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In Christ Alone

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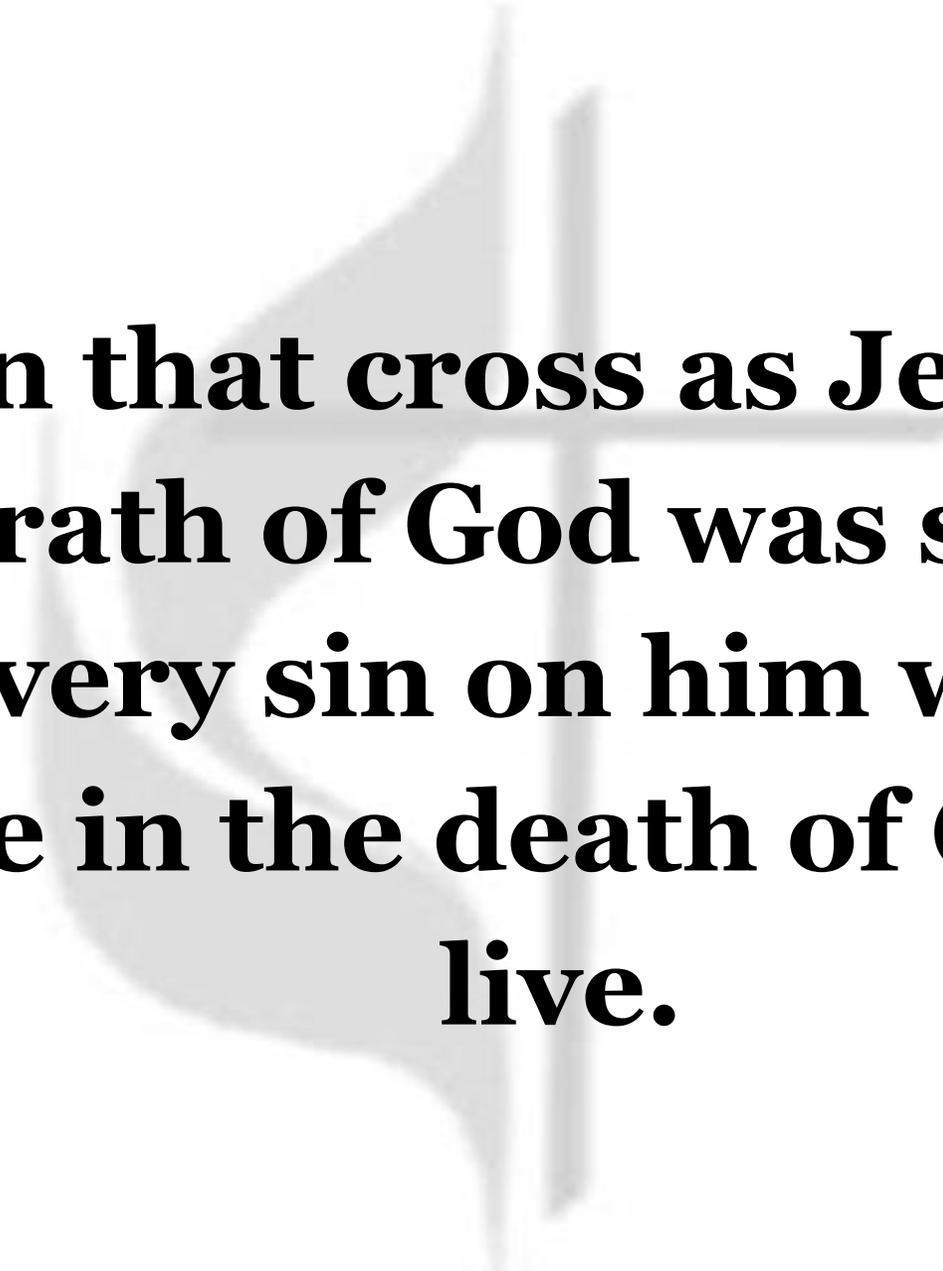
**1. In Christ alone
my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength,
my song.**



**This Cornerstone,
this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.**

**What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ
I stand.**

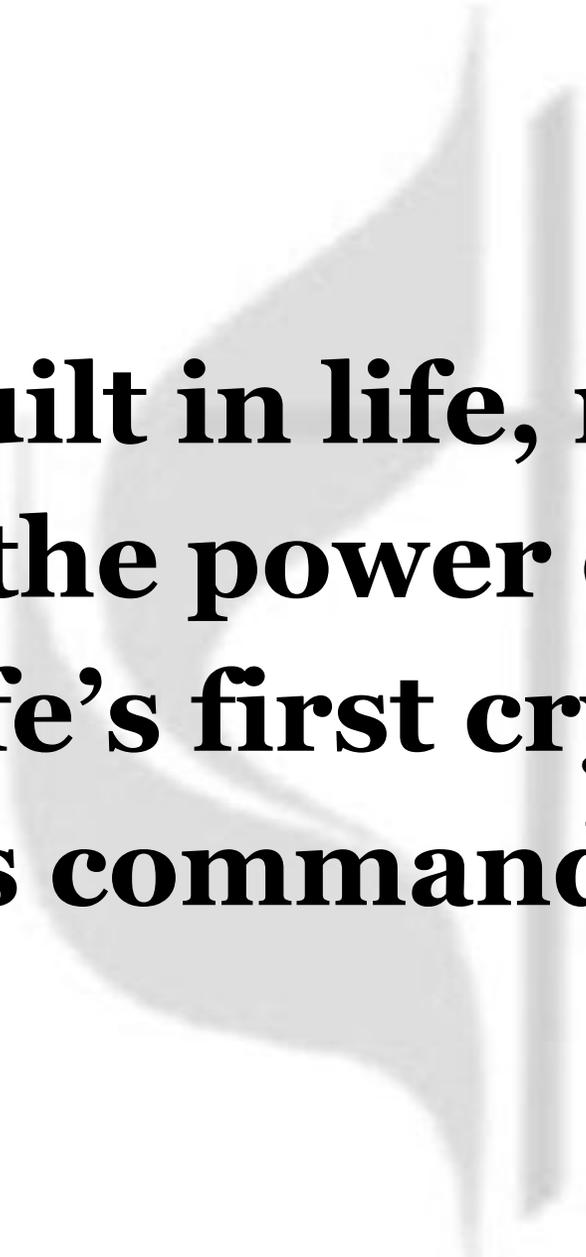
**2. In Christ alone,
who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones
he came to save.**



