

# COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*“World Communion Sunday”*

*October 2, 2022*  
*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

*Petite Trio*

*Gordon Young*

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- In-Reach/Outreach Committee, Monday (10/3) at 2 PM.
- “Bible Study for Everyone” with Pastor Judy (In-Person & Zoom), Wednesday (10/5) at 11 AM.
- Women’s “Digging Deeper” Study, Wednesday (10/5) at 4 PM at Cathy Cocchia’s home.

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**MANY: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

ONE: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**MANY: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

ONE: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**MANY: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

ONE: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty!

# HYMN

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA

**We are marching in the light of God;**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God;**

**We are marching in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,**

**We are marching in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God;**

**We are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God;**

**We are dancing in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing,**

**We are dancing in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing,**

**We are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God;**

**We are praying in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God;**

**We are praying in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying,**

**We are praying in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying,**

**We are praying in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God;**

**We are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God;**

**We are singing in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,**

**We are singing in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,**

**We are singing in the light of God.**

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Boundless God, help us to see the world differently—not with our own limited vision but with the gaze of love and justice. Give us the foolishness to believe that we can change what the world says is impossible; and when we lose sight of the power of love to change the world, increase our faith. Amen.**

*(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



# **HYMN**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*GLORY TO GOD*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Luke 17:5-10*

**SERMON**

*A Little Bit of Faith*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY *(Choir)*

*Bambelela (“Hold On”)*

South African Zulu, arr. Keiter

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Litany of Invitation — What Do You Bring?*

ONE: What do you bring to Christ’s table?

MANY: We bring bread, made by many people’s work from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.

ONE: At this table, all are fed and no one turned away.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

ONE: What do you bring to Christ's table?

**MANY: We bring wine, made by many people's work from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.**

ONE: At this table, all share the cup of pain and celebration and no one is denied.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

ONE: These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ, our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

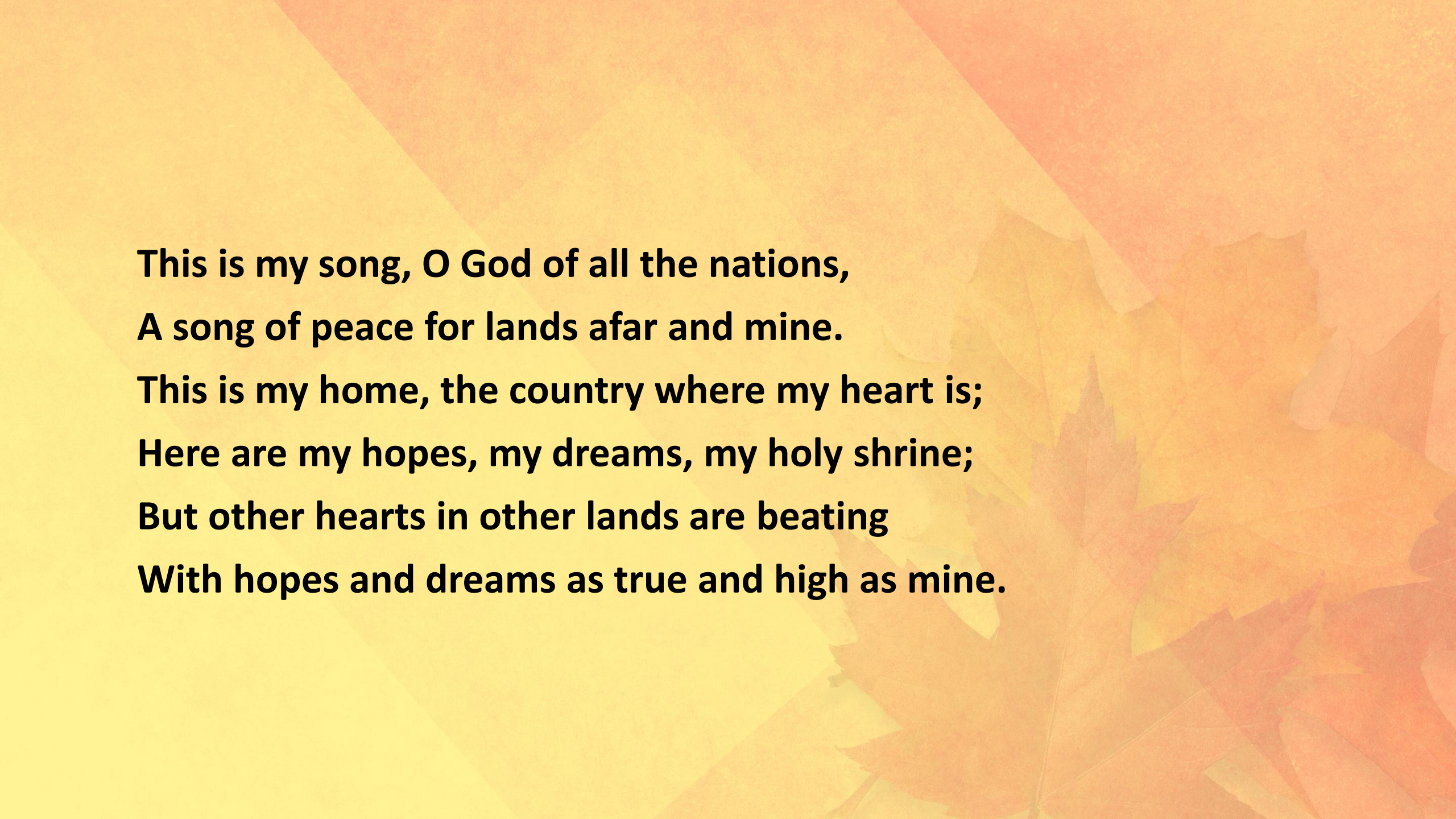
*Sharing the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

