

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church

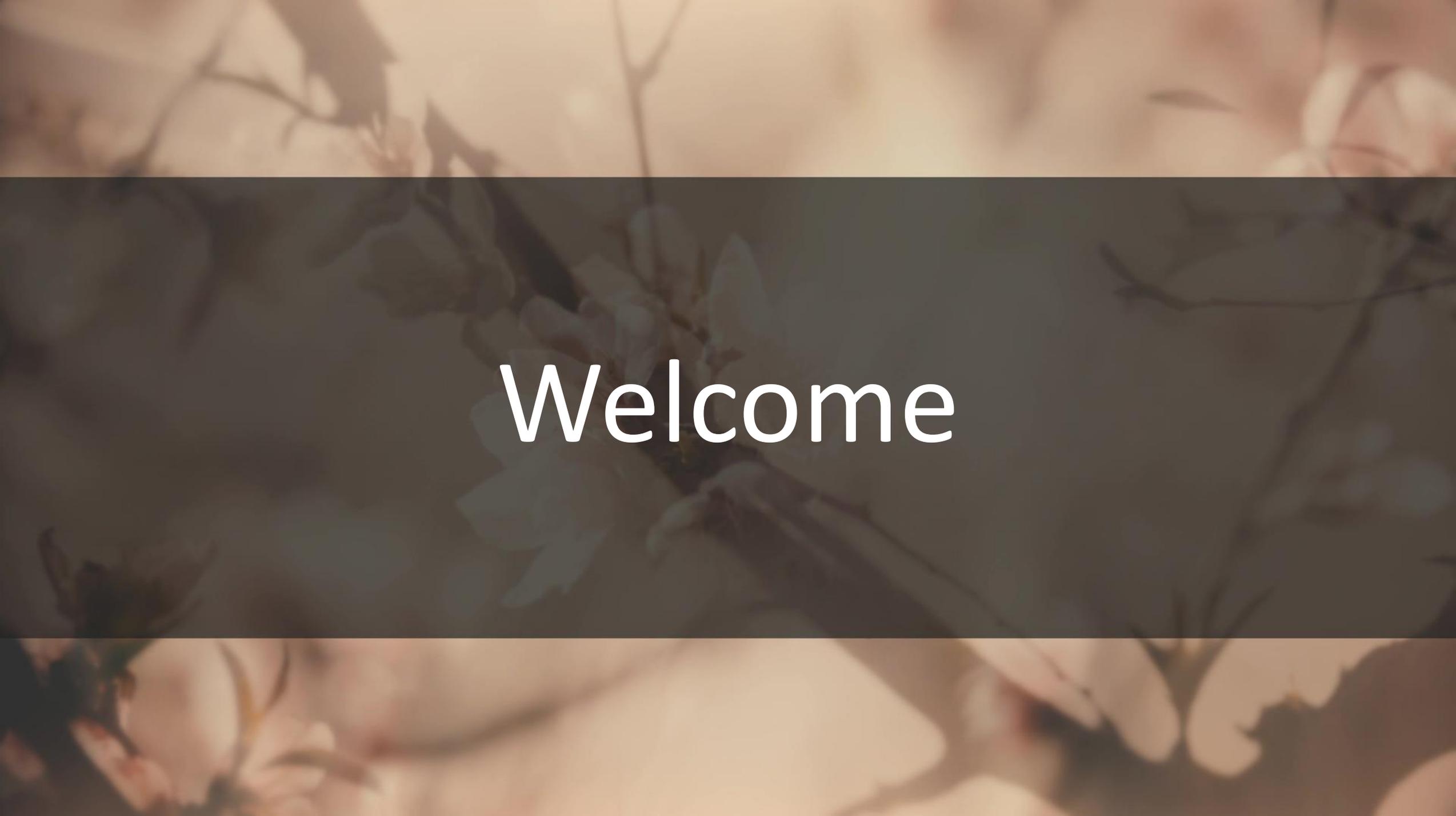


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Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

*A welcoming, joyful community,
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*



