

# WEEKLY CONNECT CARD



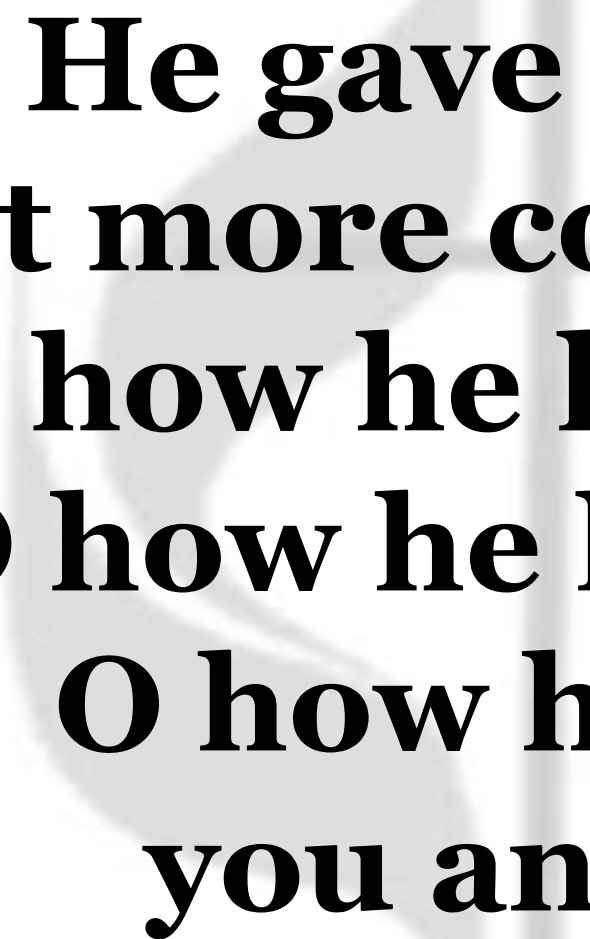
Thank you for being with us this morning!

# **O How He Loves You and Me**

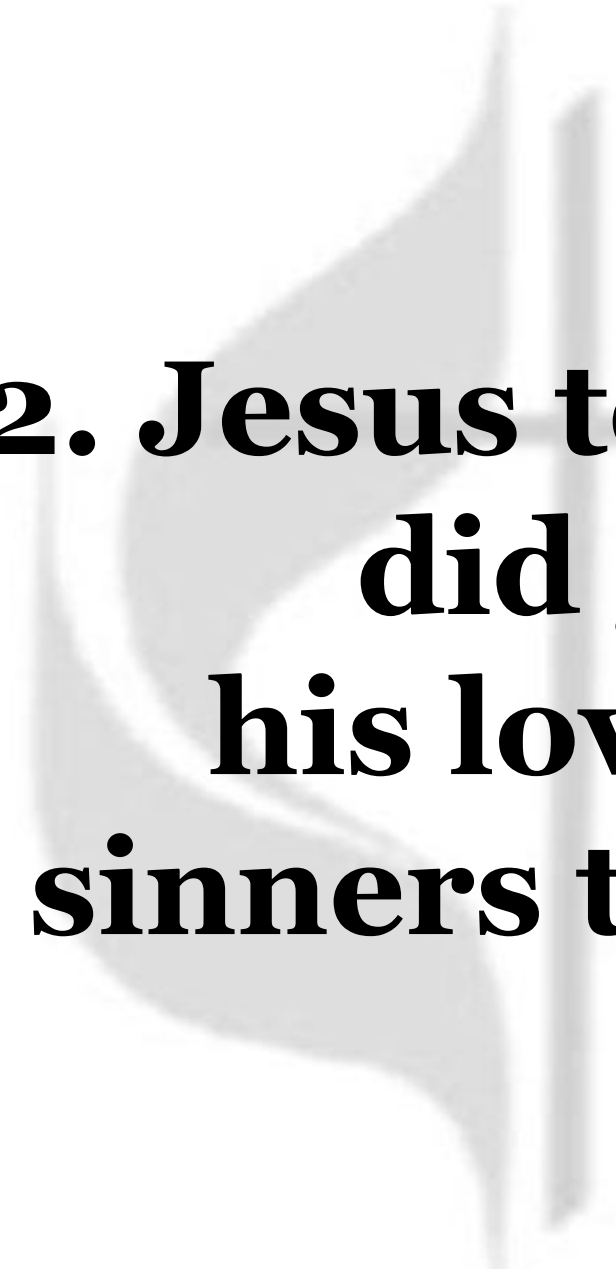
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**Kurt Kaiser (1 John 3:1)**