**'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I
live.**

**3. There in the ground
his body lay,
Light of the world by
darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in
glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!**

**And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost
its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious
blood of Christ.**



**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell,
no scheme or plan
can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of
Christ I'll stand.**



Words of Welcome



Gathering Words

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**Welcome to the early risers and
those still trying to wake up.**

Welcome to the rule followers and the
rule breakers.

**Welcome to those hungry for justice
and those desperate for mercy.**

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.
**Let us worship our just,
merciful, and faithful God!**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 140

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

**1. Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;**

**thou changest not,
thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.**

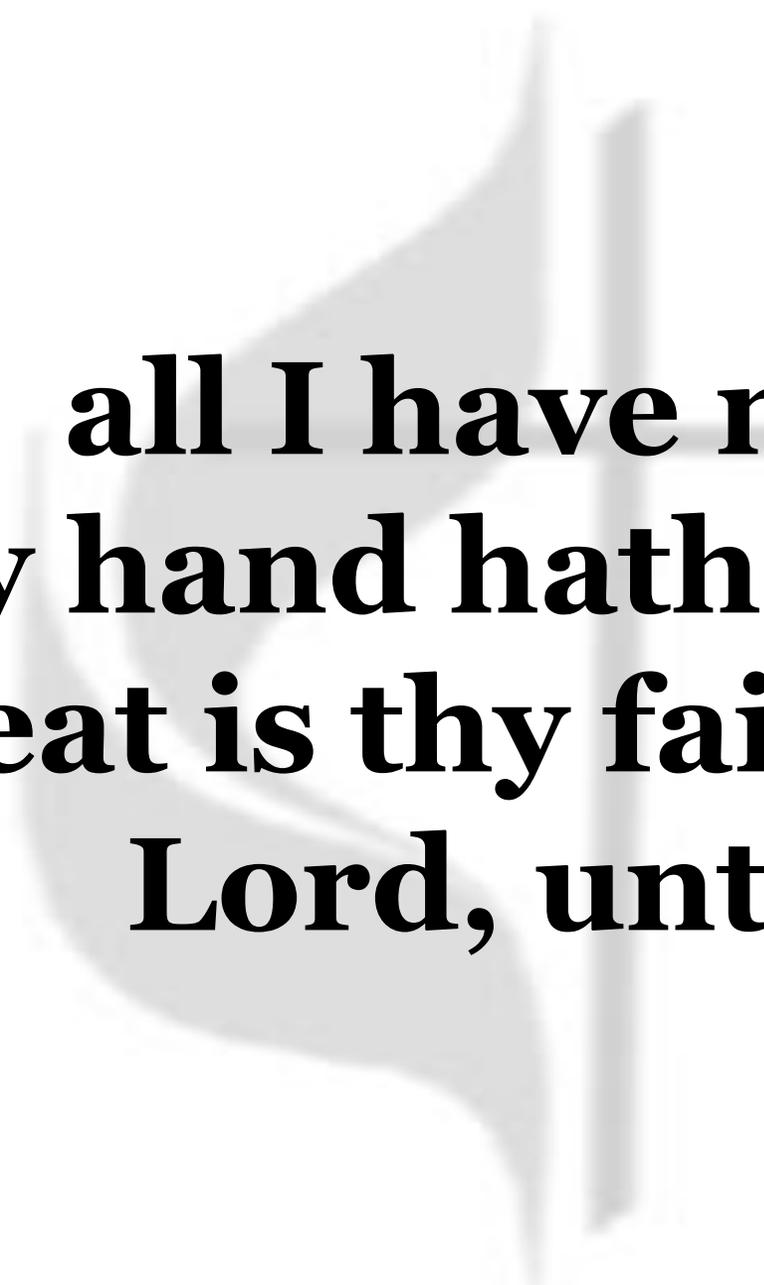
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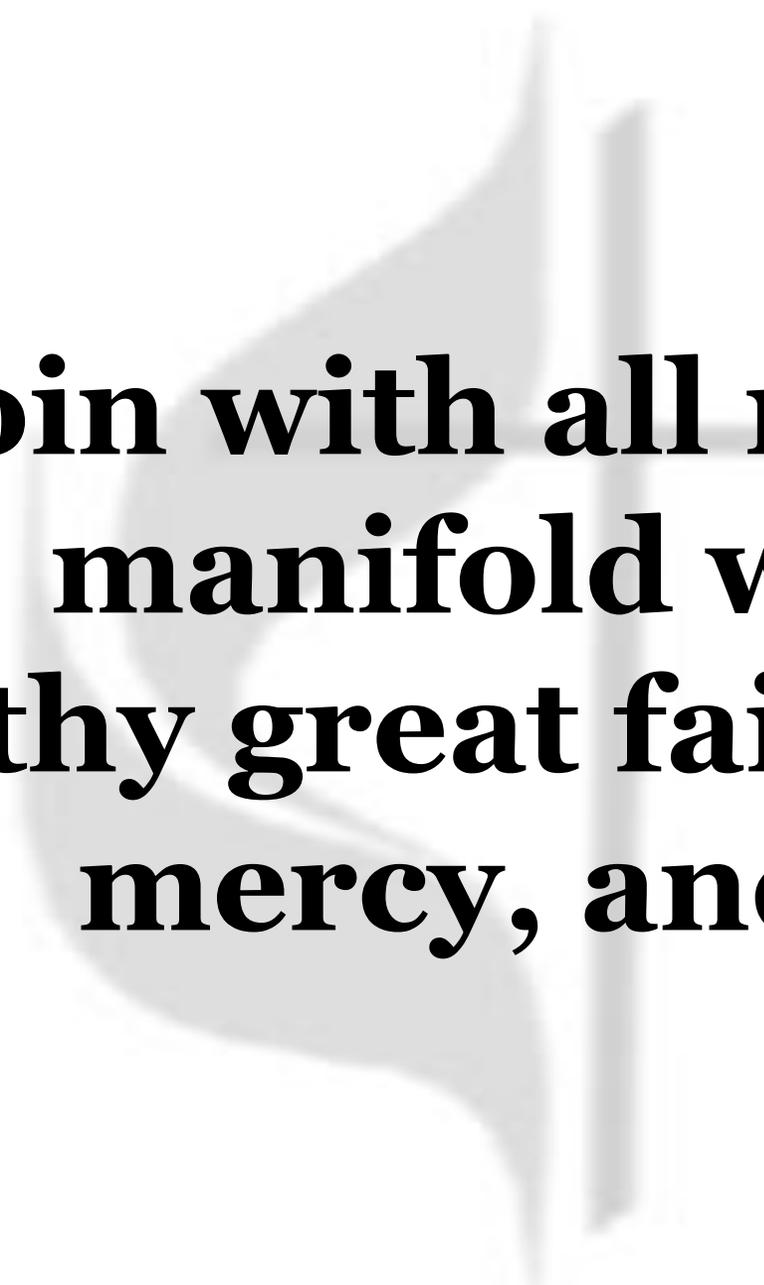
Morning by morning

