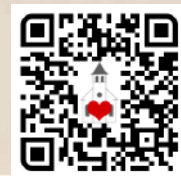


Cheltenham United Methodist Church

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★ UPDATES

Monday, October 27, 2025

Cliff Ellis' Funeral 11am
(Car Pool at 10am)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 2pm-4pm

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 10 pm-12noon

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Christmas Shoppe 9am-1pm

Monday, November 24, 2025

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
7:30pm
St. Paul Moravian Church

Support for the Food Bank's
Thanksgiving Distribution

To donate 50 cans of turkey gravy
for the Food Bank's Thanksgiving
distribution.

Please bring your donations to the
church by noon on Sunday, Nov. 9.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

in November of 2025

Birthday

2 Barbara Windsor

7 Perry Ellis

13 Diane Daniels

6 Meredith Flippen

10 Brian Beckley

30 Rebecca Boyd

The Birthday Song

A happy birthday to you
a happy birthday to you;
May you feel Jesus near
every day of the year.
A happy birthday to you
a happy birthday to you;
The best you have ever known!



GREETING

Rejoice, for the Holy One restores
the weary and renews the land.

**We come,
grateful for rains of mercy and rivers of grace.**

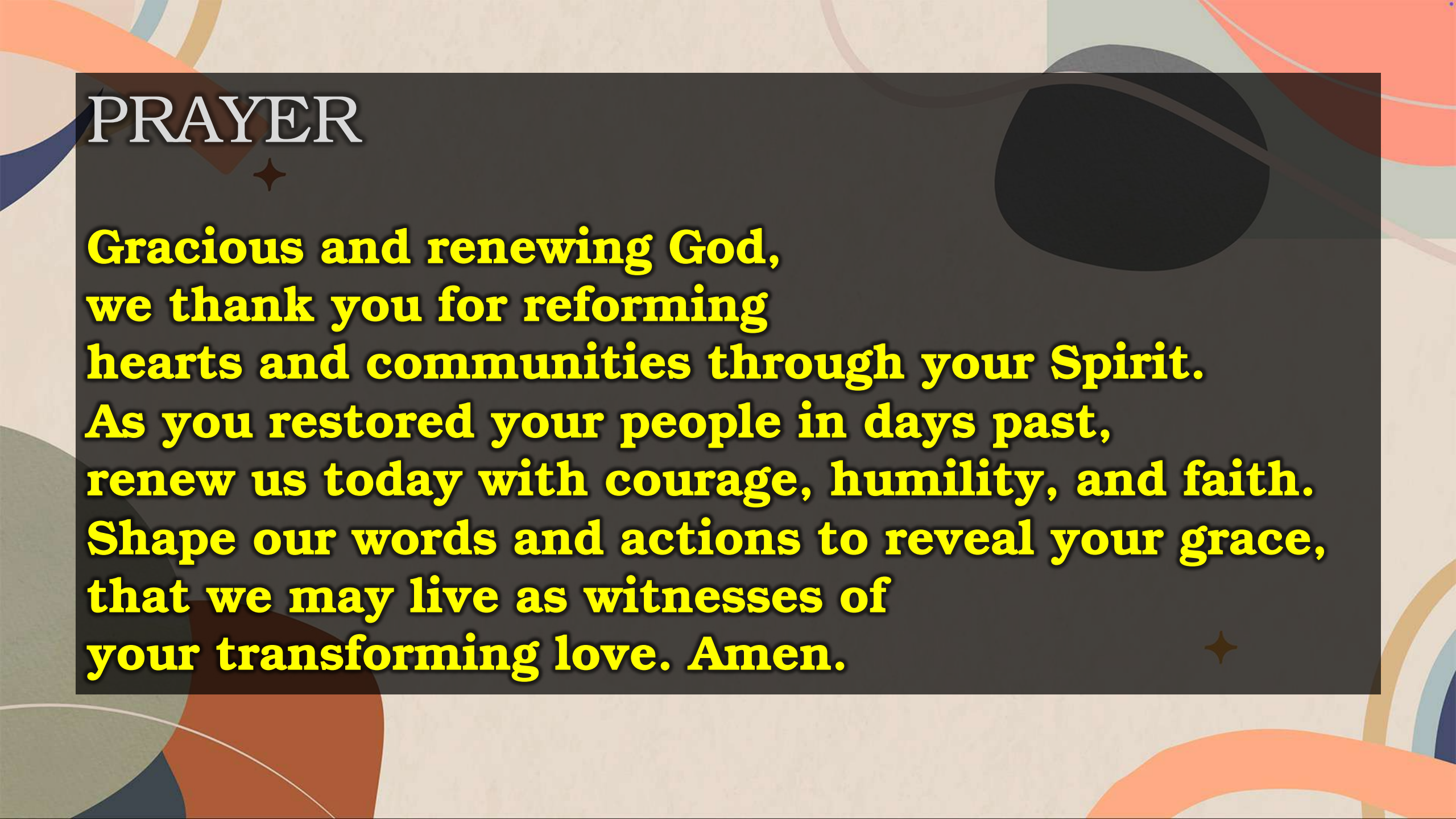
The faithful have fought the good fight and kept the faith.