**1. O how he loves  
you and me!  
O how he loves  
you and me!**



**He gave his life.  
What more could he give?  
O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me;  
O how he loves  
you and me!**



**2. Jesus to Calv'ry  
did go;  
his love for  
sinners to show.**

**What he did there  
brought hope from  
despair.**

**O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me;  
O how he loves  
you and me!**

# Words of Welcome



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the connect card!**



# Gathering Words

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We wonder—who is God?

**We wonder—where is God?**

We wonder—how do we reach God?

How do we learn about God?

**We wonder—are the answers in loving?**

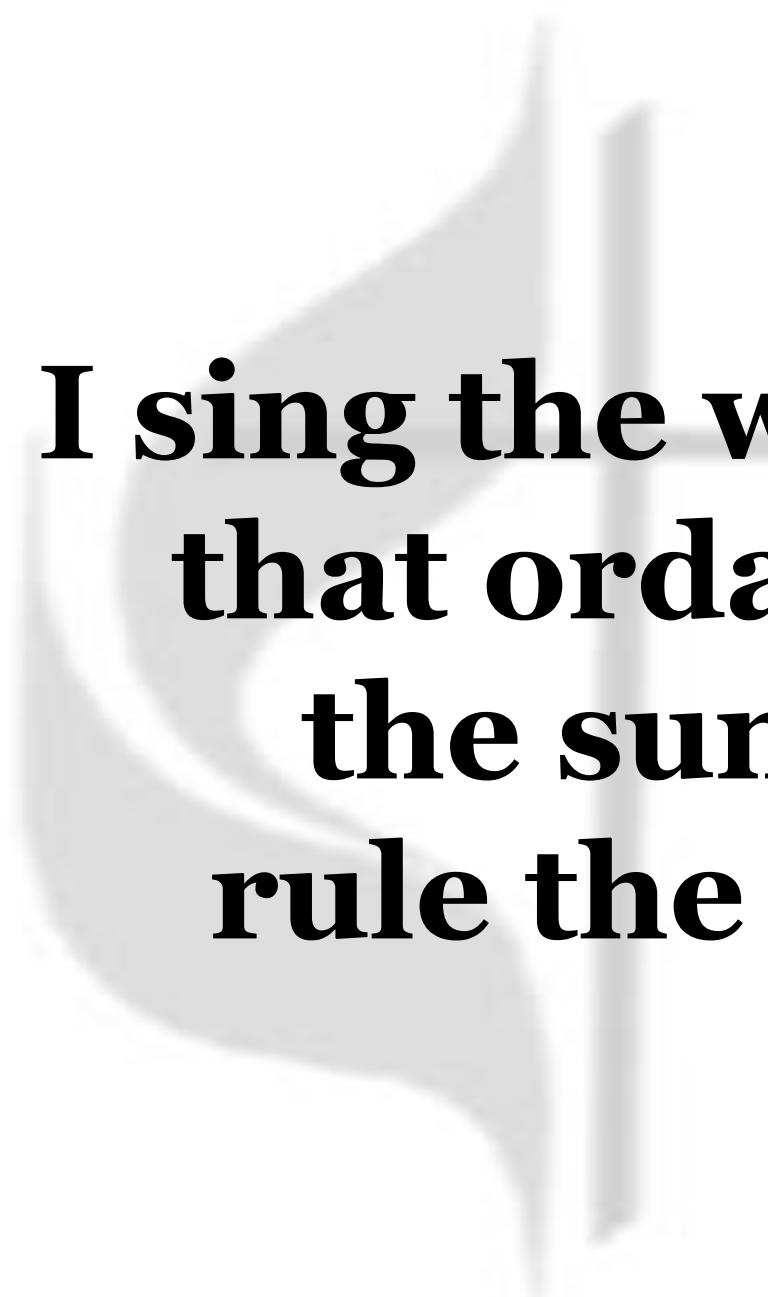
# I Sing the Almighty Power of God 152

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

**1. I sing the almighty  
power of God,  
that made the  
mountains rise,**




**that spread the flowing  
seas abroad,  
and built the  
lofty skies.**



**I sing the wisdom  
that ordained  
the sun to  
rule the day;**

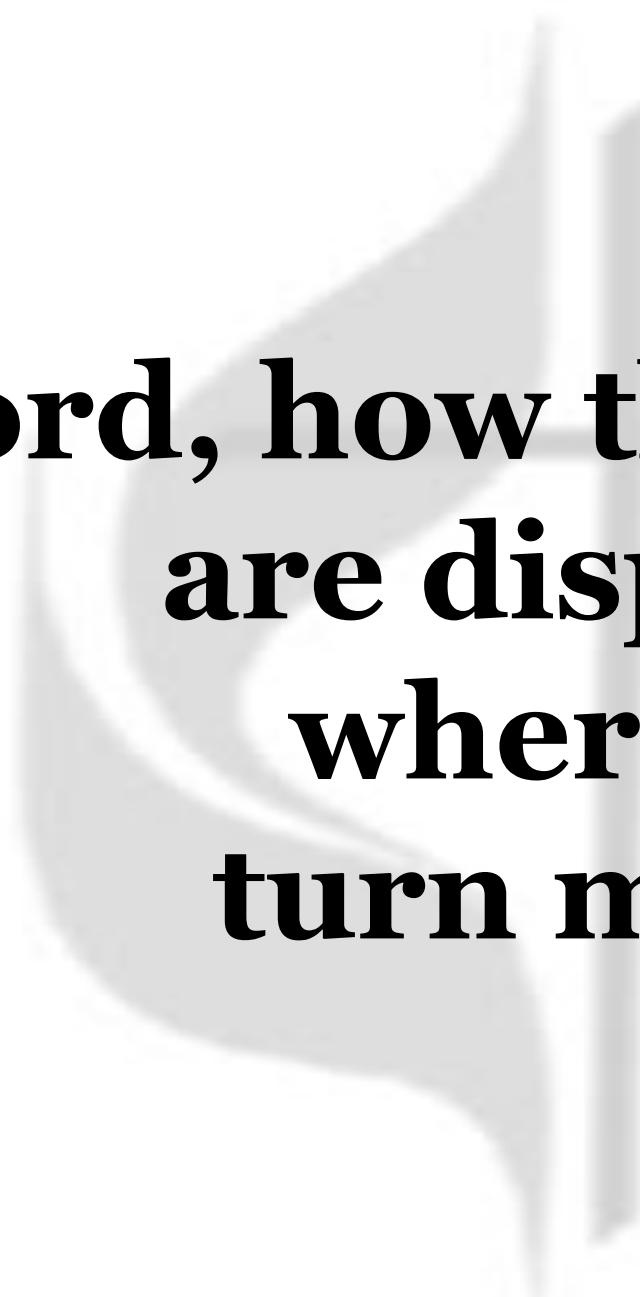