new mercies I see;



**all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter
and springtime
and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above**



**join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.**

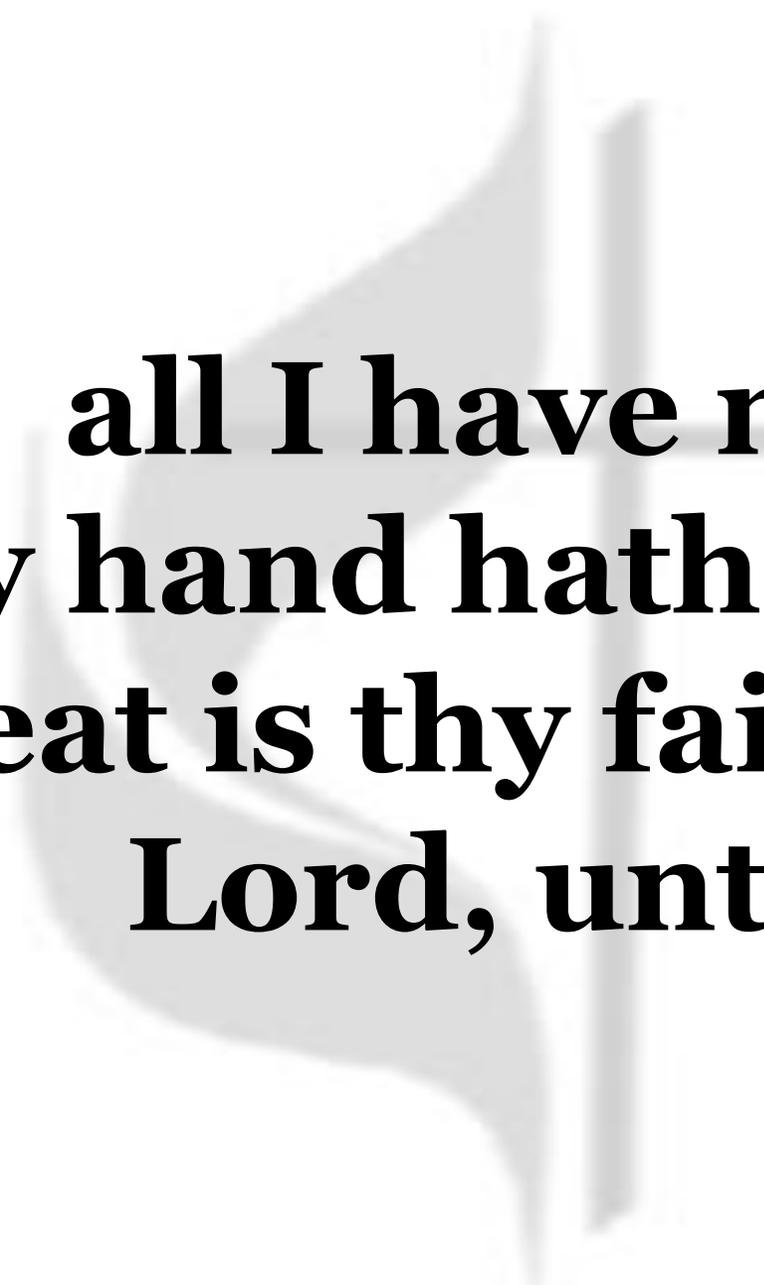