Welcome



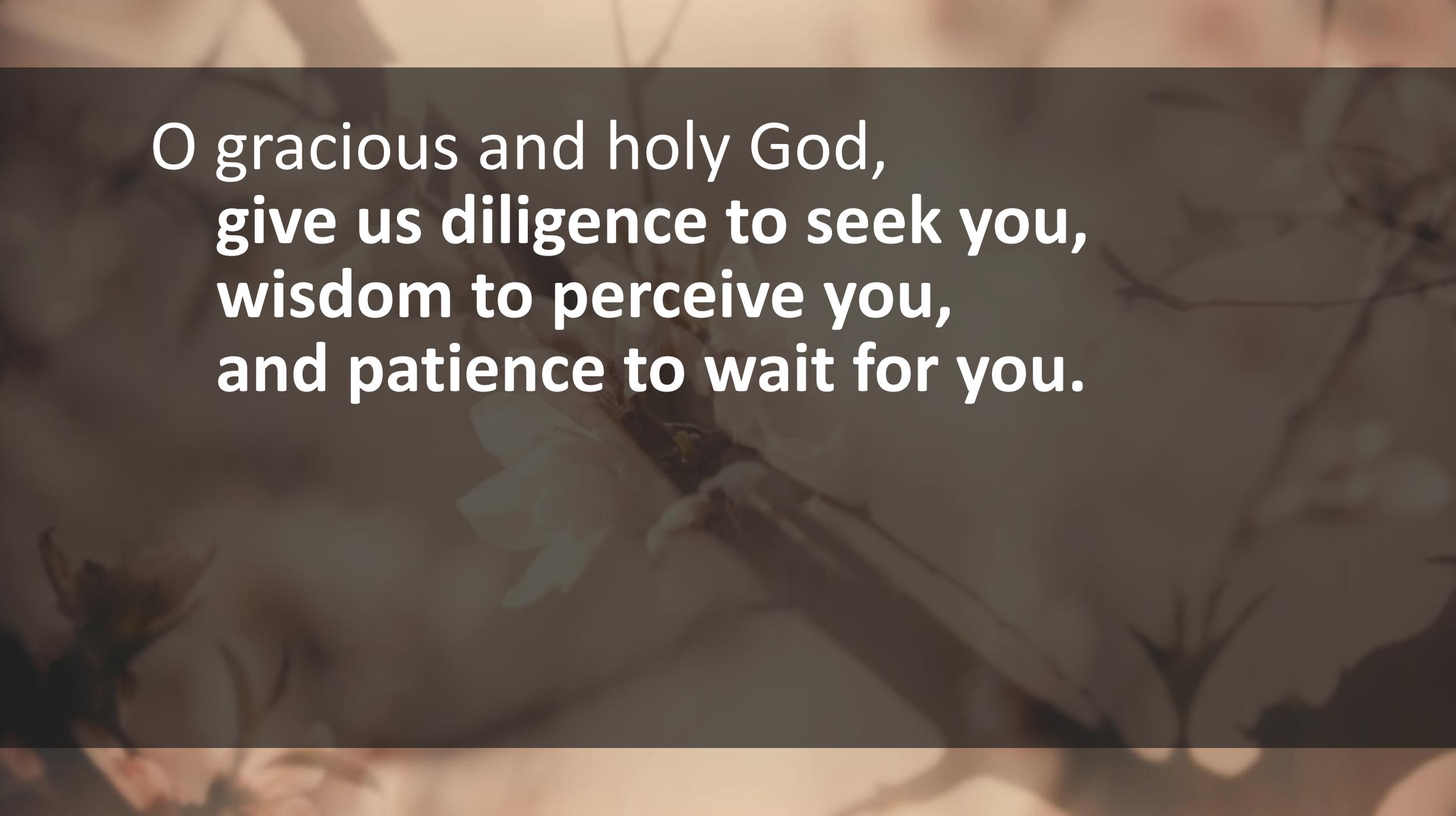
Call to Worship
Lead Me, Lord

Adult Choir

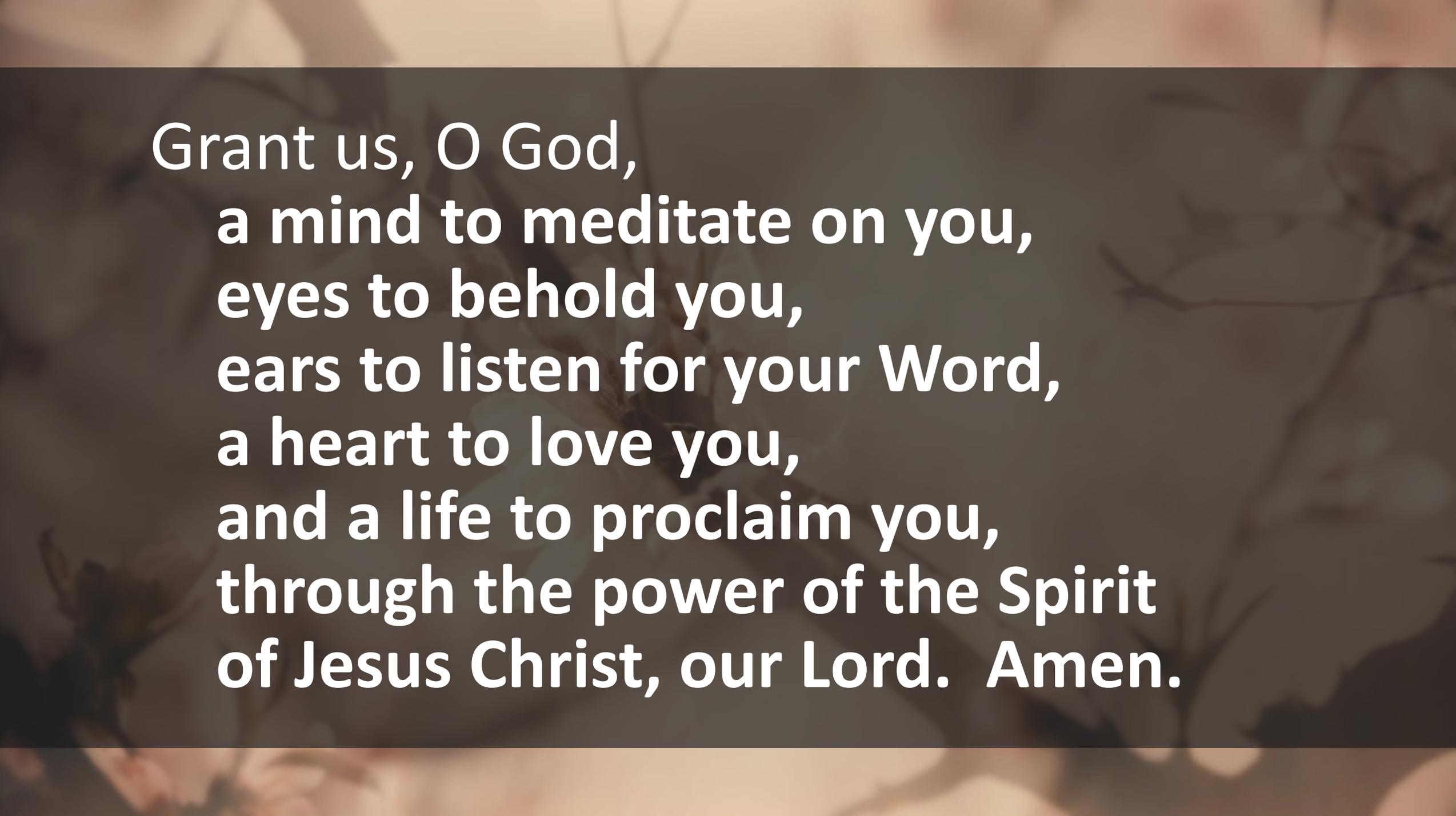
Louis Vierne

Prayer of Invitation

UM Worship and Song No. 47,
attrib. Benedict of Nurnia, 6th century



O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.



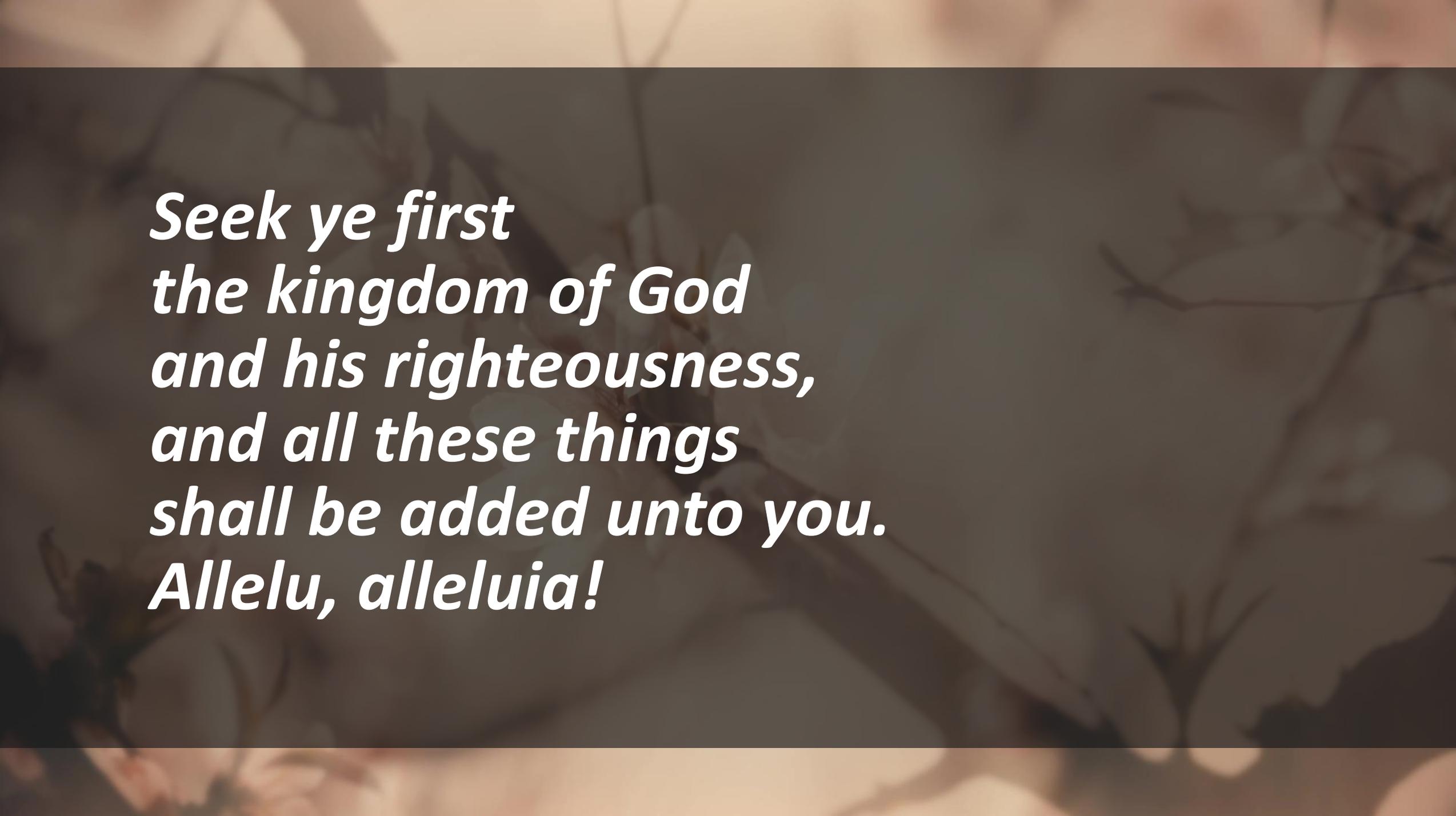
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“Seek Ye First”

UMH Hymn No. 405

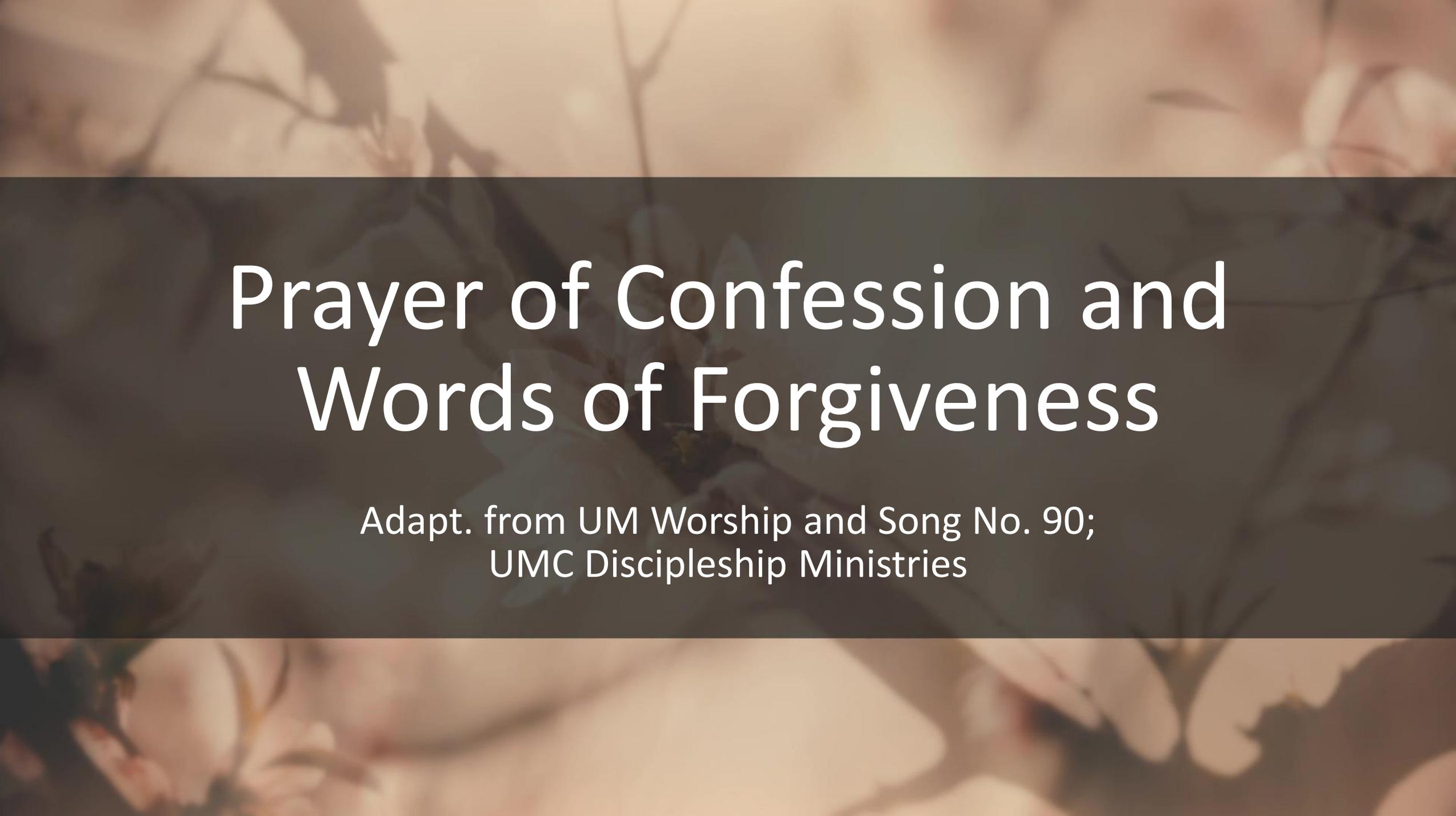
WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)