**the moon shines full  
at God's command,  
and all the  
stars obey.**



**2. I sing the goodness  
of the Lord,  
who filled the  
earth with food,**

**who formed the creatures  
thru the Word,  
and then  
pronounced them good.**



**Lord, how thy wonders  
are displayed,  
where'er I  
turn my eye,**

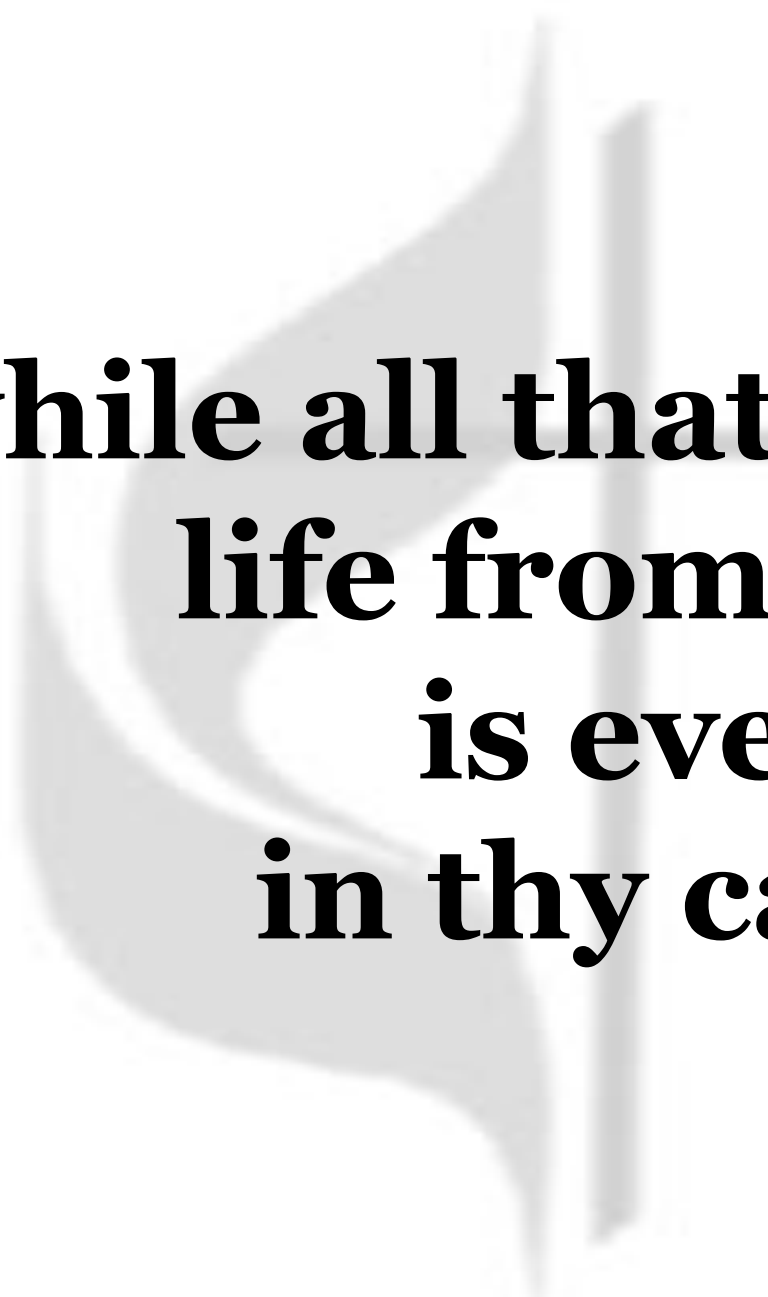


**if I survey  
the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.**

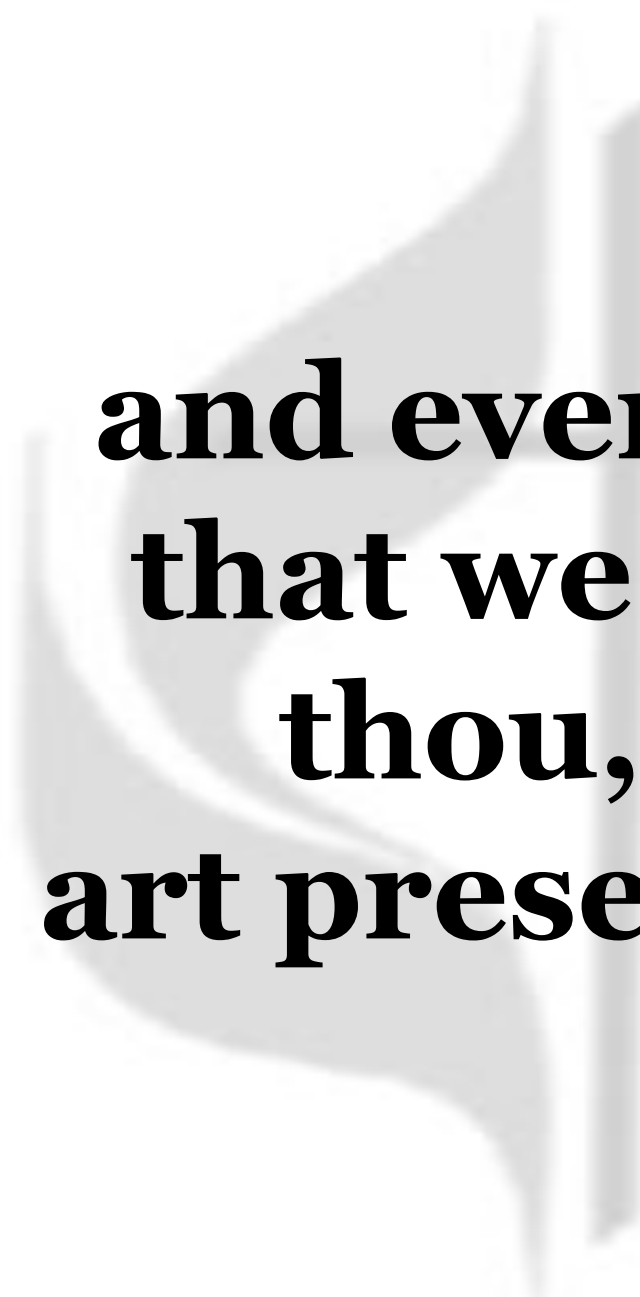
**3. There's not a plant  
or flower below,  
but makes thy  
glories known,**