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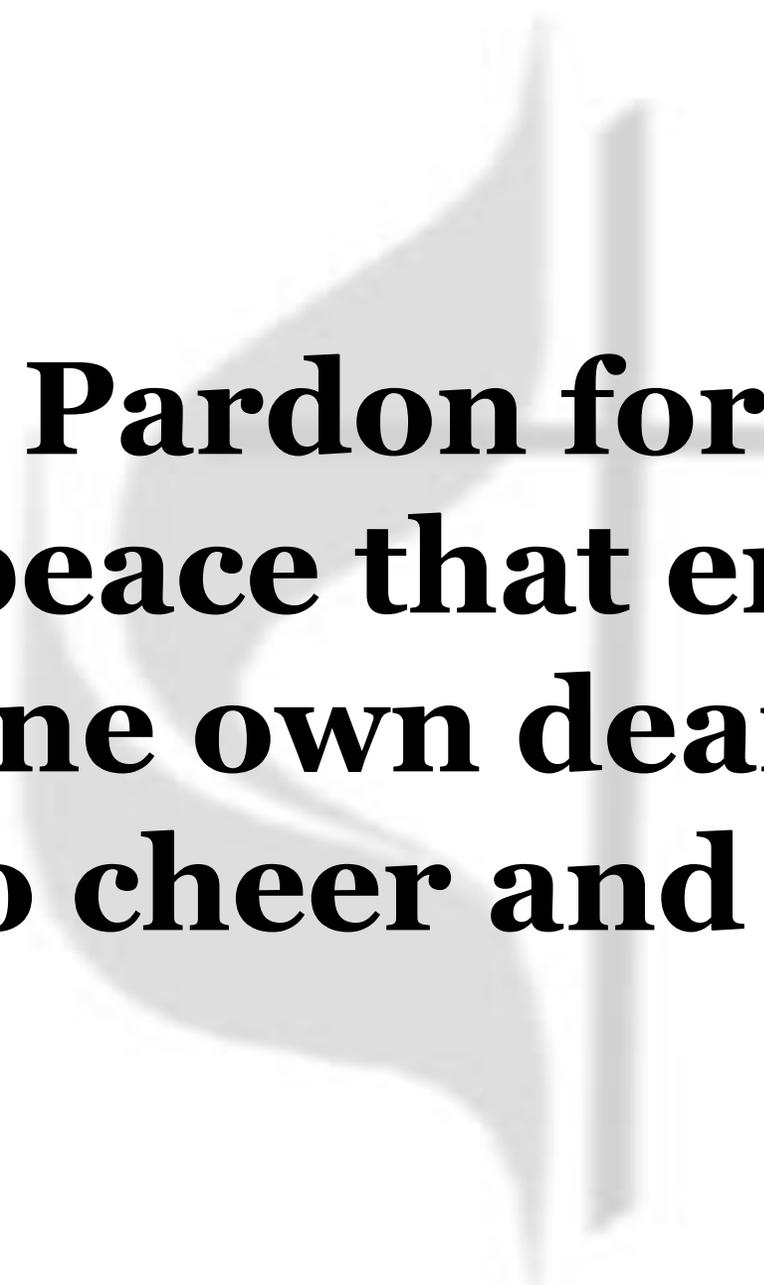
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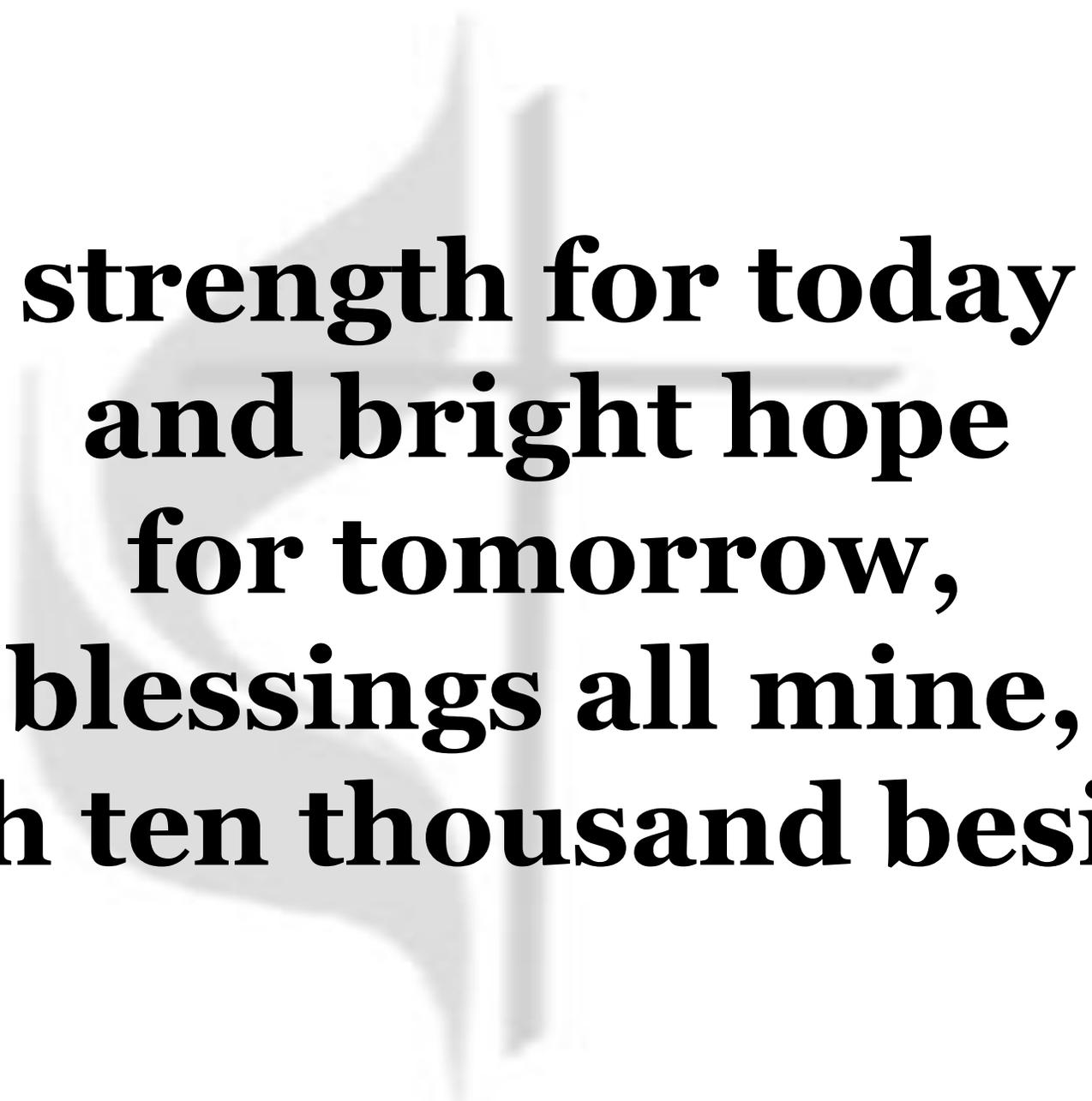
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**3. Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;**