**We gather to honor the Spirit
who strengthens and saves.**

God hears the humble, lifting hearts that turn in truth.

**We come to worship with joy and awe
before our Creator.**

PRAYER

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**Gracious and renewing God,
we thank you for reforming
hearts and communities through your Spirit.
As you restored your people in days past,
renew us today with courage, humility, and faith.
Shape our words and actions to reveal your grace,
that we may live as witnesses of
your transforming love. Amen.**



A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

Words: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. By Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)

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A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” v.1



Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” v.2



And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” v.3



That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

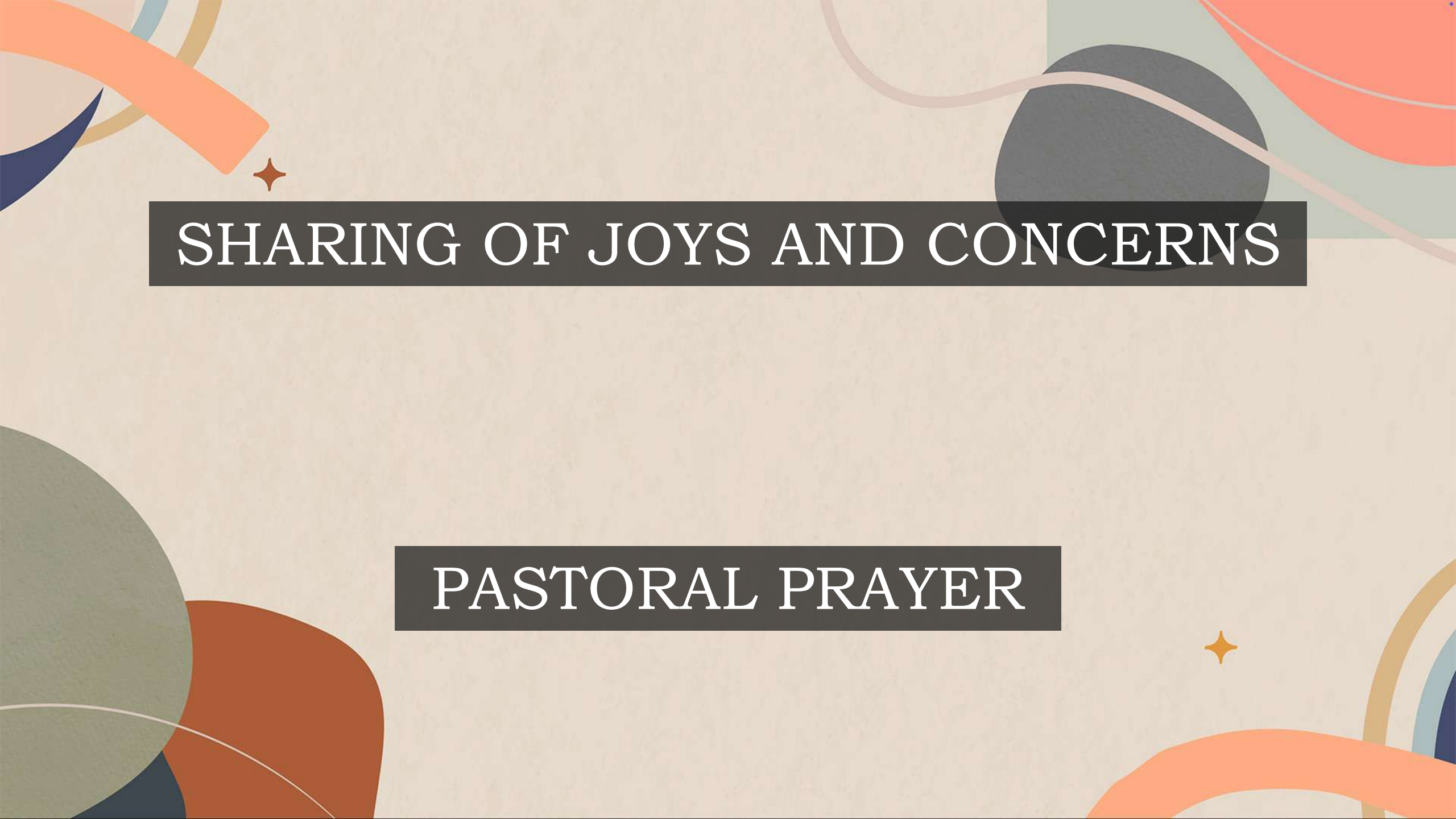
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” v.4