**and clouds arise,  
and tempests blow,  
by order  
from thy throne;**



**while all that borrows  
life from thee  
is ever  
in thy care;**



**and everywhere  
that we can be,  
thou, God,  
art present there.**

# Offertory Music:

## *Lord, I Believe in You*



### *Ways to Give:*

- 1. In worship - Cash or Check in the offering bag**
- 2. Electronically using the QR Code**

# Doxology

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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 for Understanding

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**We seek, we wonder, we ponder  
the mystery that is you, God. We  
would like some clarity to cling  
to! But instead of the certainty  
we seek, your answer is an  
invitation: the invitation to love.  
Here we are responding. Help  
us listen. Amen.**



# Scripture

1 John 4:7-19

N.T. 226



# Who is God?



**Come, O Spirit Truth Divine**



# 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**

**Compassionate God, in your unfailing love, you sent us your Son as the savior of the world so that we might live through him.**

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**And you have invited us to love  
one another as you first loved  
us. We confess that we have  
failed to accept your invitation.**

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**Too often, our fears over our personal safety, financial security, and social status prevent us from truly loving those around us.**

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**Forgive us, O Lord, for our meekness. Give us the boldness to receive and abide in your perfect love, which casts out our fears.**

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**By your strength, may we  
embody your loving presence  
out in the world. In Jesus'  
name, we pray. Amen.**

# — **Words of Assurance** —

Beloved, God is love. So let us be bold in the Lord by trusting and believing in the great love and forgiveness that God has for us all.

# **— Passing of the Peace —**

We greet one another with these words:

**The Peace of Christ be with you.**

**And also with you.**

# **—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.**

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

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

# (Sanctus)

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*From The United Methodist Hymnal (Isa. 6:3; Matt. 21:9)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord;  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.**



**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**



**Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**



**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

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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.

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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.”

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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.

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

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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.

**(Memorial Acclamation) 2257-c**

*From The United Methodist Hymnal*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

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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.

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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.

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

# **(Great Amen)**

*From The United Methodist Hymnal*

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**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

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

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## **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.**

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**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.**

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**For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

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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.



# **Holy Communion**

Time of Quiet Reflection

# **The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, Eternally  
begotten of the Father,**

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**God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, Begotten, not  
made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came  
down from heaven, was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

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**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

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**We believe in one holy catholic\*  
and apostolic church. We  
acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the  
life of the world to come. Amen.**


