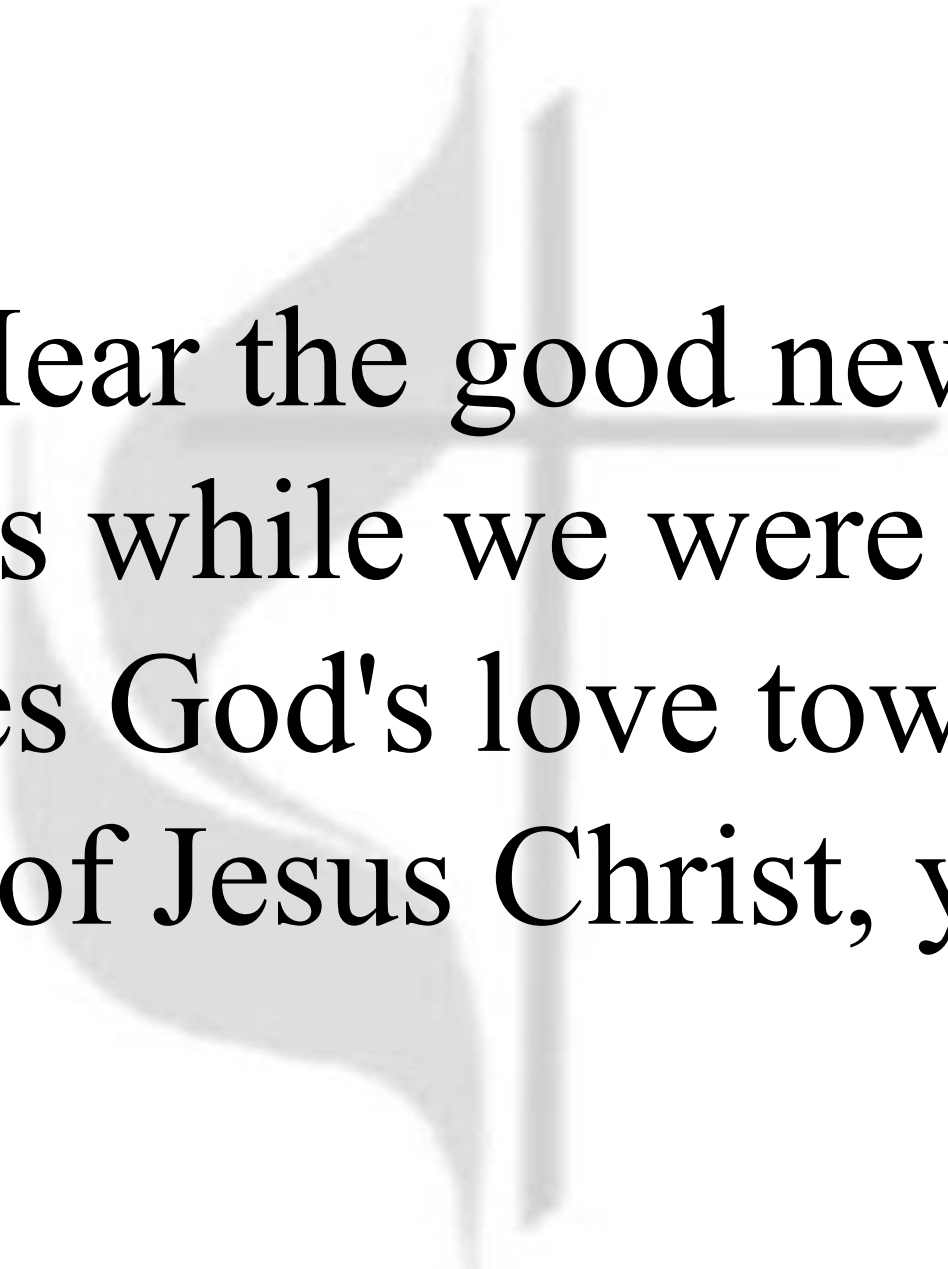


**Holy God, we come before You in humility,
For we do not live as we ought. We do not
love You with our whole heart and mind
and strength. We do not love our neighbor
as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility,
That You will change our hearts and minds,**



**That You will show us again how to love
others the way You love us, That You will
put power and courage in our hearts to do
your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**





Pastor: 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!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

You formed us in your image and breathed into
us the breath of life. When we turned away, and
our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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."r Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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.