**strength for today
and bright hope
for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

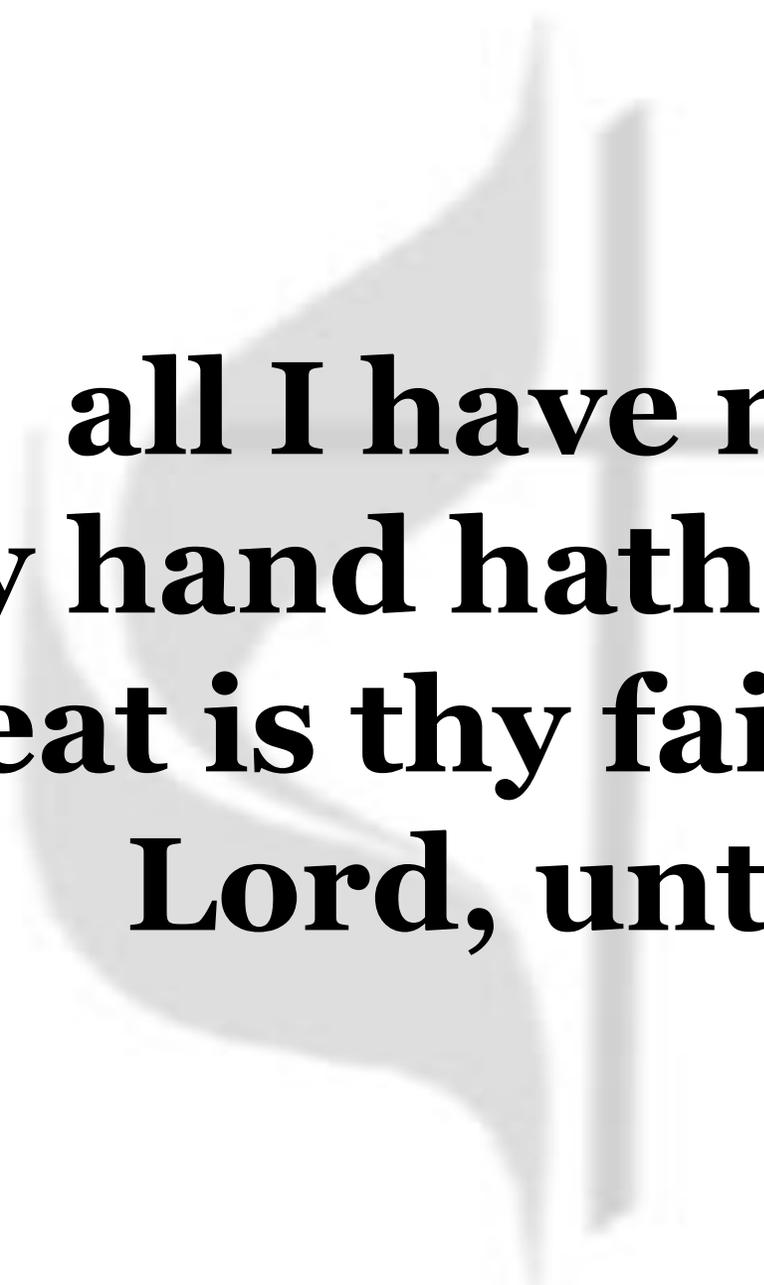
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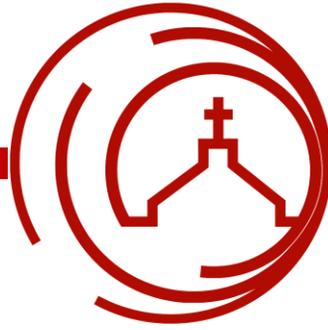
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Good Shepherd in Ministry



Praising God with Our Gifts



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**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures
here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

**Praise God, the source
of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Children's Time



Prayer of Understanding

**Holy One, when you speak, we
don't want to miss it. When
you bend down and write in
the dirt, when you move
through the trees, when you
wake with the dawn,**

**when you tug on our heart, or
whisper into our dreams, we
don't want to miss it. So today
we pray, clear out the cobwebs
in our ears.**

Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today. With hope we pray. Amen.



Scripture

John 8:2-11

N.T. 95

Matthew 23:23

N.T. 24



Message



***Neither Do I Condemn
Thee***



Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Christ our 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.

—Prayer of Confession—

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way.

**You welcome shades of gray
and nuanced conversation.
You prioritize mercy over
legality. You prioritize
people over tradition.**

You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

— **Words of Assurance** —

Church family, Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way. Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy.

Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace.

We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.

—The Great Thanksgiving—

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, Almighty God, 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 the one 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 God, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.**



Holy Communion



Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of
Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the
table, so I believe in the good
news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the
world.**

**And even when my heart
aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of
reach, I remember the one
who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world.