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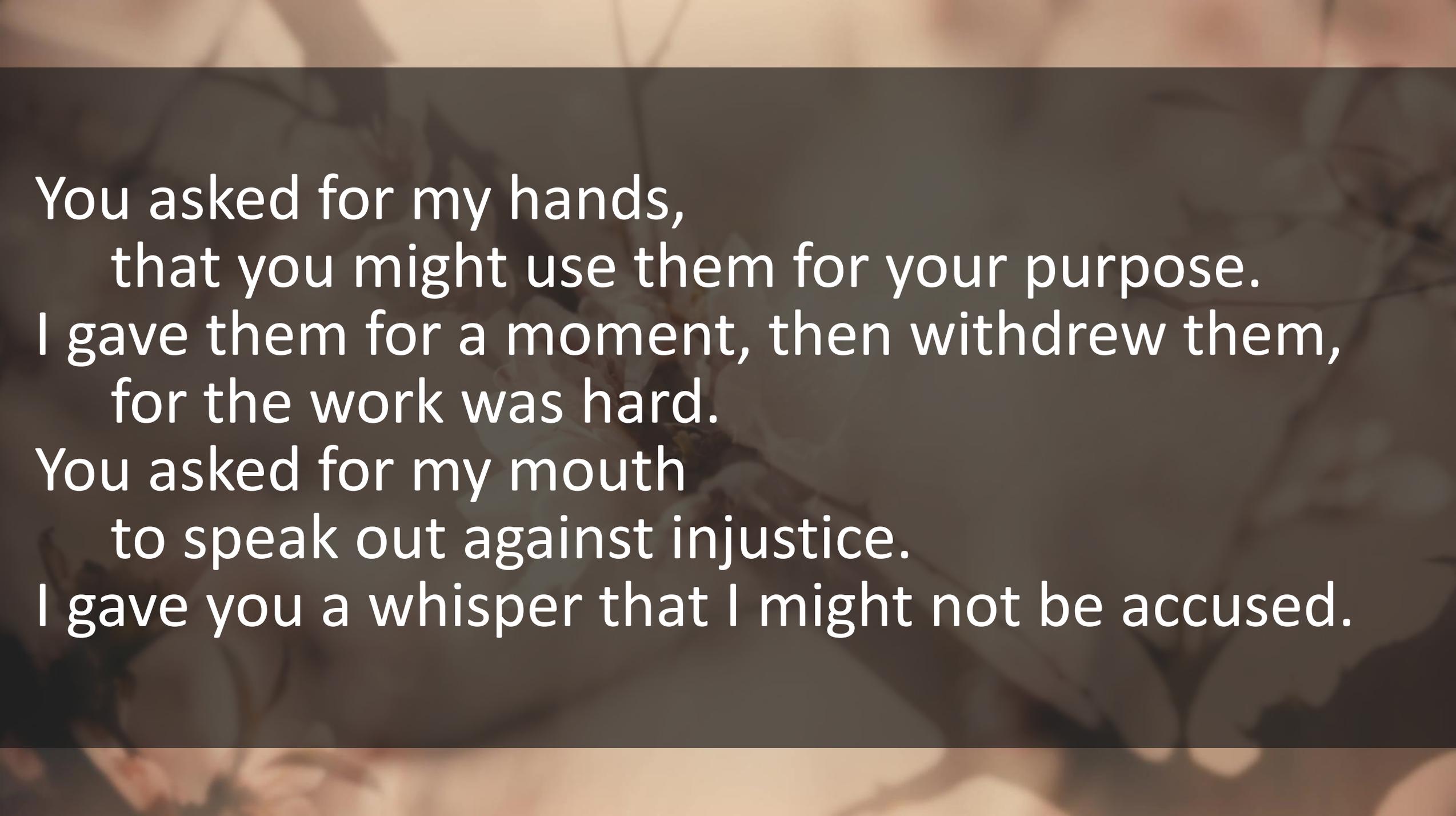
*Seek ye first
the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall
be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall
be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*



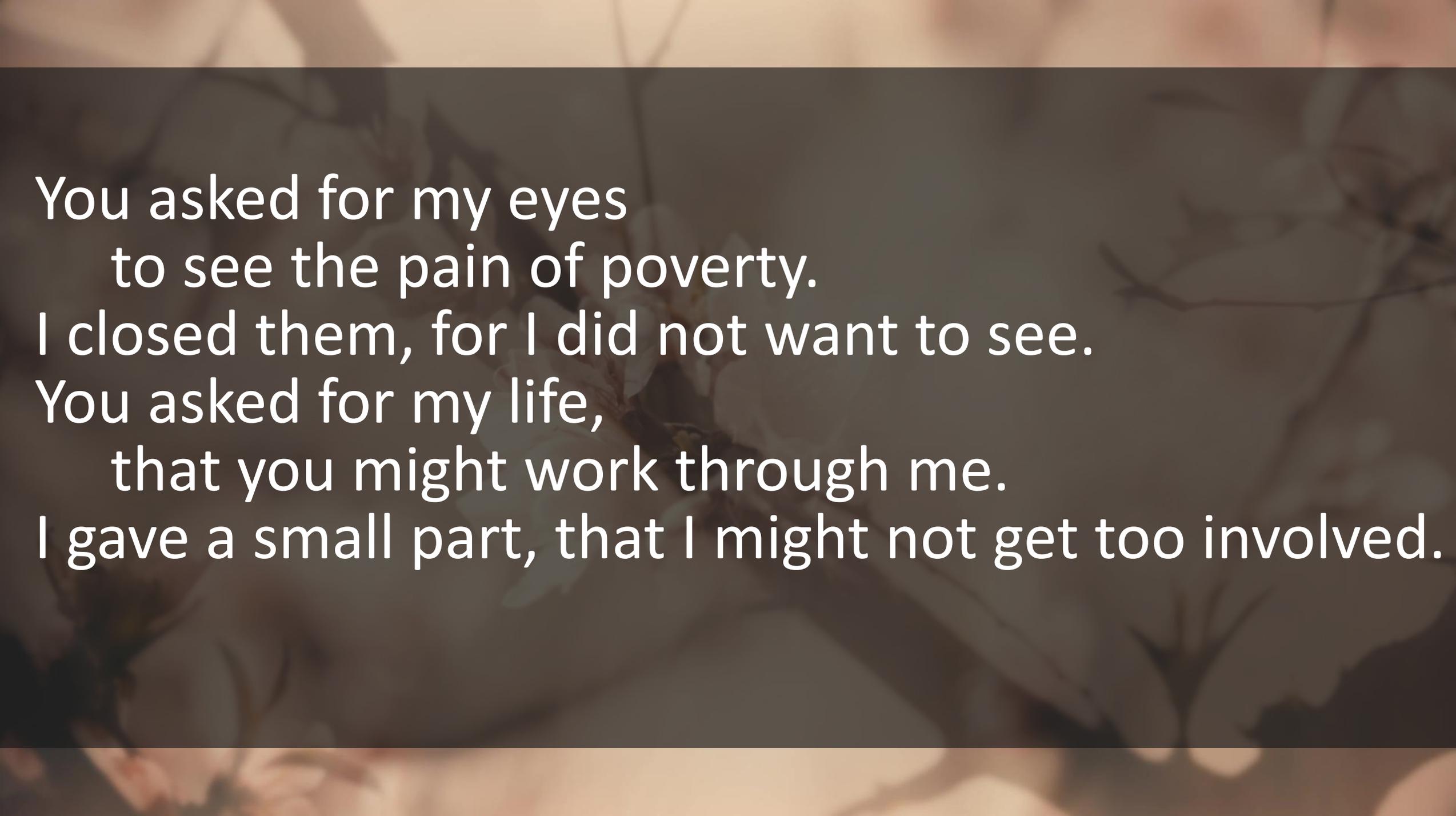
Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Adapt. from UM Worship and Song No. 90;
UMC Discipleship Ministries