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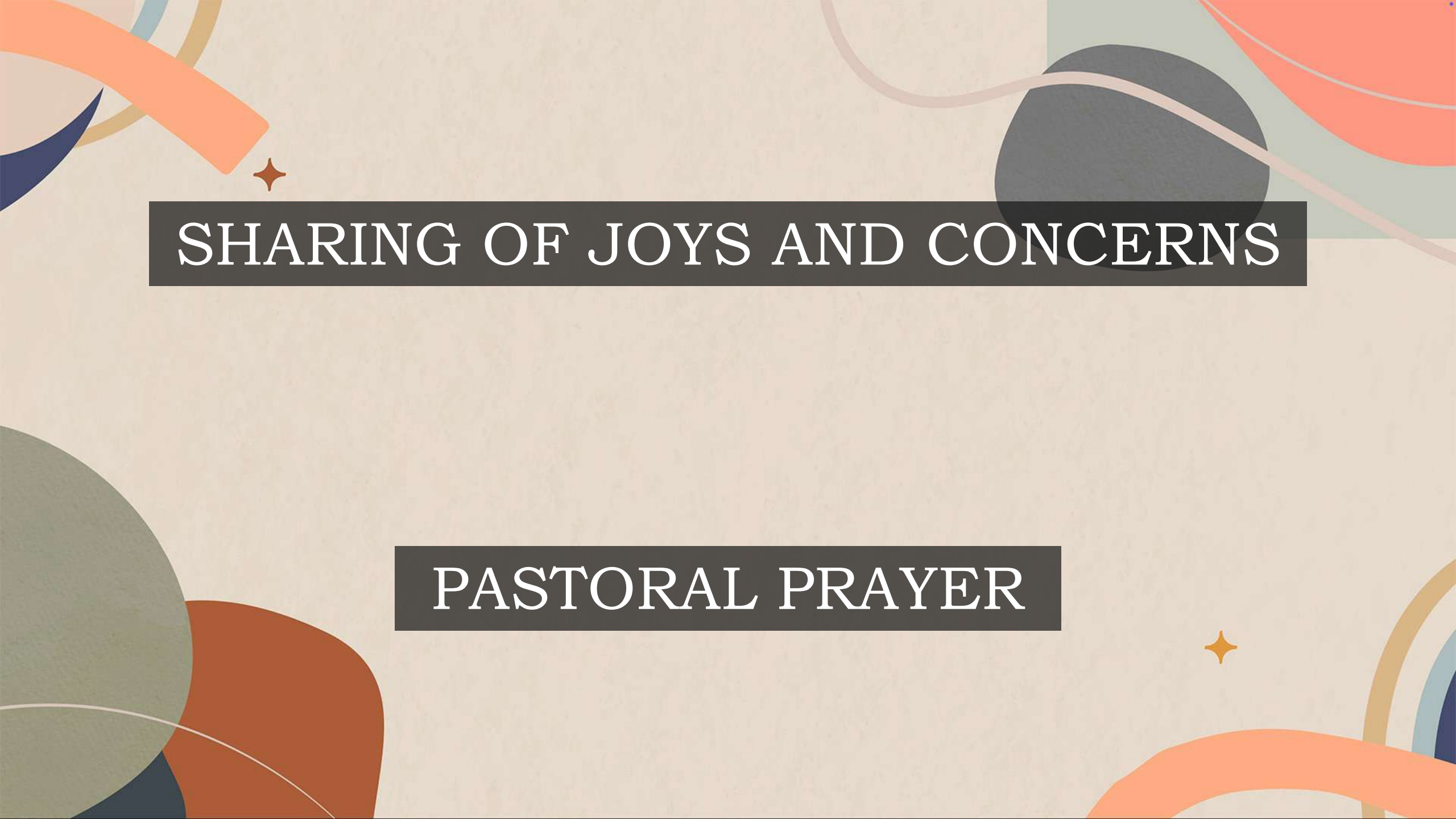
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SPECIAL MUSIC