All: 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.



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.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me



**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

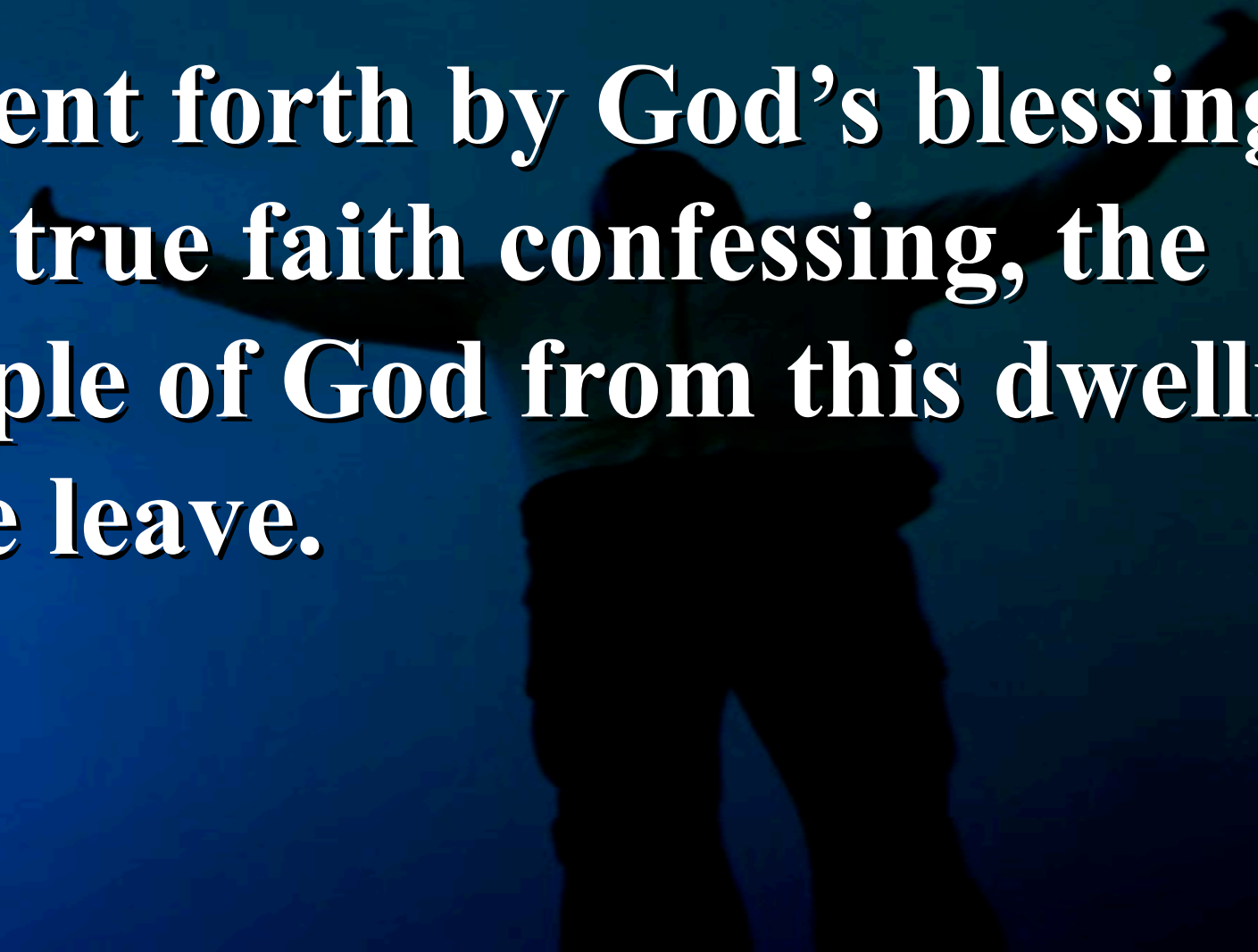


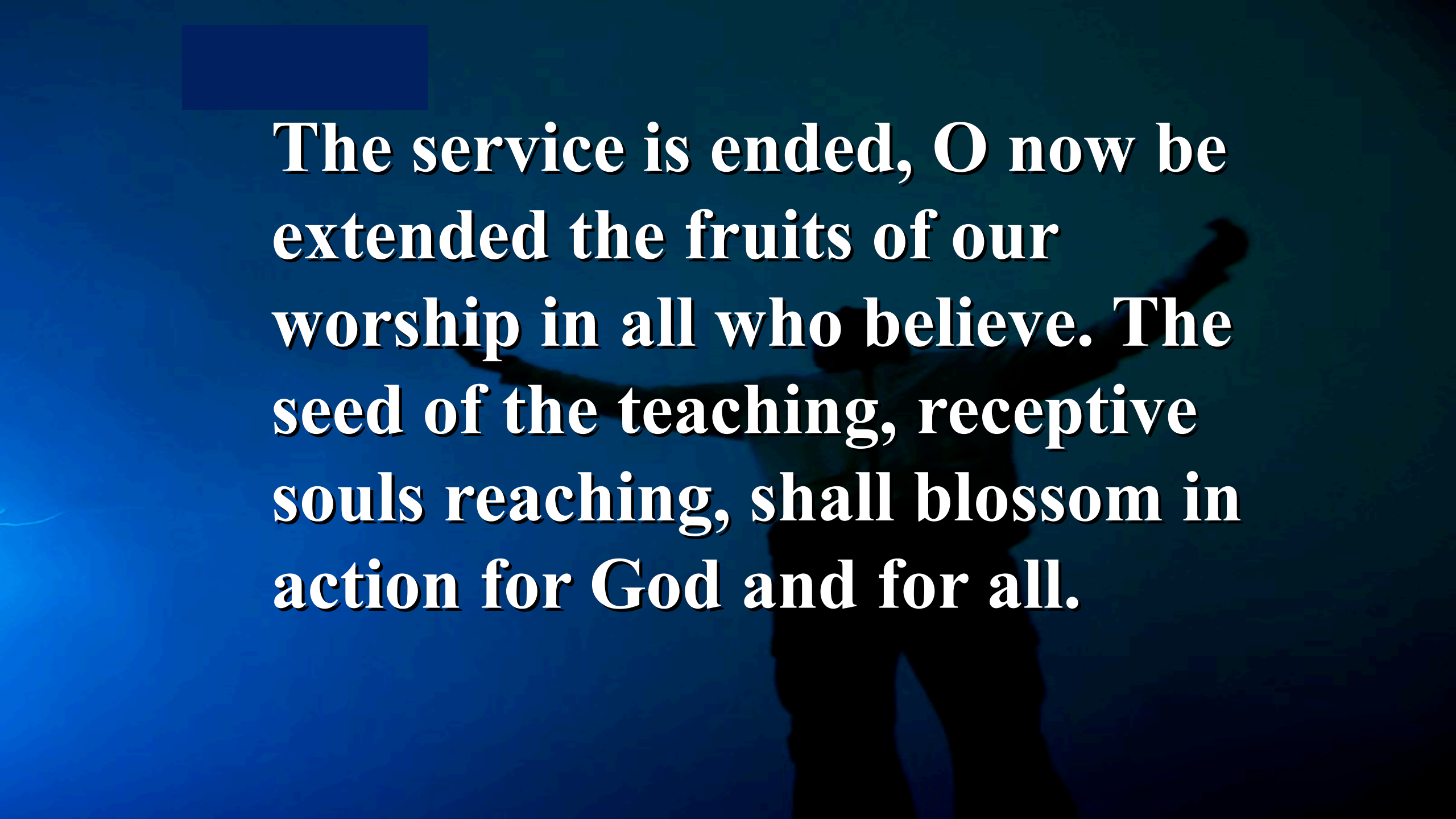
CLOSING SONG
**“SENT FORTH BY GOD’S
BLESSING”**
UMH 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing 664