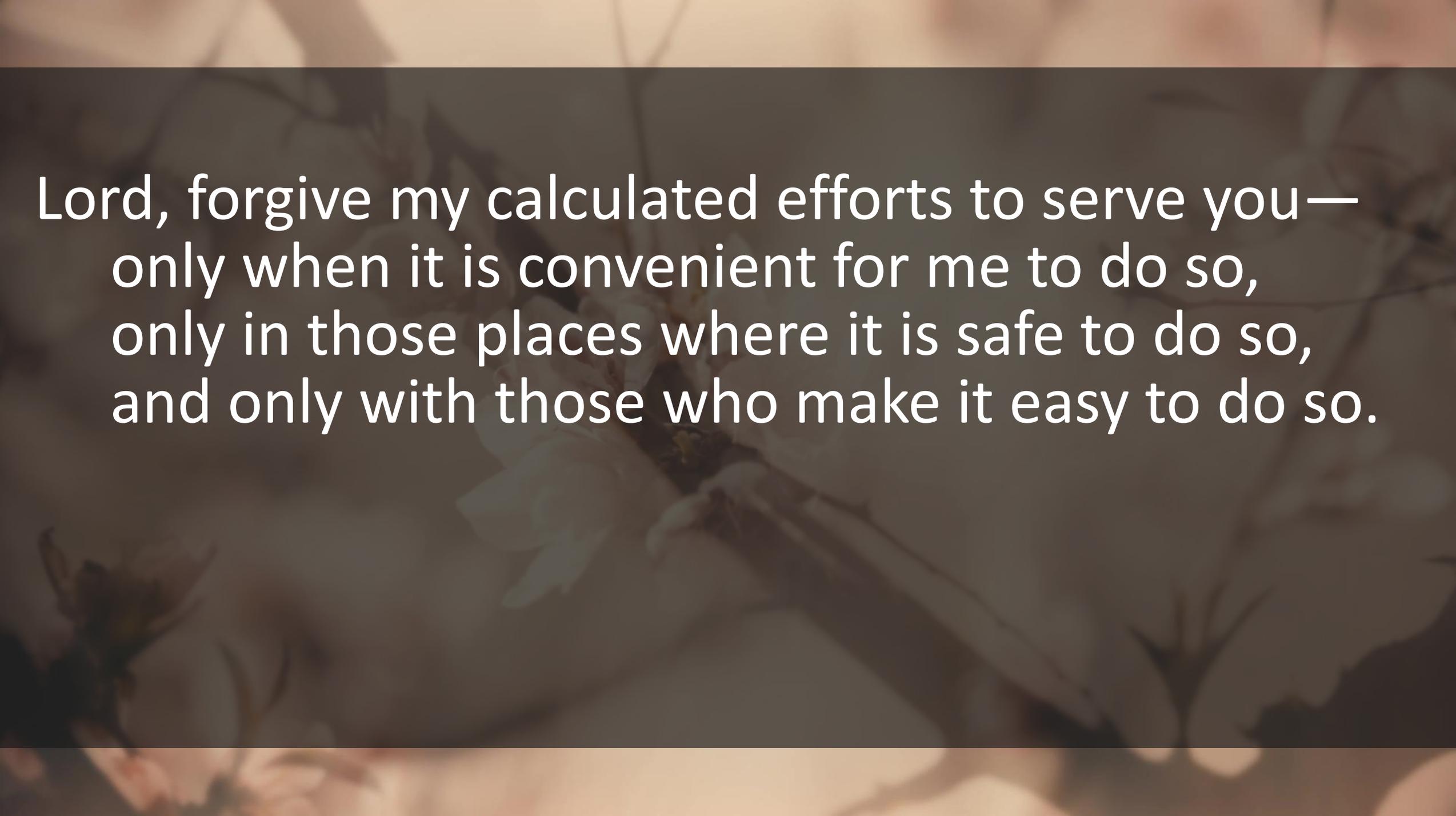


You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.

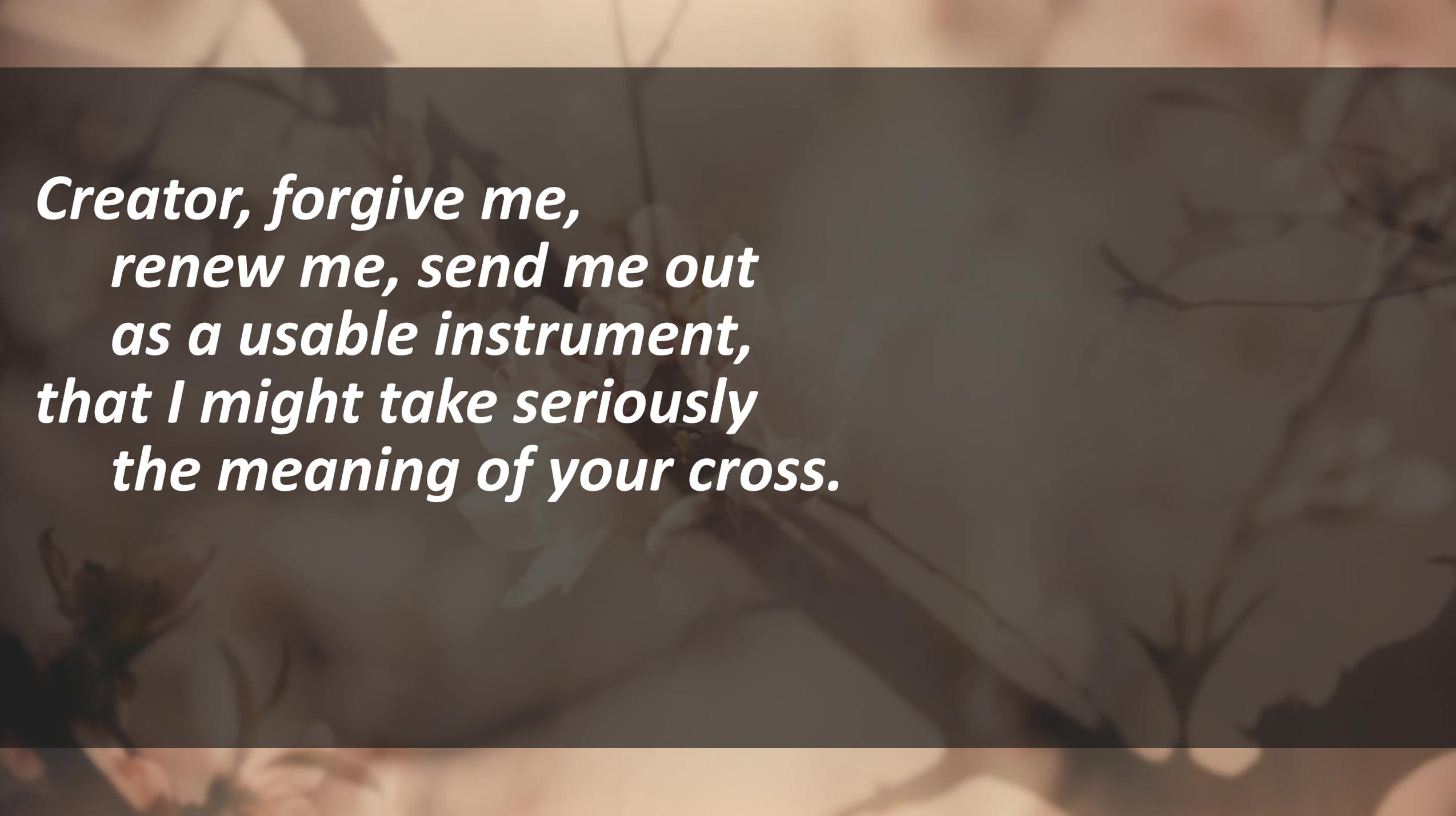
You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.



You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life,
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.



Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.



*Creator, forgive me,
renew me, send me out
as a usable instrument,
that I might take seriously
the meaning of your cross.*

Hear the good news.