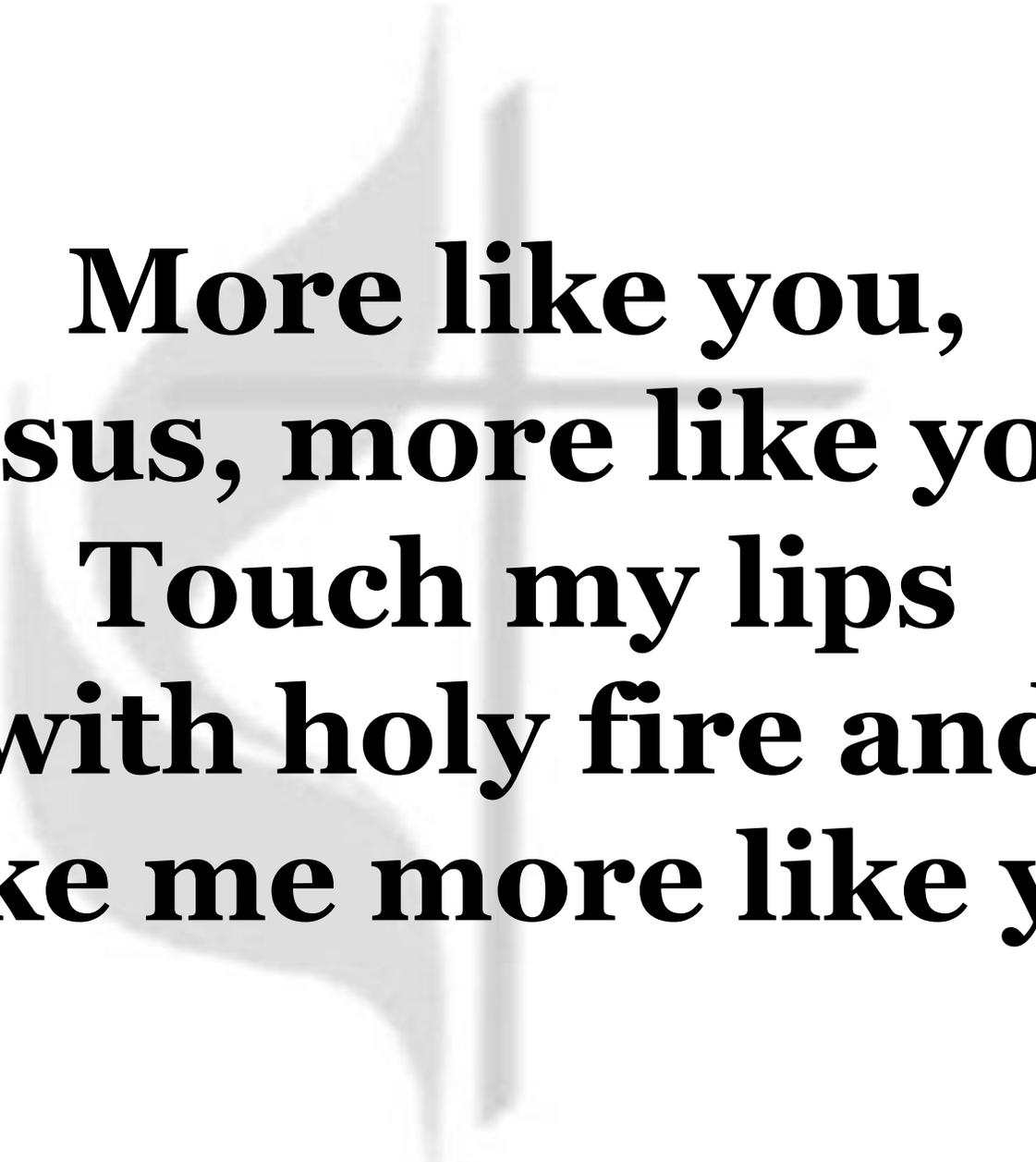
Thanks be to God! Amen.