WORDS: Omer Westendorf

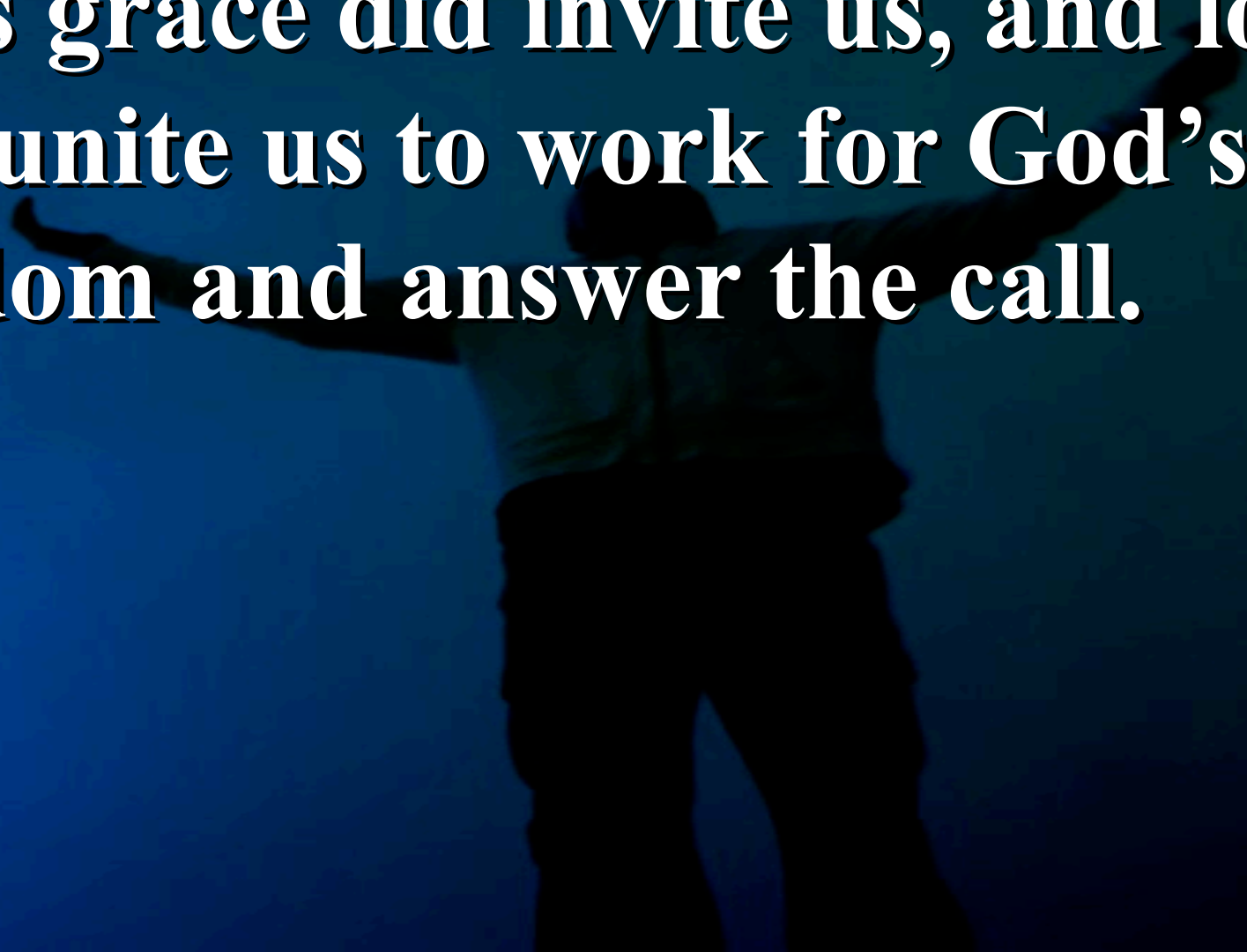
1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing, the
people of God from this dwelling
take leave.