Through Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

God hears. God cares. God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Amen.***



Anthem

Amazing Grace

Brass Trio

Ava Clift, Maizie Anderson, and Eileen Clift
arr. by Grant Morgan

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward as parents are comfortable.
Please note that those who come forward may be visible on the livestream.

Congregational Prayer

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.

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.



Anthem

Andante

Joyful Ringers

Antonio Vivaldi

arr. by Kevin McChesney

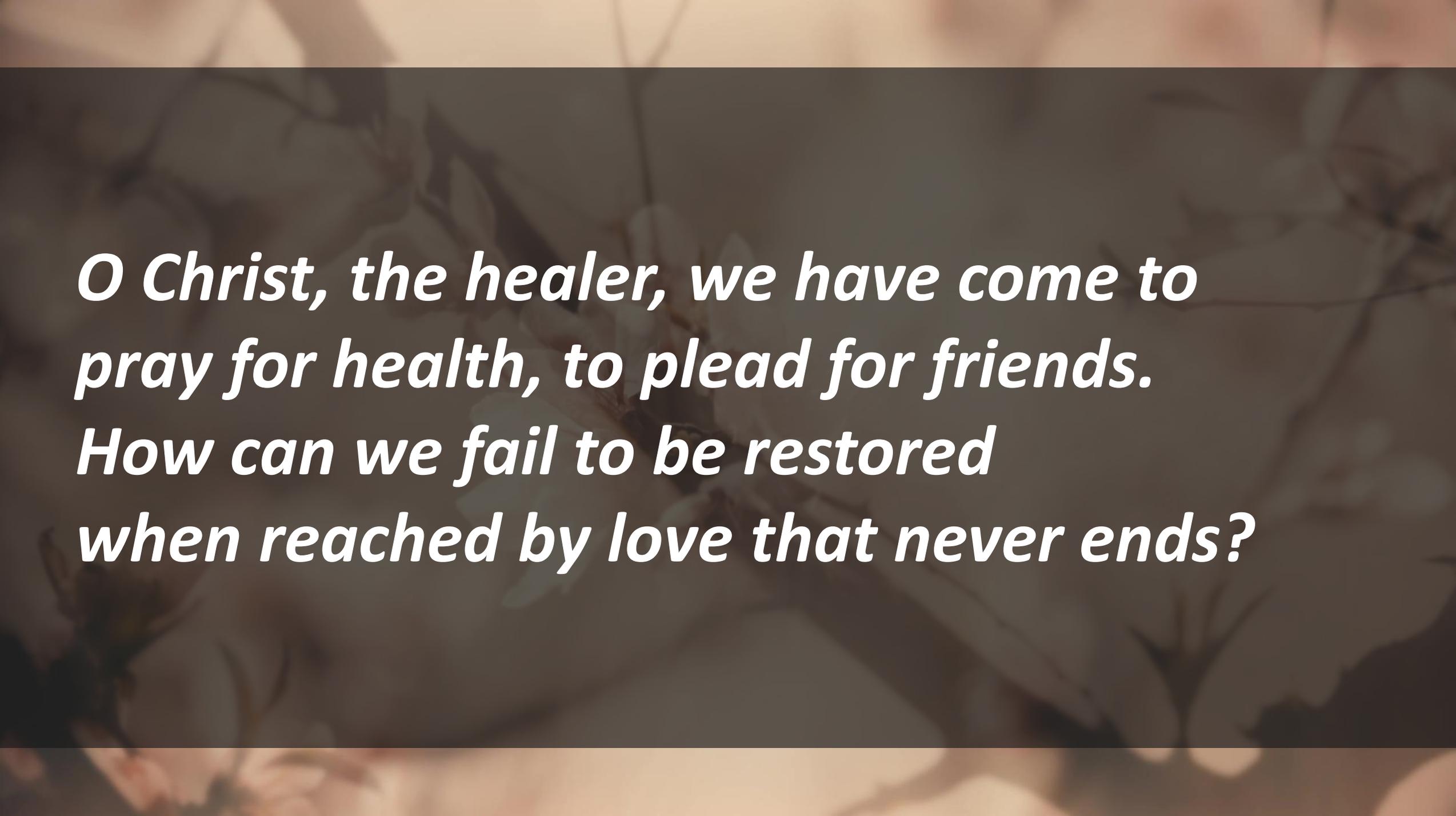
“O Christ the Healer”

UMH Hymn No. 265

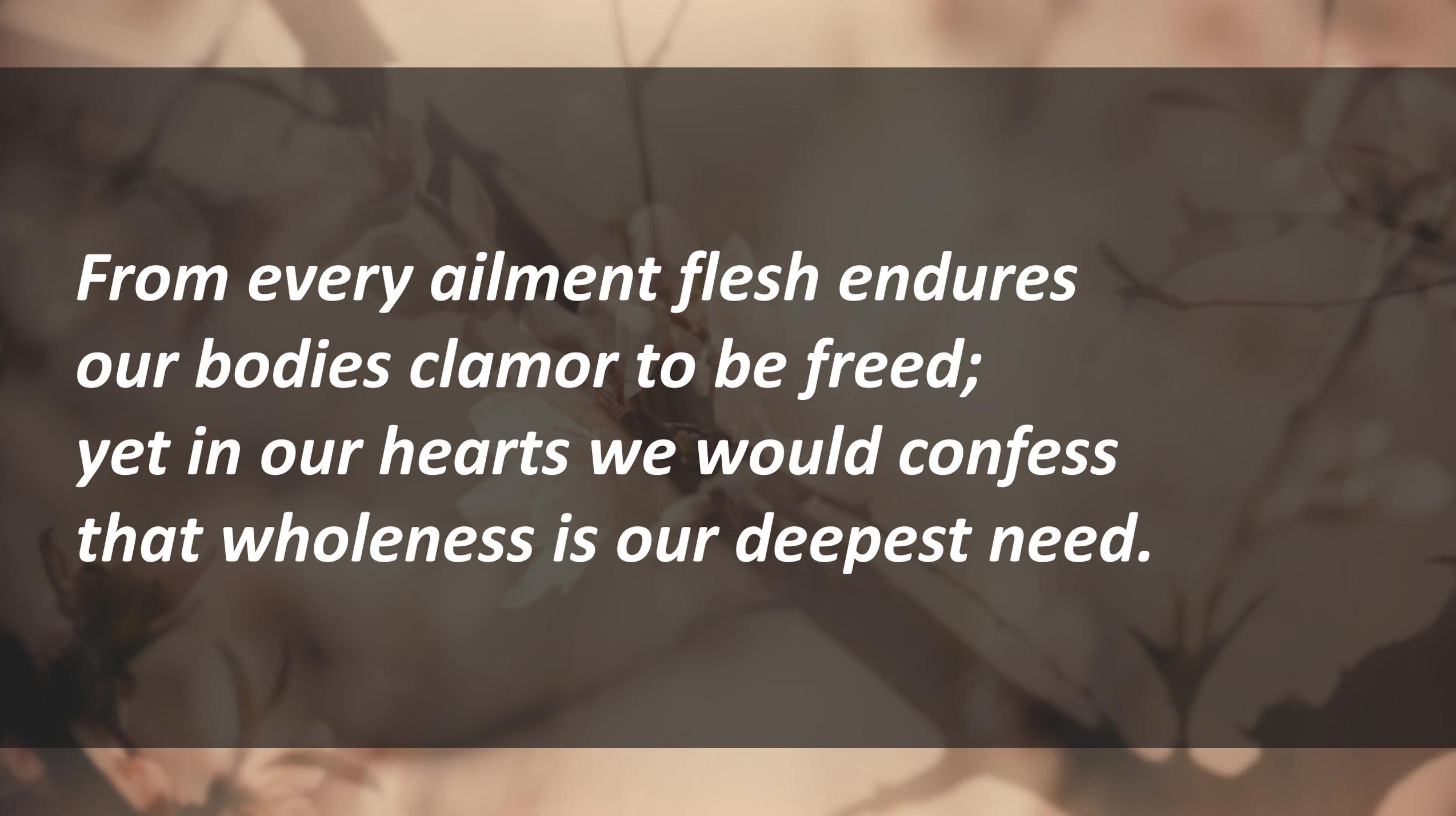
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MUSIC: *Geistliche Lieder* (Klug), 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1725