More Like You

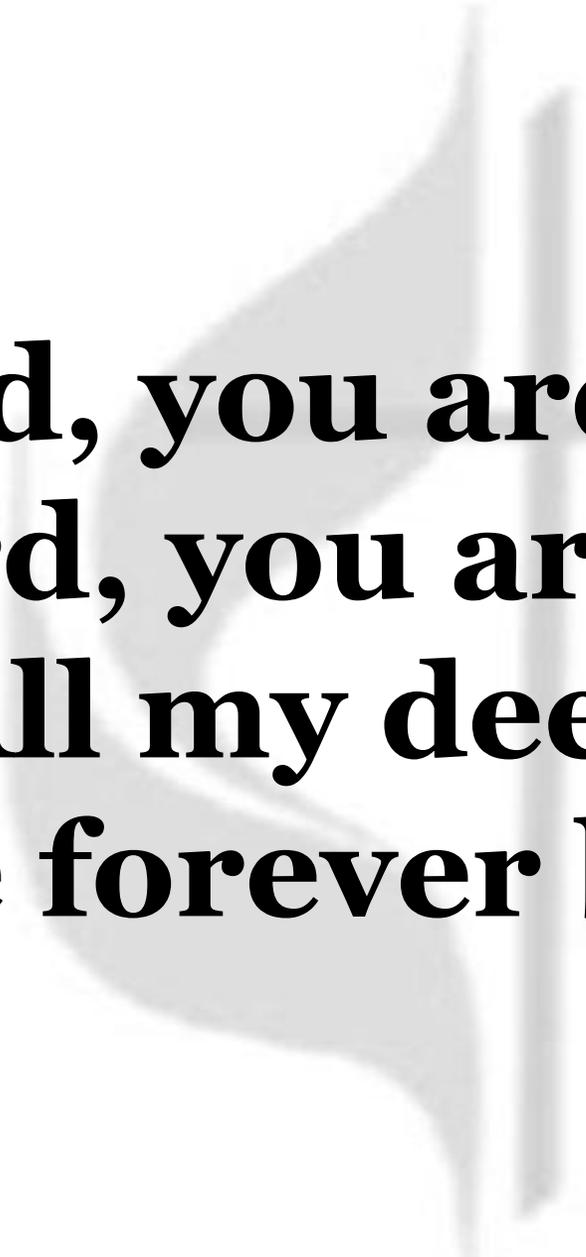
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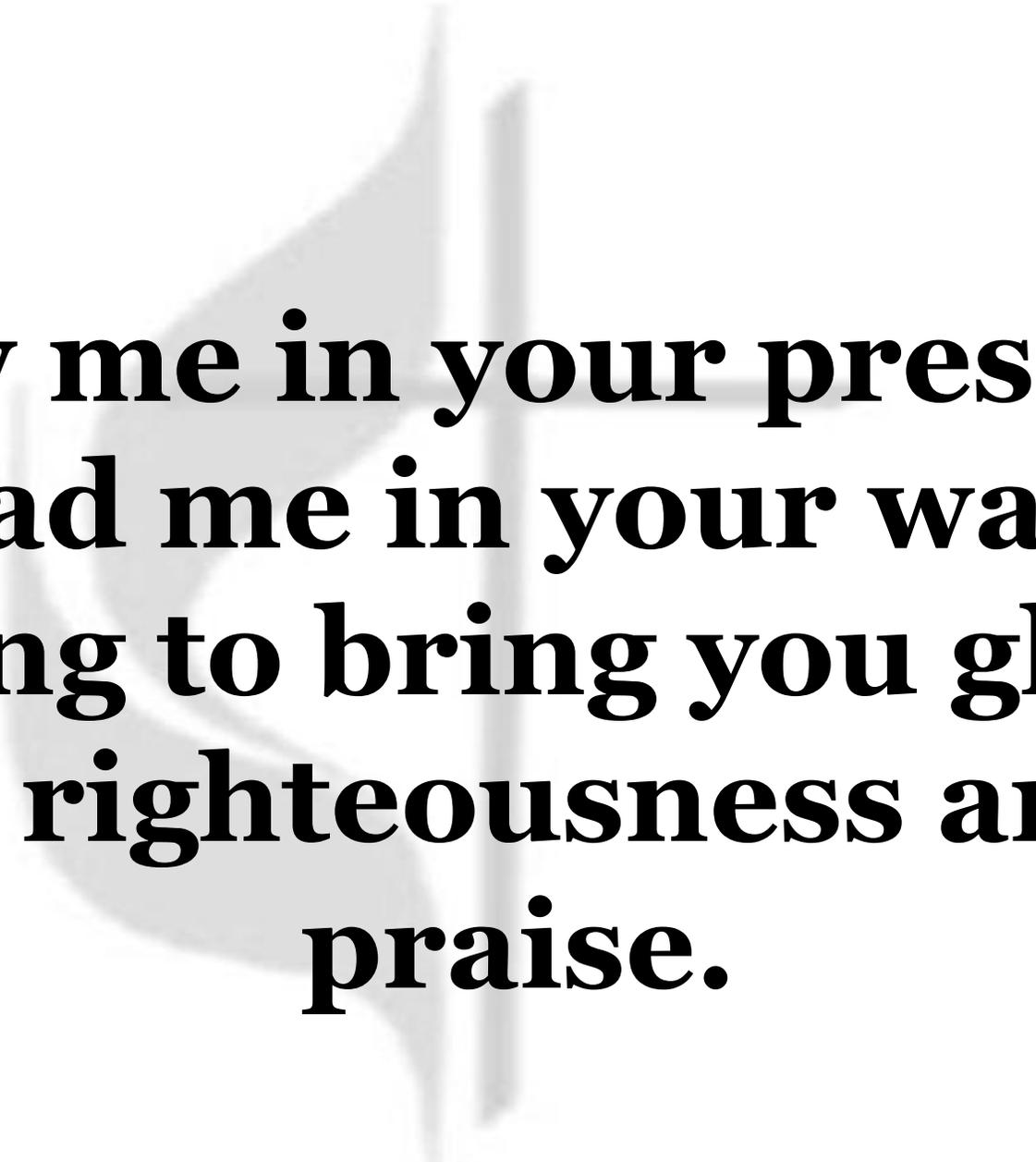
**More like you,
Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart
with your desire to
make me more like you.**