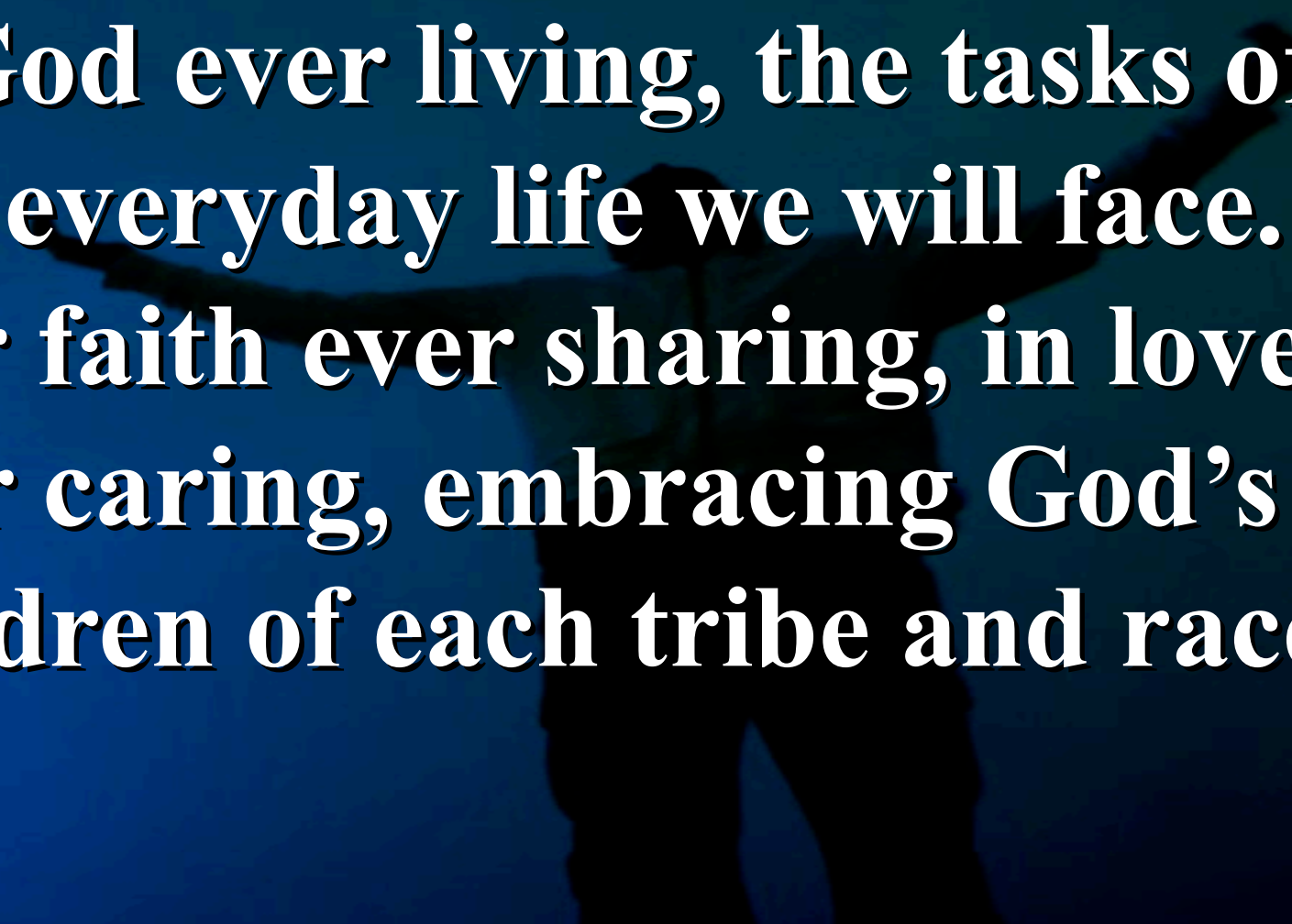


**The service is ended, O now be
extended the fruits of our
worship in all who believe. The
seed of the teaching, receptive
souls reaching, shall blossom in
action for God and for all.**