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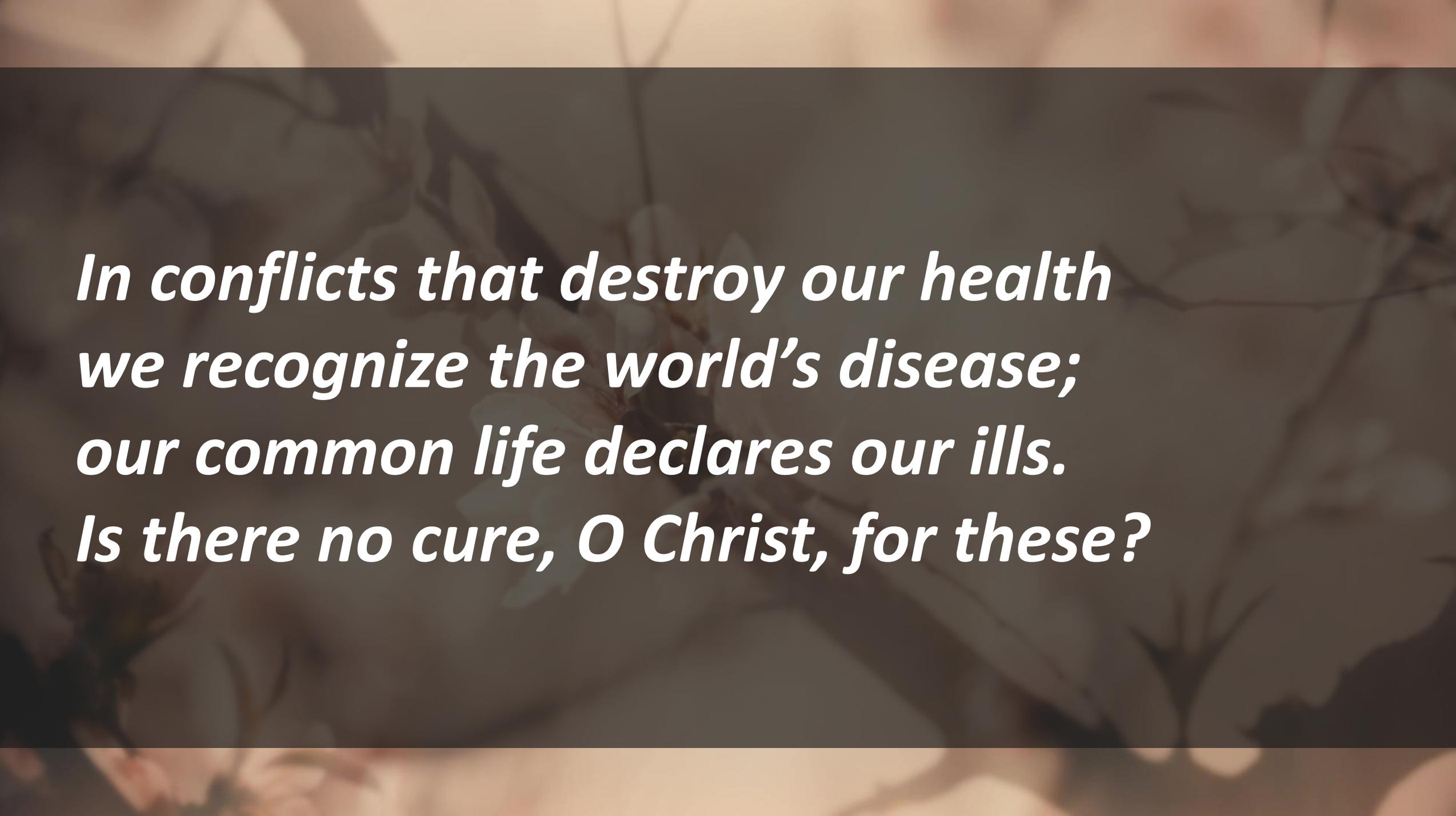


*O Christ, the healer, we have come to
pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?*