\*universal

**Love Divine,  
All Loves Excelling**

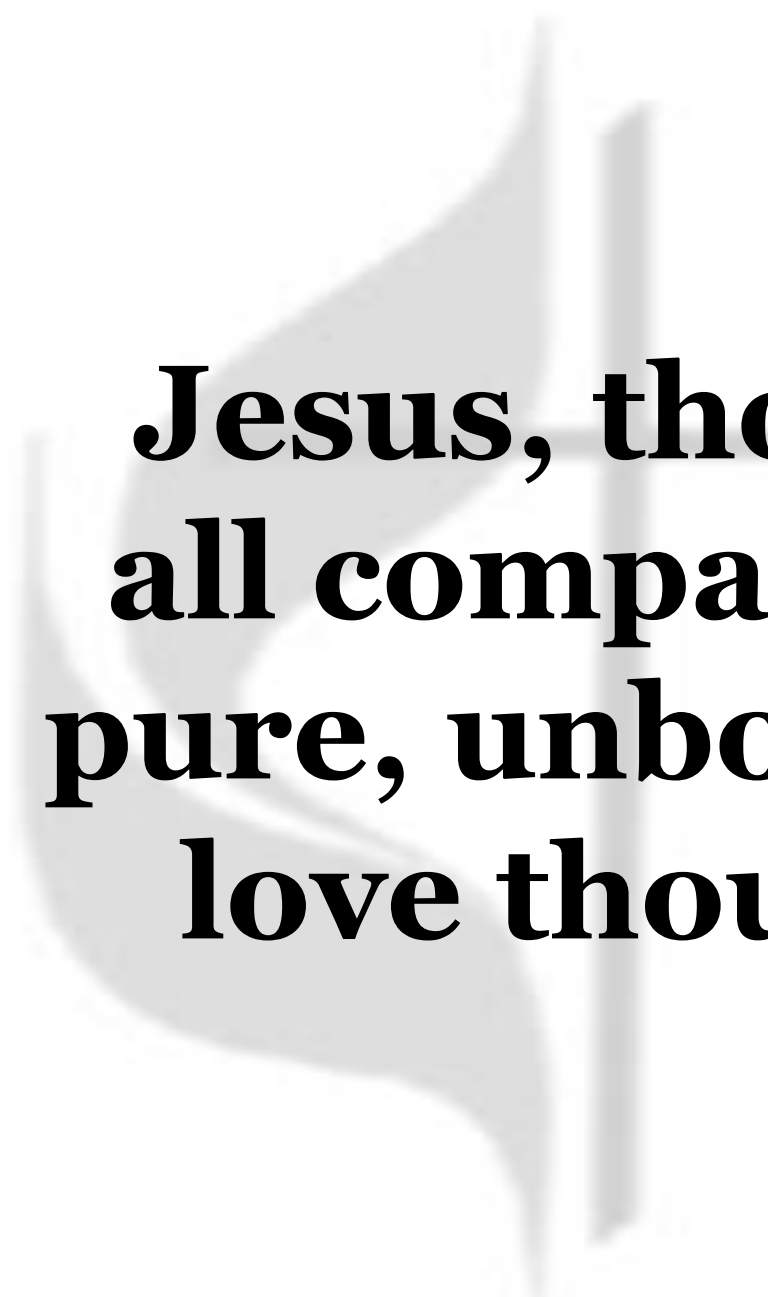
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**WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747**