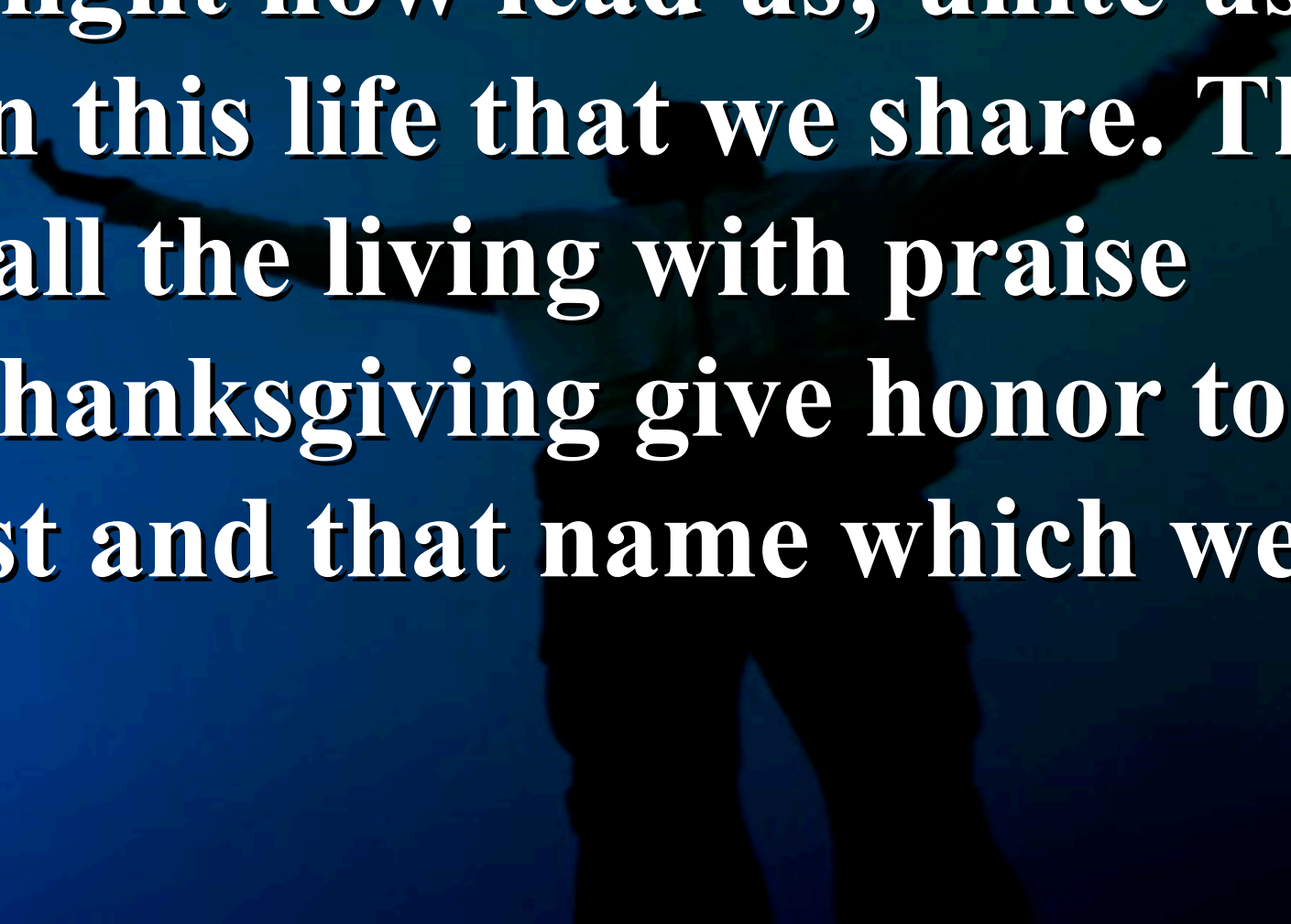
**God's grace did invite us, and love
shall unite us to work for God's
kingdom and answer the call.**



2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

A dark silhouette of a person stands in the background, with their arms raised high in a gesture of praise or worship. The figure is centered behind the text, adding a visual element of devotion to the message.

**With your grace you feed us, with
your light now lead us; unite us as
one in this life that we share. Then
may all the living with praise
and thanksgiving give honor to
Christ and that name which we
bear.**

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BENEDICTION



May God bless you with the wisdom to notice the needs of your neighbors, the inspiration to know how to act, and the courage to lead the way in working for justice and flourishing for all God's creation. Amen.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

A musical score for the hymn "Threefold Amen" by Walter Henry Hall. The score is written for two staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A-men, A-men, A - - - men." are written below the treble staff. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first staff and a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