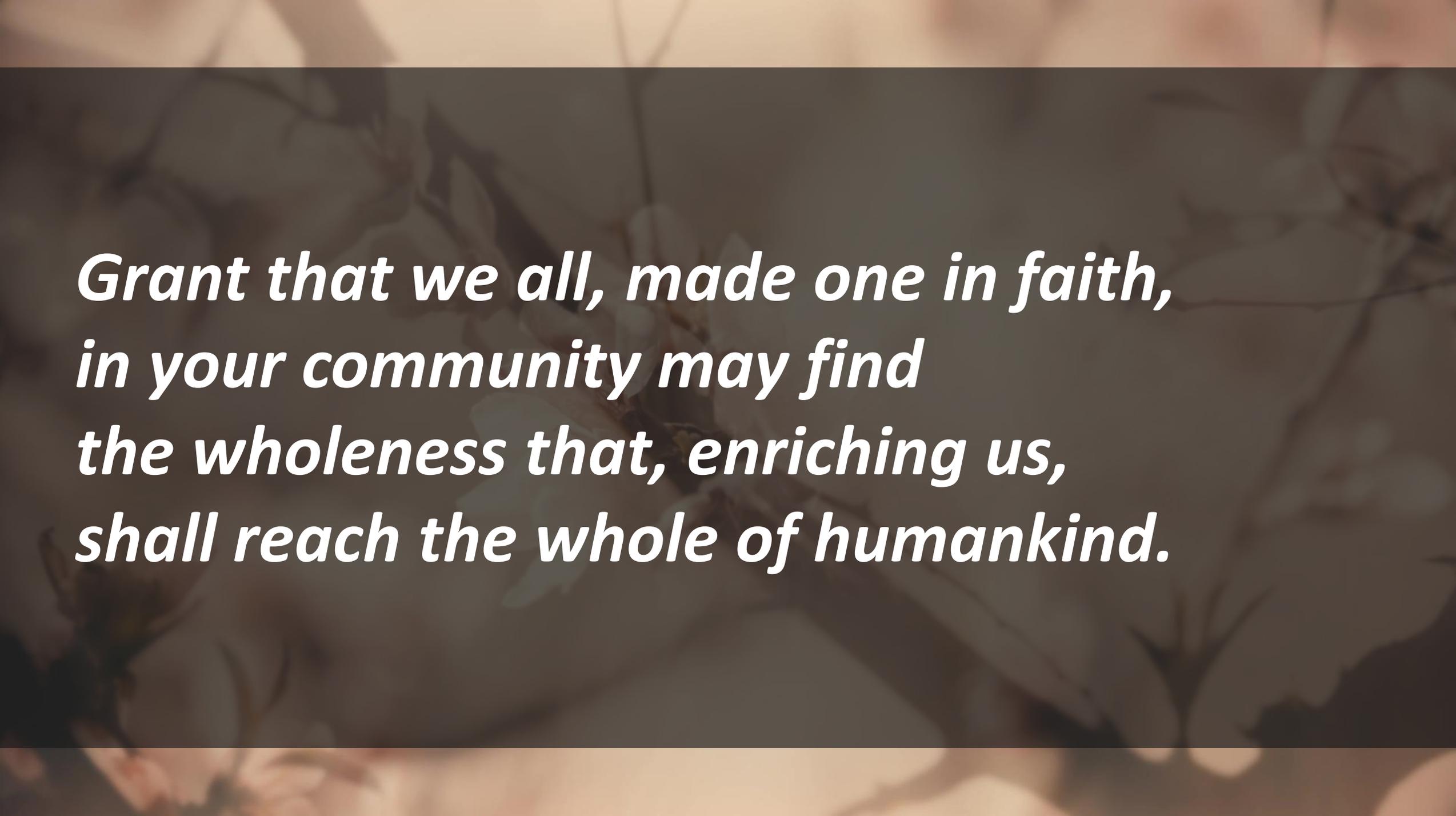


*From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.*

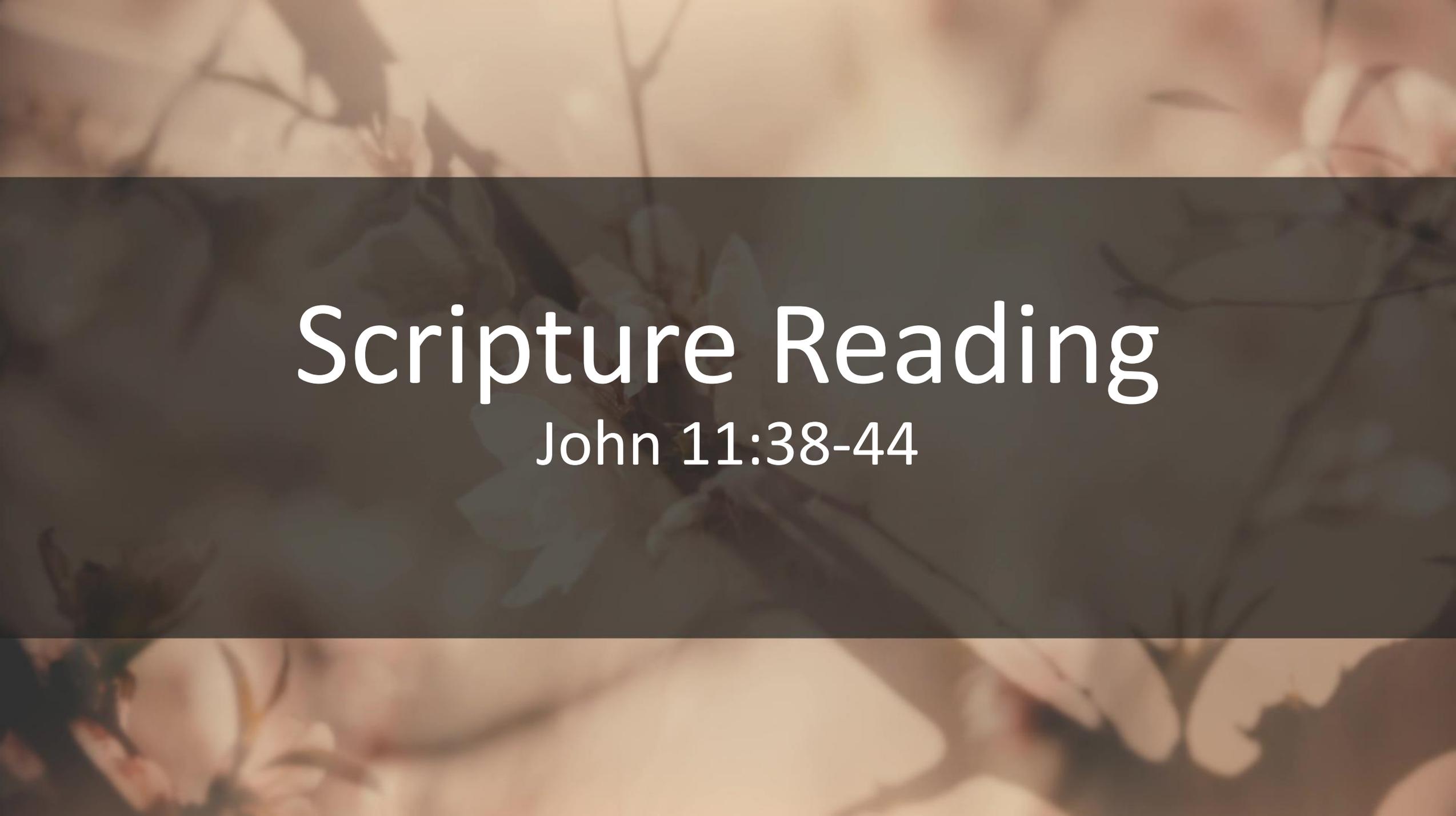
*How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.*



*In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*



*Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.*

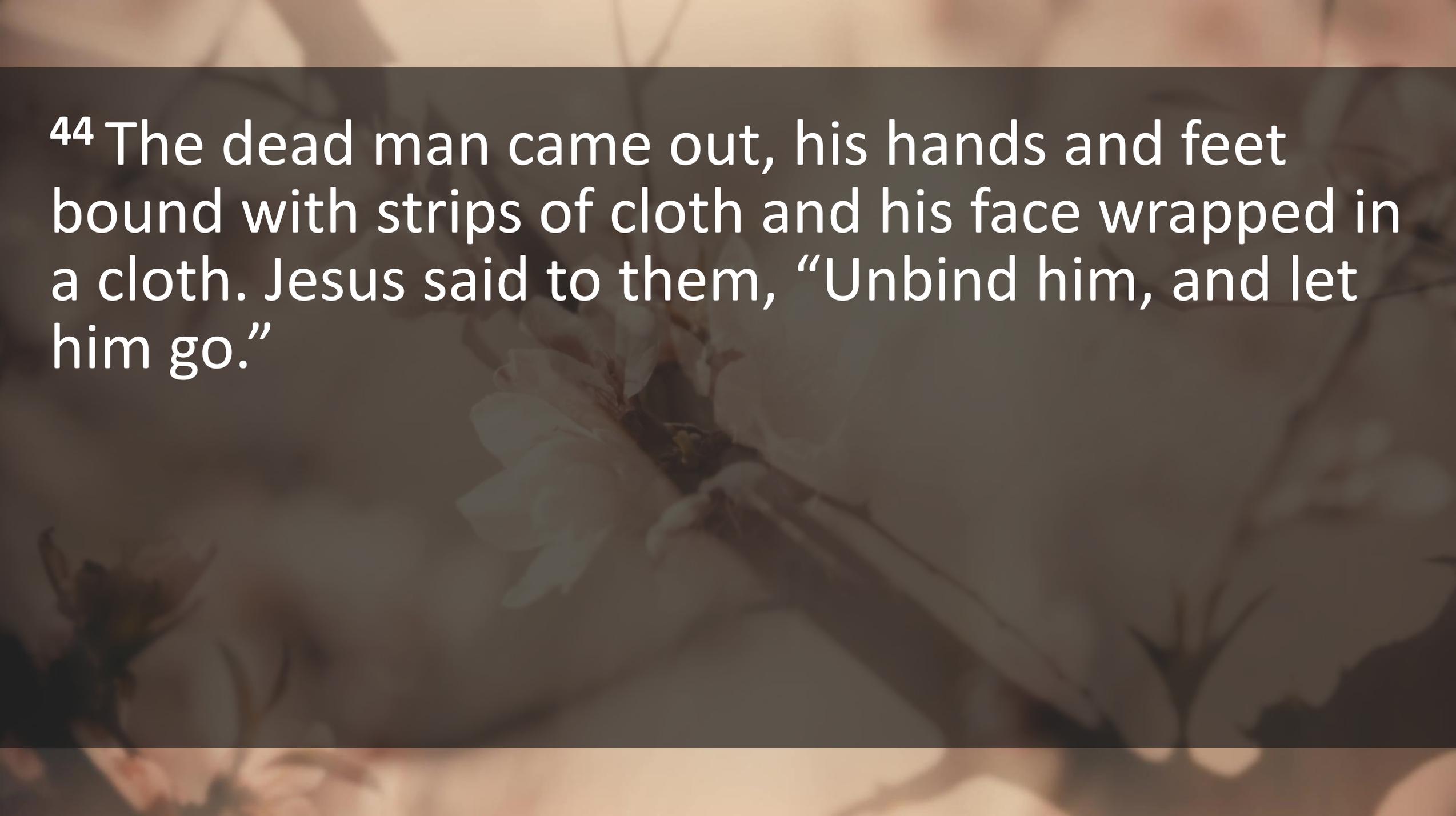


Scripture Reading

John 11:38-44

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”