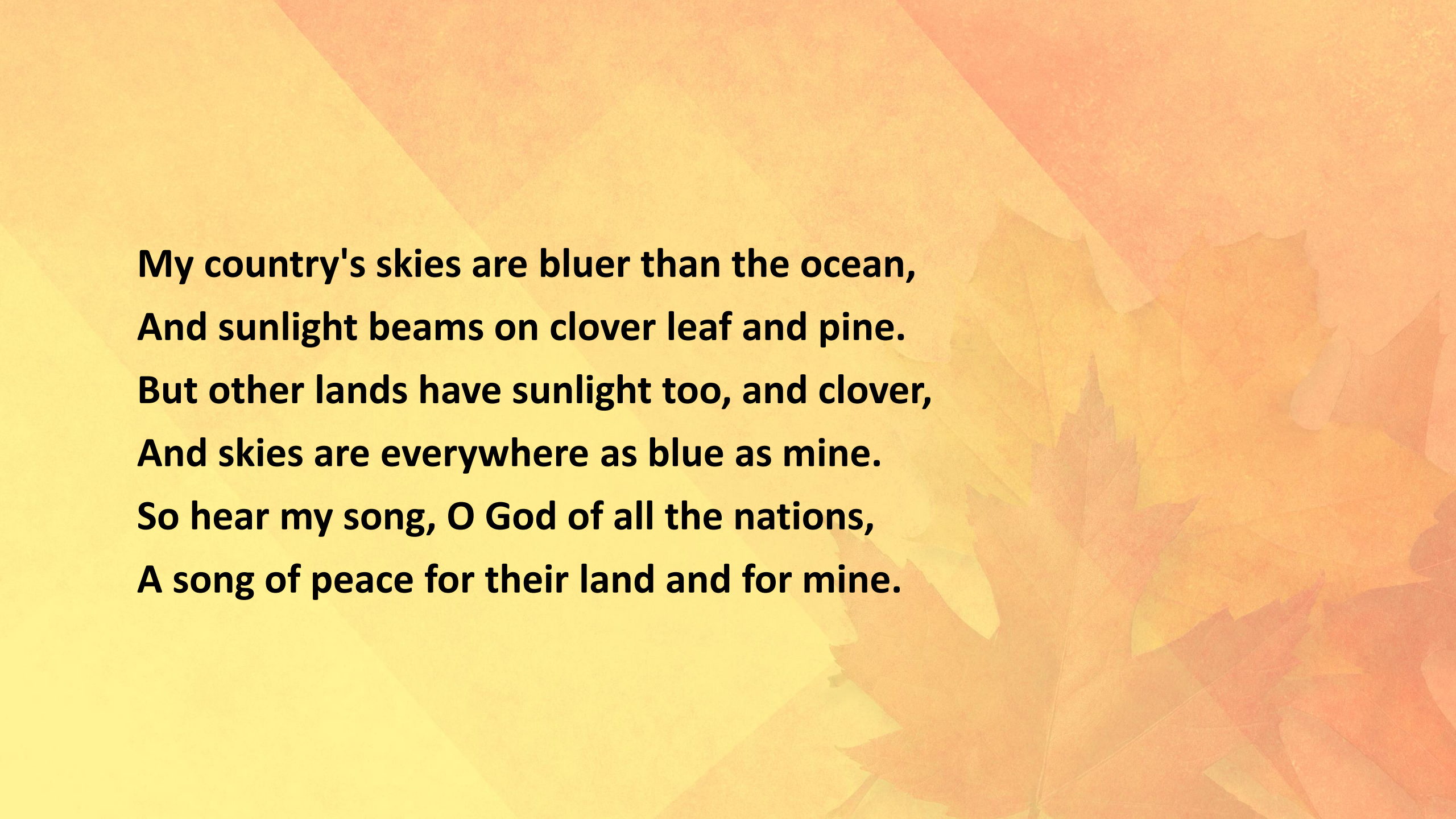
**HYMN**

*This Is My Song*

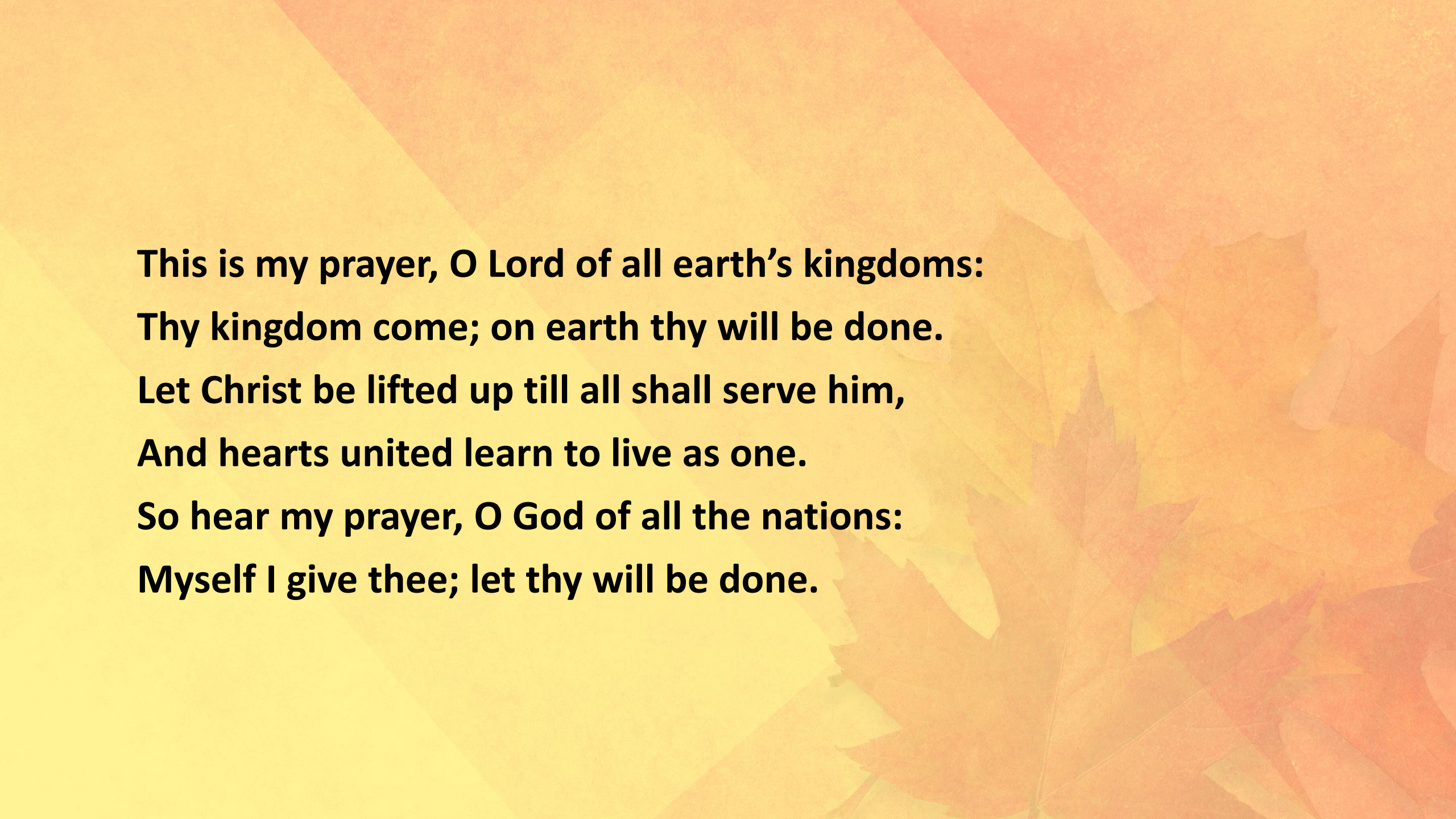
*FINLANDIA*



**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

The background features a warm, autumnal color palette of oranges, yellows, and reds. On the right side, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent images of maple leaves. On the left side, a large, faint circular shape, resembling a sun or moon, is visible, with a bright yellow center that fades into the surrounding colors.

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**



**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**



# SHARED BLESSING

## *And the Table Will Be Wide*

ONE: And the table will be wide.

**MANY: And the welcome will be wide.**

ONE: And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

**MANY: And our hearts will open wide to receive.**

ONE: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

**MANY: And we will come unhindered and free.**

ONE: And our aching will be met with bread.

**MANY: And our sorrow will be met with wine.**

ONE: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

**MANY: And we will turn toward each other without fear.**

ONE: And we will give up our appetite for despair.

**MANY: And we will taste and know of delight.**

ONE: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

**MANY: And we will become drink for those who thirst.**

ONE: And the blessed will become the blessing.

**MANY: And everywhere will be the feast. Amen.**



**THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)**

**POSTLUDE**

*Hymn to Joy*

Setting by Paul Manz

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Rev Gord and posted on Worship Offerings.

<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca>

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted on the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk>

The **Prayer for Illumination** is from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website.

<https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com>

The **Litany of Invitation** is written by Brian Wren, from 'Bread of Tomorrow', ed. Janet Morley, Christian Aid/SPCK 1992. Posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk>

The **Prayer of Thanksgiving** is written by Rev Abi and posted on A Place for Prayer.

<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca>

The **Blessing** is written by Jan Richardson and found in The Painted Prayerbook. And the Table Will Be Wide  
« The Painted Prayerbook.

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