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”



LORD'S PRAYER

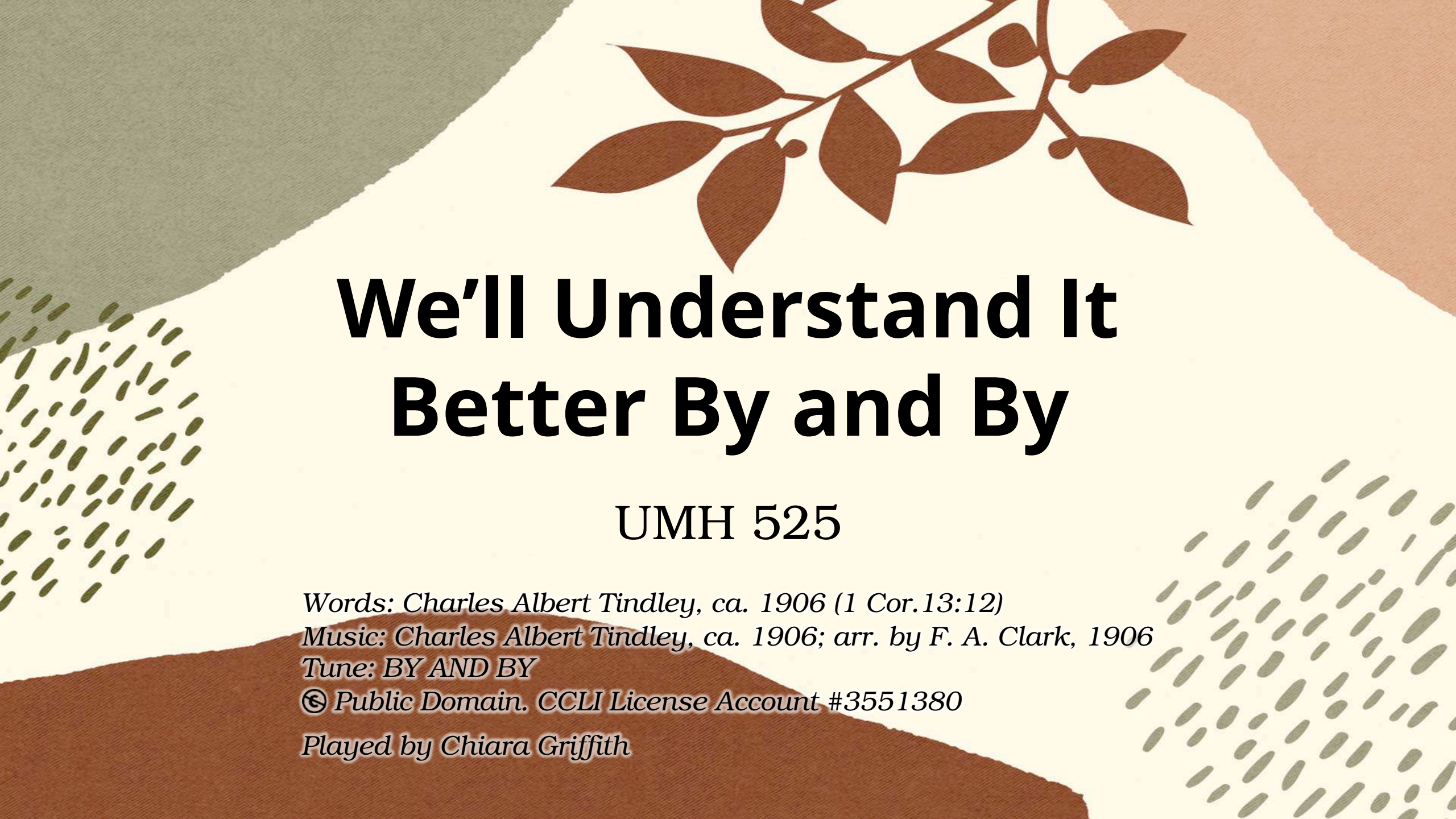
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**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.**