44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



Sermon

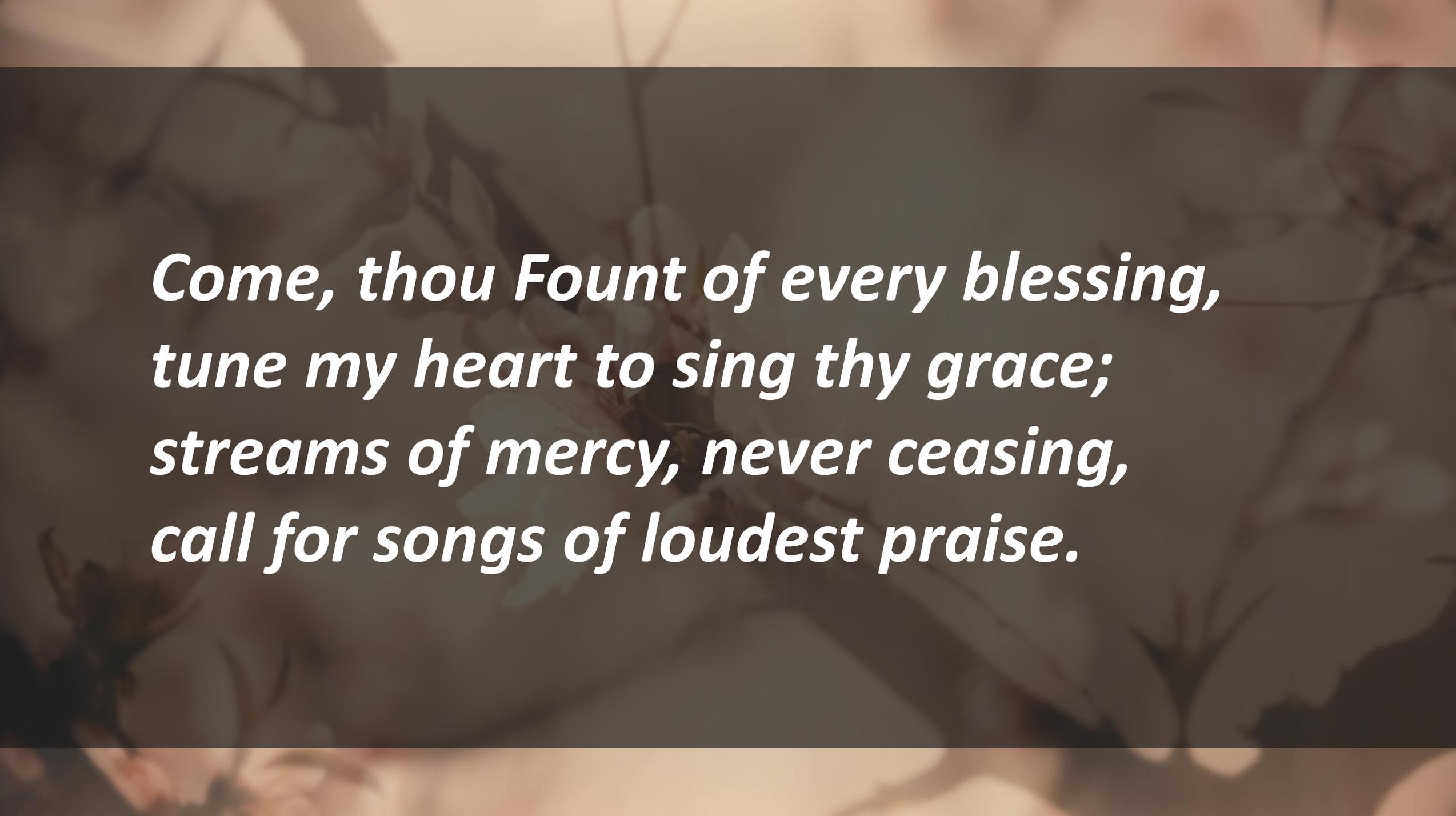
Life Resurrected

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

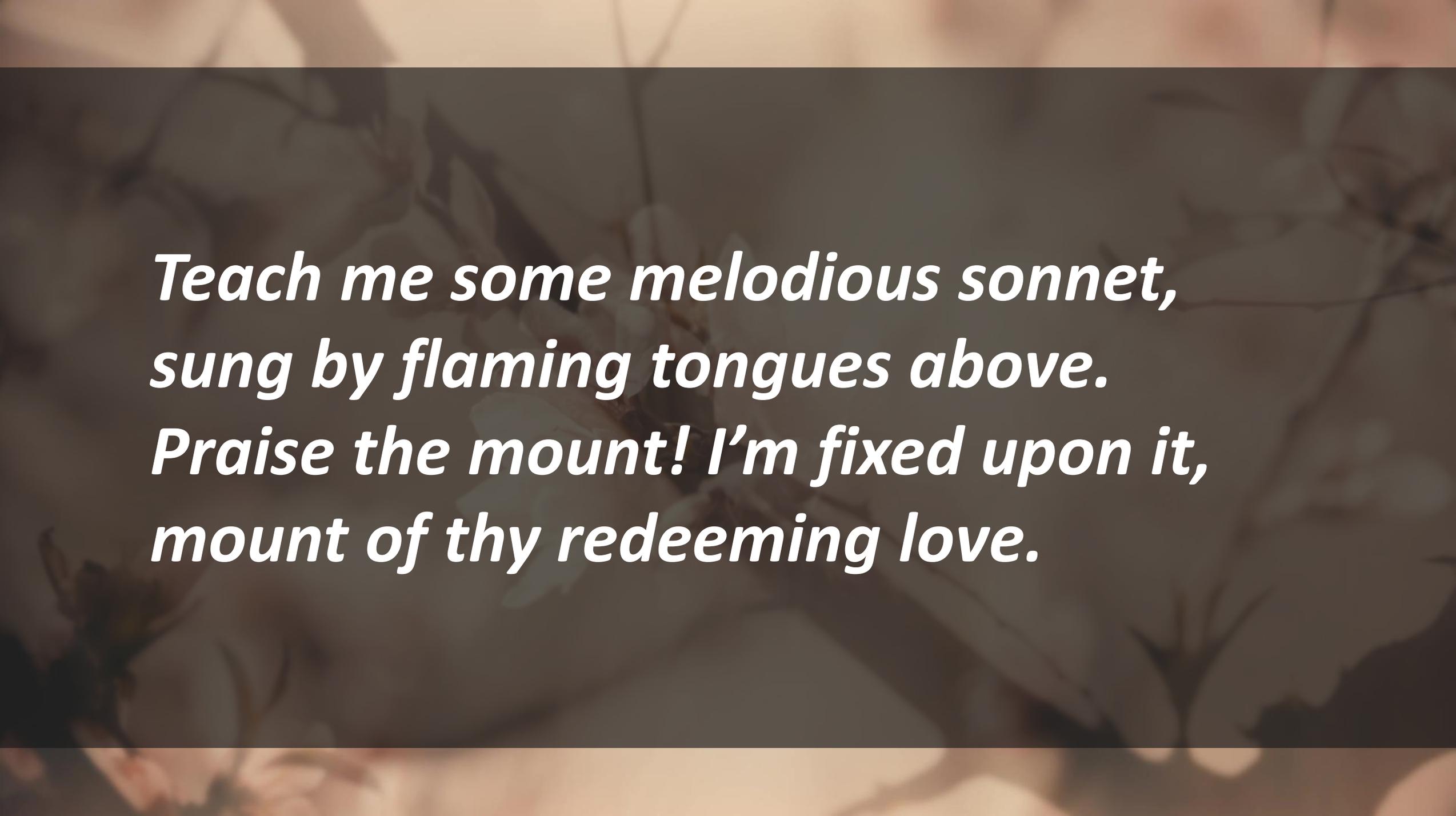
UMH Hymn No. 400 vs. 1

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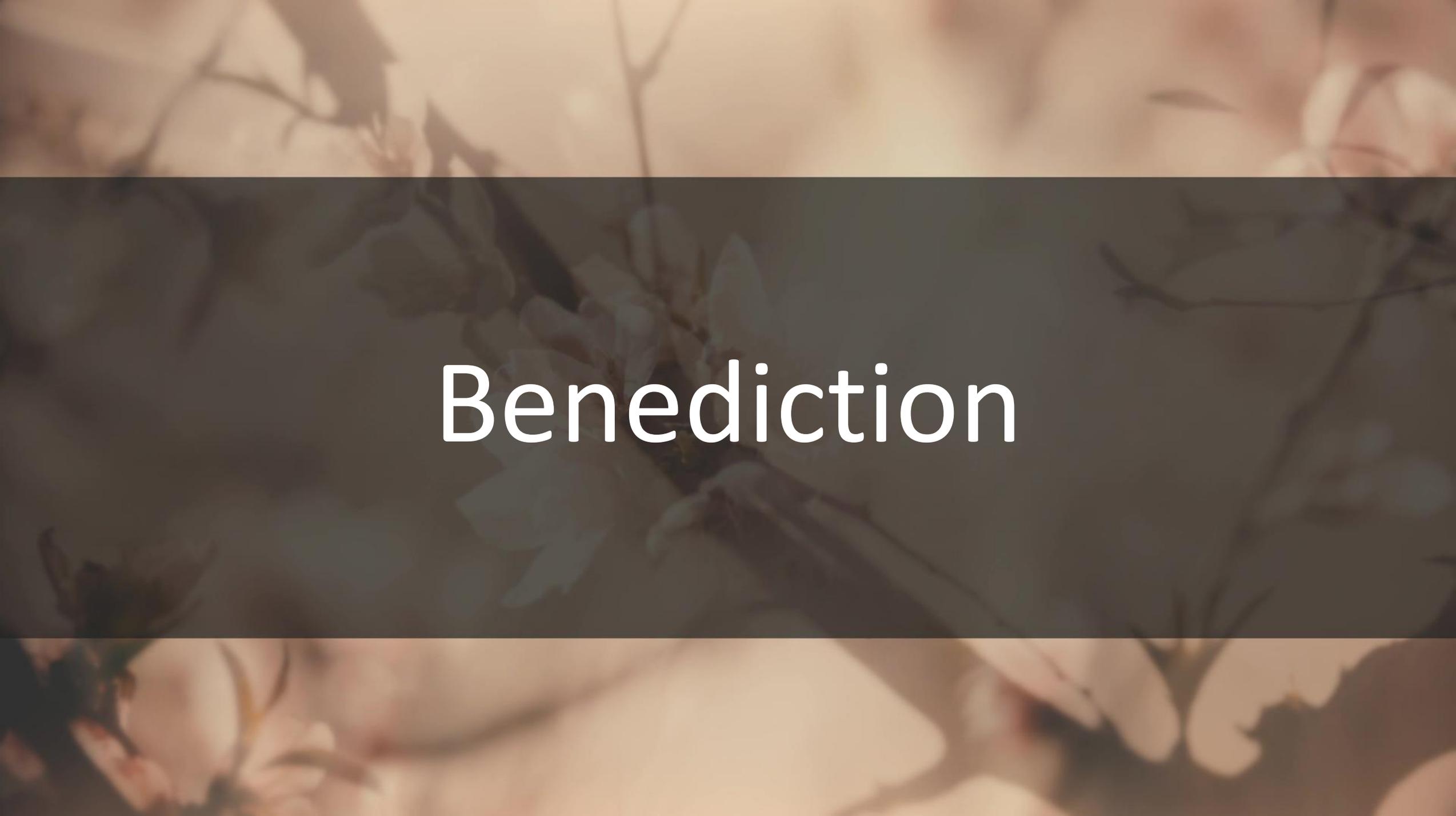
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813



*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.*



*Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.*



Benediction



Postlude

Entrée

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Go in Peace.

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