

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

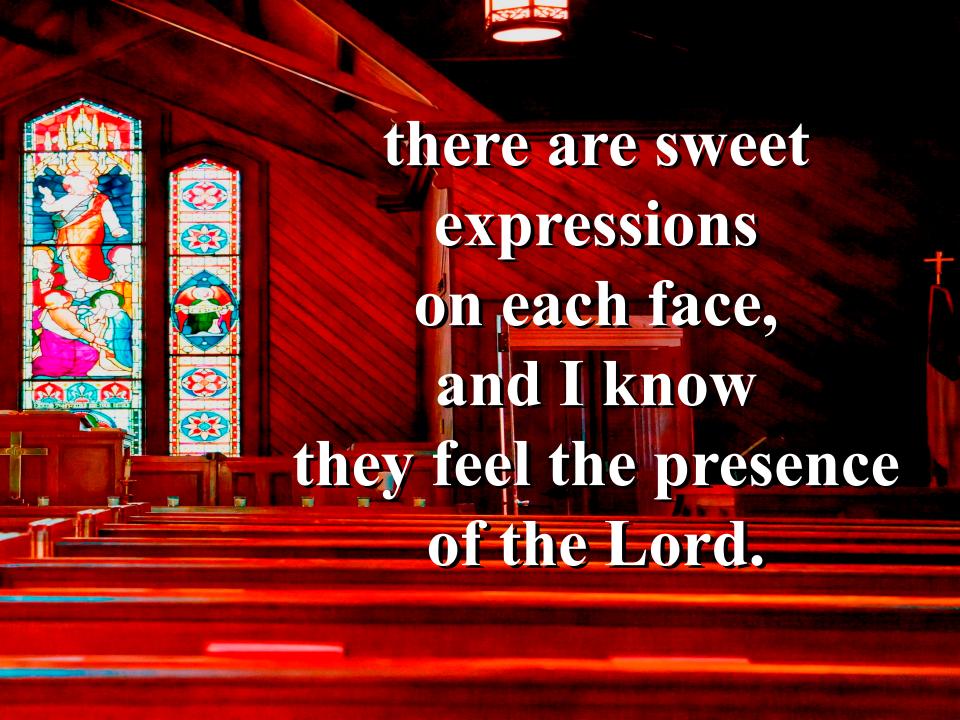
OPEN DOORS WITH LOVING HEARTS



"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

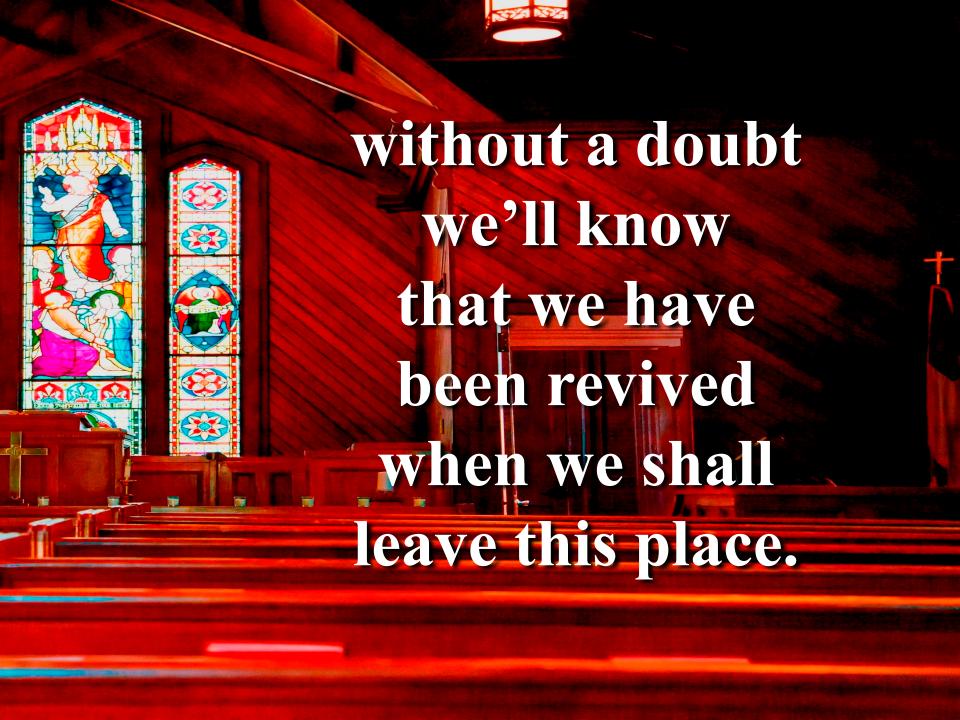
WORDS: Doris Akers, 1962

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











WORDS: John Wimber, 1979

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

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Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

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

will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

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

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.

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

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Birthday/Anniversary



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is no God!" people say.

People: "I can do what I like!" everyone thinks.

Leader: "Who cares about God?" questioners ask.

People: I'm here for me; I don't answer to anyone! the foolish think.

Leader: God looks for faith.

People: Will God find it?

Leader: God looks for care of the poor.

People: Will we provide it?

Leader: God looks for love.

All: Will God find it in us?



OPENING SONG:

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

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WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1835

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,

and that thou bidst me come to thee,

Refrain

O Lamb of God,
I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,

to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come. 3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,

fightings and fears within, without,

Refrain
O Lamb of God,
I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,

yea, all I need in thee to find,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come. 5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

because thy promise I believe,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come. 6. Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of heaven and earth, bless us with your mercy and grace. Enter our hearts and make us holy. Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways, that we might not wander alone. Hear our cries and gather us to yourself, that we may be one with each other, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



"My Hope Is Built"

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WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

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On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refruin

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refruin

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"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

1 Timothy 1:12–17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with

the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as

an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



SERMON

"IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE!"

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, be with us in our need. Though we often go astray, we seek your love and mercy. Though we often listen to fools who say, "There is no God," our hearts belong to you. Be our

Shepherd and guide our ways, for we are lost and afraid and weary of wandering. We long to be welcomed home in your gracious mercy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Thank you, King of the ages, for coming to us. Thank you for loving us with utmost patience and for fitting us in your glory. 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

"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,

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!

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

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

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

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

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

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

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

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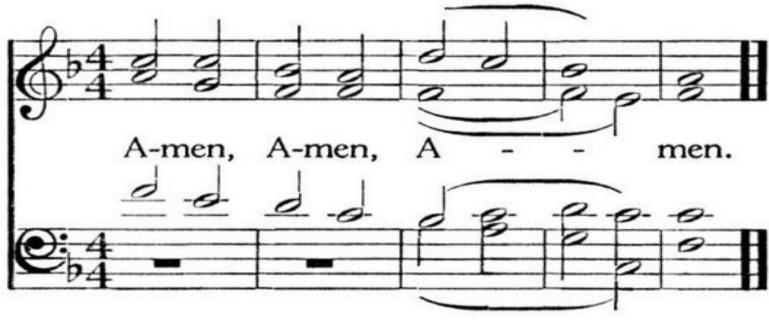
BENEDICTION

Like a lost sheep, you are found by the Good Shepherd. Like a lost coin, you are gathered up by God. Be a good shepherd to those who are lonely. Be a good home for those longing to belong. Go in the untiring goodness of God, the unending patience of Christ, and the infinite peace of the Holy Spirit.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)





CARRY OUT THE LIGHT