We'll Understand It Better By and By

UMH 525

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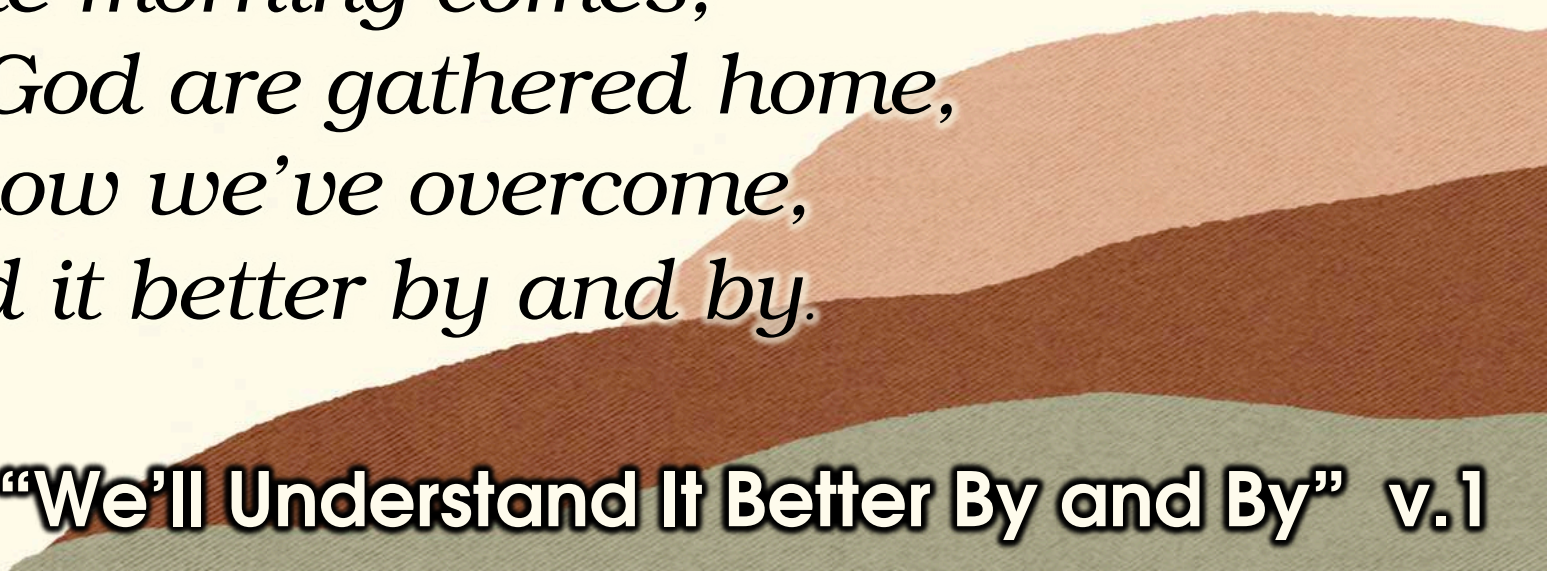
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We are tossed and driven
on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day,
when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