**More like you,
Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips
with holy fire and
make me more like you.**



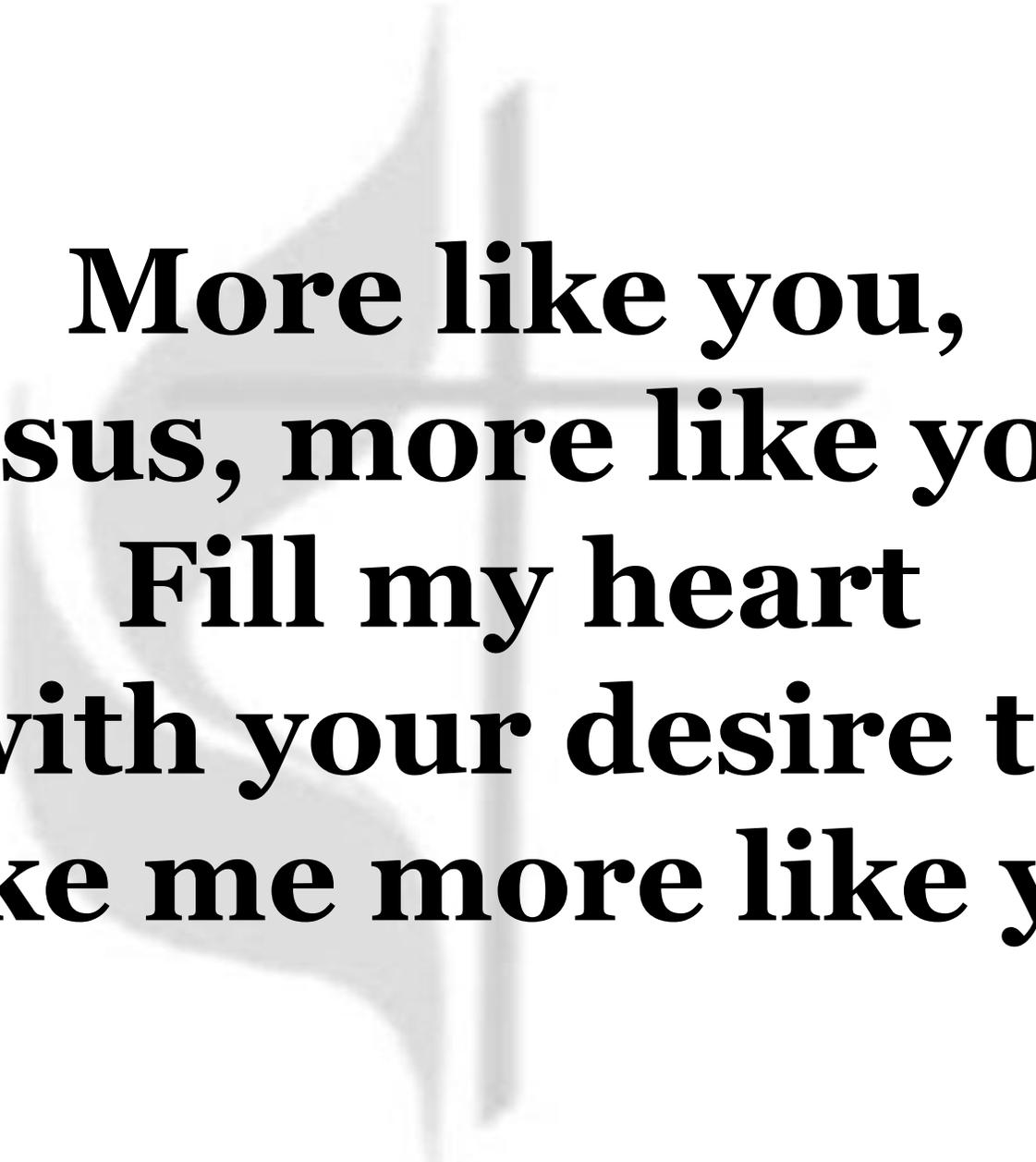
**Lord, you are my mercy.
Lord, you are my grace.
All my deepest sins
have forever been erased.**



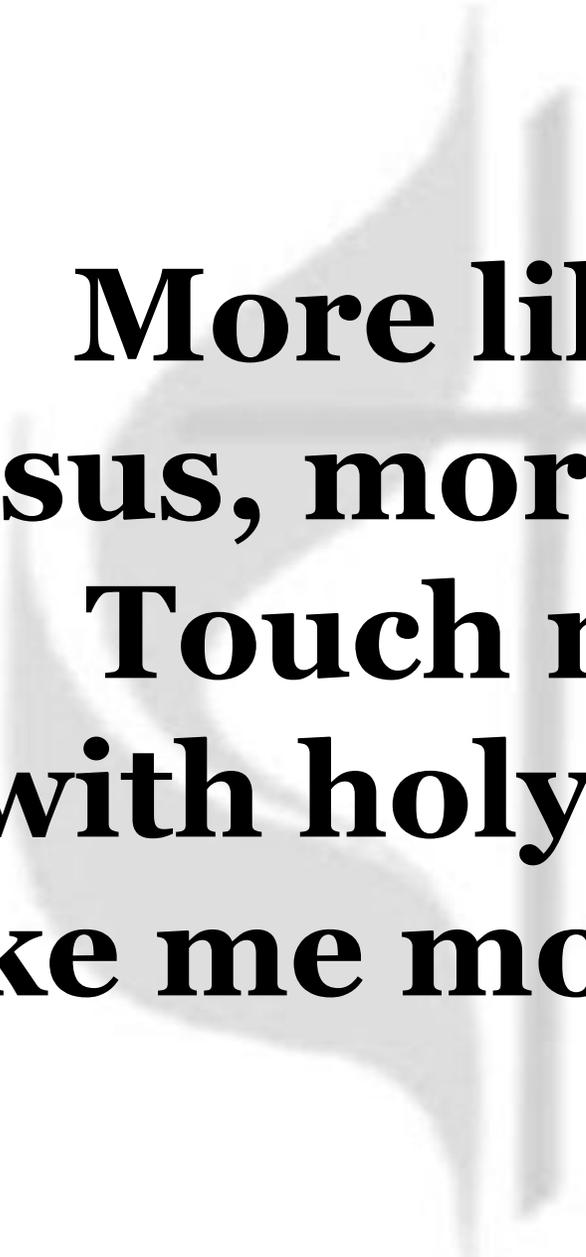
Draw me in your presence.

Lead me in your ways.

**I long to bring you glory
in righteousness and
praise.**



**More like you,
Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart
with your desire to
make me more like you.**



**More like you,
Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips
with holy fire and
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Benediction

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger,
speak with love.

When you meet fear,
speak with hope.

When you meet pain,
speak with gentleness.

But no matter what,
speak this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.

**It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that
transforms.**

The good news of the gospel is
alive in the world,

so go forth speaking.

For if you won't, then who will?

Thanks be to God

for this good, good news.



No Not One



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