**1. Love divine,  
all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven,  
to earth come down;**



**fix in us thy  
humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful  
mercies crown!**



**Jesus, thou art  
all compassion,  
pure, unbounded  
love thou art;**



**visit us with  
thy salvation;  
enter every  
trembling heart.**



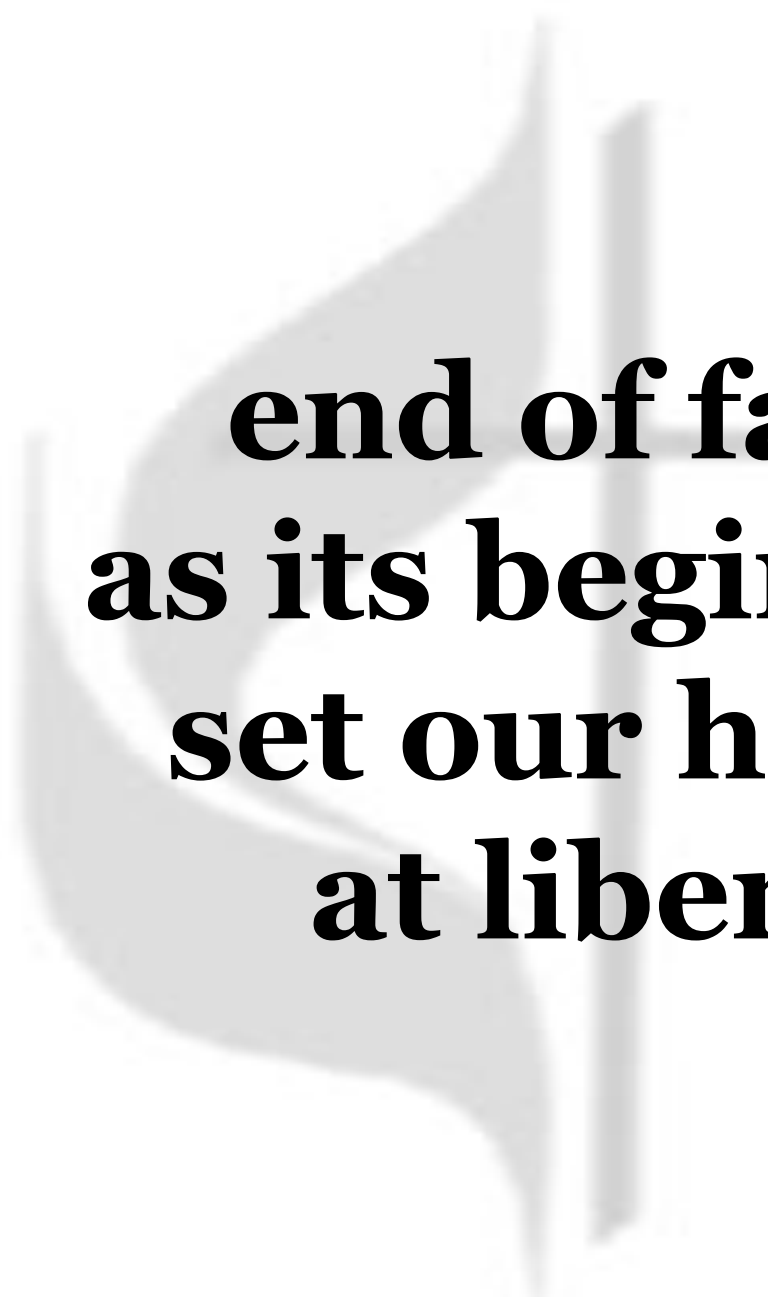
**2. Breathe, O breathe  
thy loving Spirit  
into every  
troubled breast!**



**Let us all  
in thee inherit;  
let us find that  
second rest.**



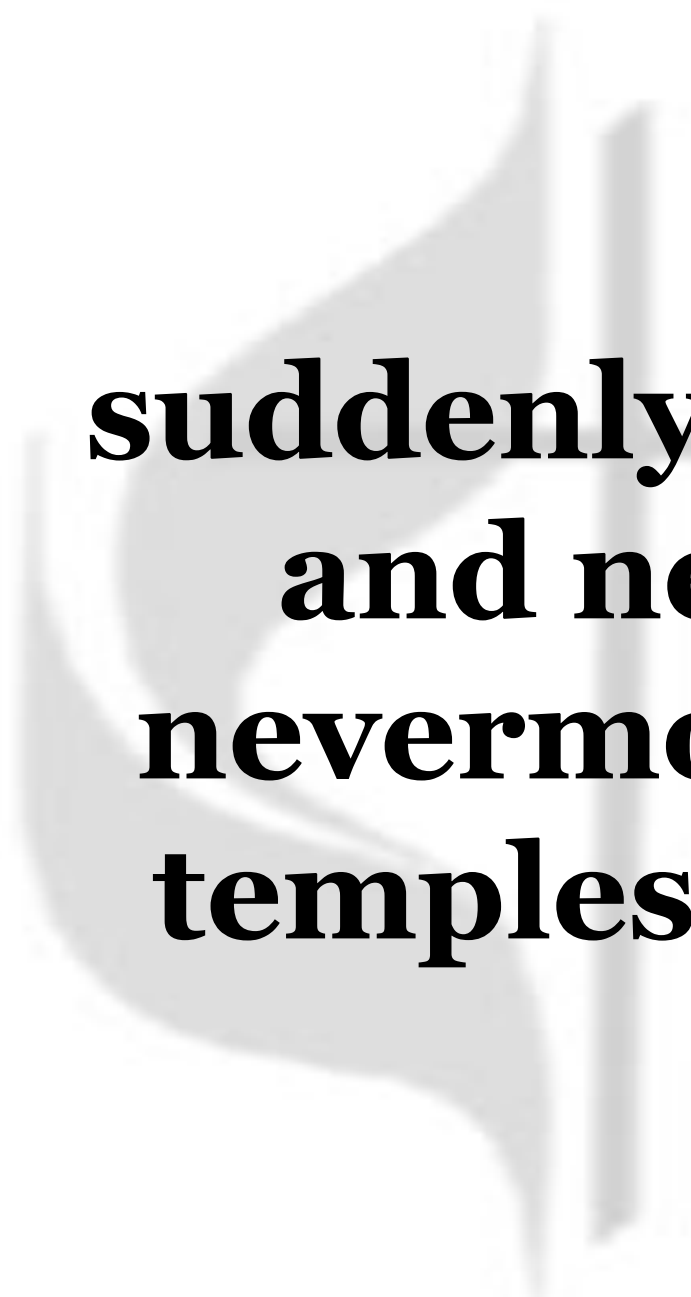
**Take away  
our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and  
Omega be;**