“We'll Understand It Better By and By” v.1





We are often destitute
of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter,
thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord,
and according to God's word,
we will understand it better by and by.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

“We'll Understand It Better By and By” v.2



Trials dark on every hand,
and we cannot understand
all the ways that God will lead us
to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye,
and we'll follow till we die,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

“We'll Understand It Better By and By” v.3



Temptations, hidden snare
often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed
for a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test
when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

“We'll Understand It Better By and By” v.4

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32 NRSV

23 O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. **24** The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32 NRSV

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. **27** You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32 NRSV

28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. **29** Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. **30** I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32 NRSV

31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. **32** Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8 NRSV

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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SERMON

Spirit-led Race of Grace

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER





What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

Words: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

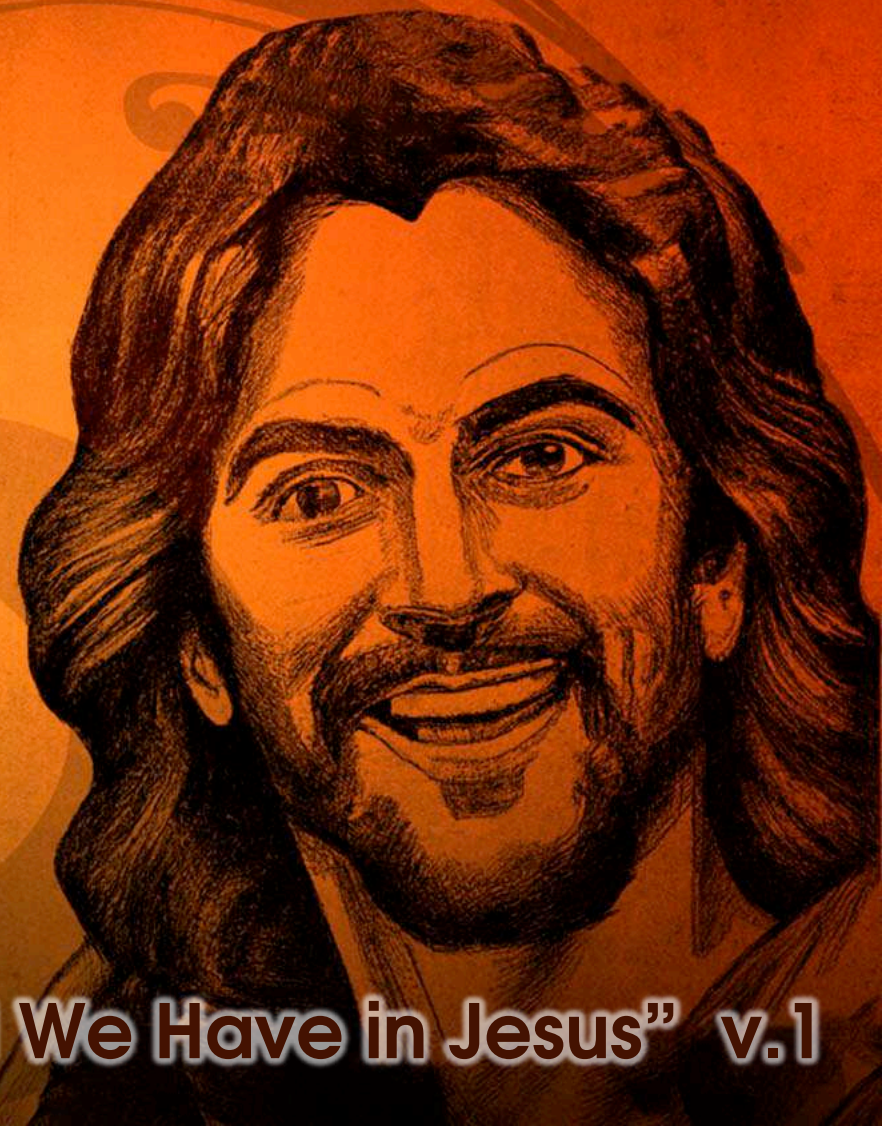
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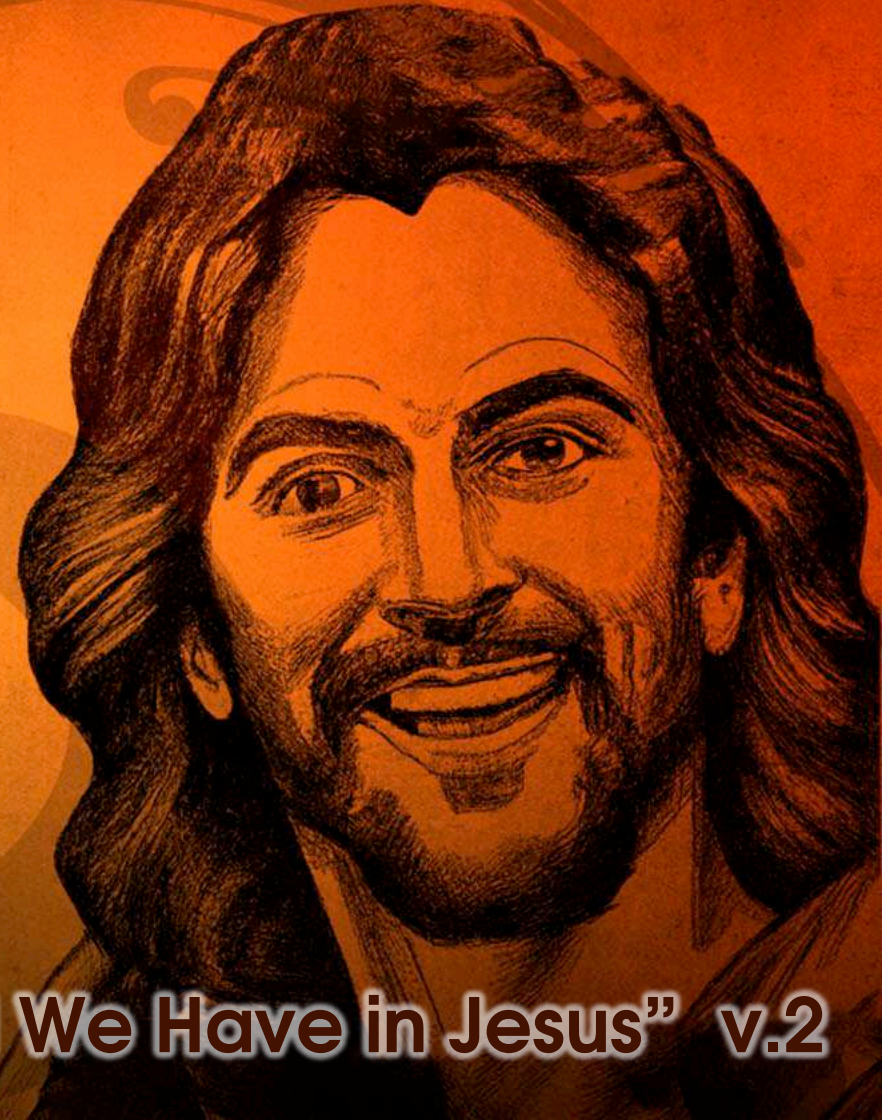
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What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.