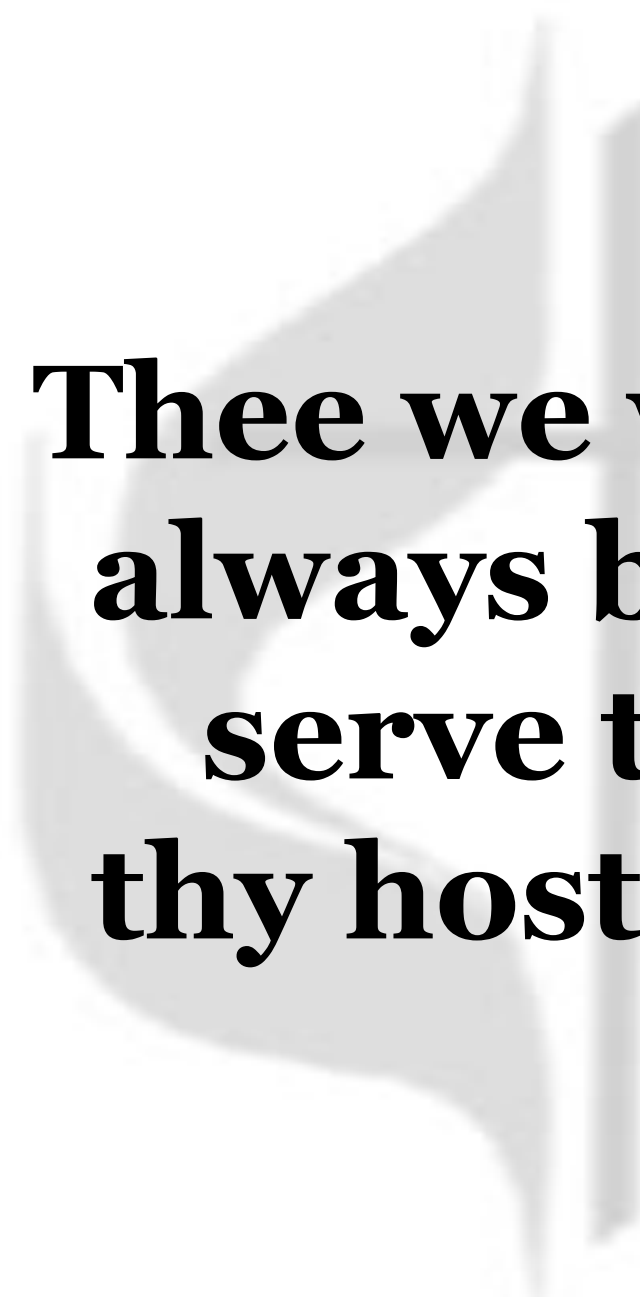
**end of faith,  
as its beginning,  
set our hearts  
at liberty.**



**3. Come, Almighty  
to deliver,  
let us all  
thy life receive;**



**suddenly return  
and never,  
nevermore thy  
temples leave.**




**Thee we would be  
always blessing,  
serve thee as  
thy hosts above,**



**pray and praise thee  
without ceasing,  
glory in thy  
perfect love.**




**4. Finish, then,  
thy new creation;  
pure and spotless  
let us be.**



**Let us see thy  
great salvation  
perfectly restored  
in thee;**



**changed from glory  
into glory,  
till in heaven  
we take our place,**



**till we cast our  
crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder,  
love, and praise.**



# Benediction



***Teach Me Thy Way***

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