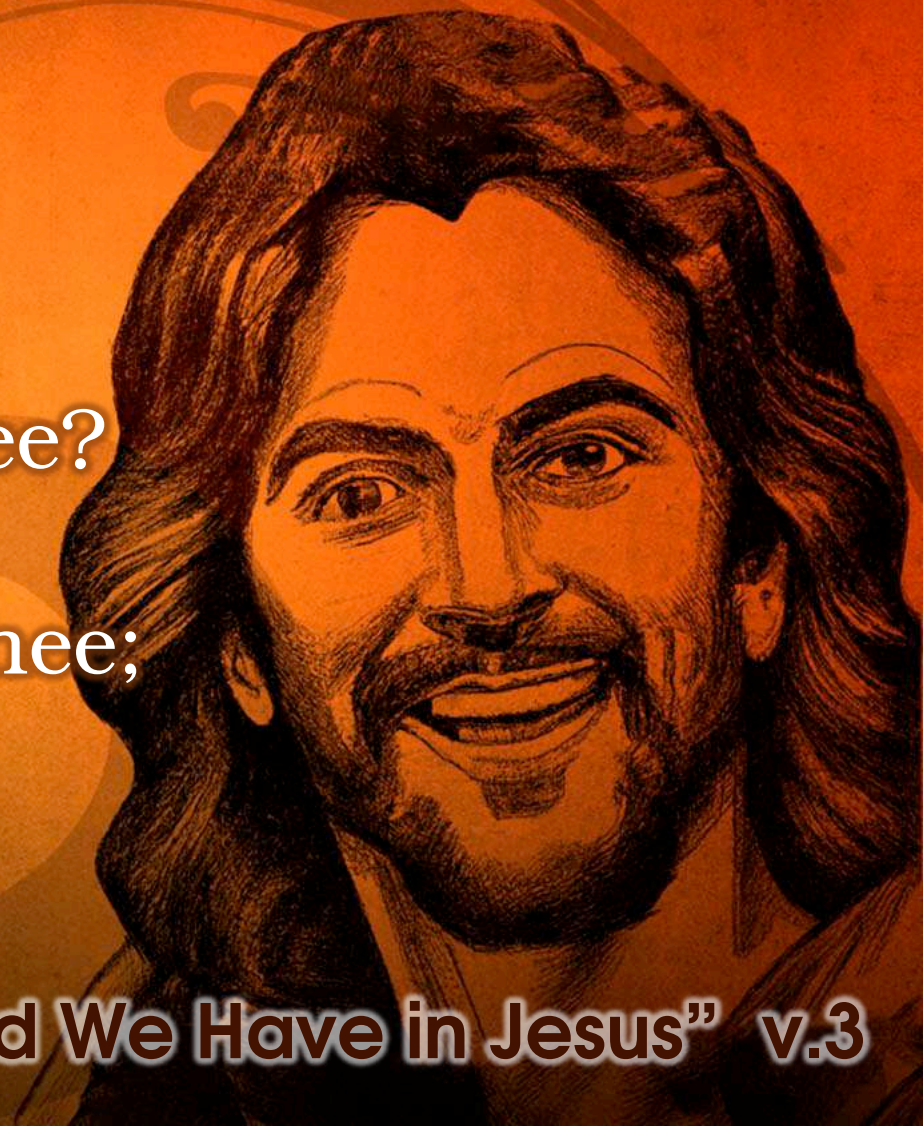
“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” v.1

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.



“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” v.2

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.



“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” v.3

+BENEDICTION

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NEXT WEEK

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