

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2022

10:00 AM

“A Prayer for 9/11”

Dear God, how do we pray for what was lost?

*We cannot pray for deliverance or a miracle,
for the tragedy has already burned itself into our souls.*

Children have grown fatherless. Families are long since bereaved.

We know there is no prayer to change the past.

*So we pray to live with memory, with constant love,
with the promise both to combat evil and to cherish goodness.*

Do not let our pain cloud our hopes or crush our hearts.

*Help us grow through this tragedy, keep faith with its victims,
and sustain our trust in You. Amen.*

This Morning's Guest Musician:

Carrie Walker Lessene

Carrie Walker Lessene was born and raised in North Philadelphia and played the piano, flute and cello before she turned 13. A graduate of Girls' High, she earned her Music Therapy degree at Montclair University and, as a vocalist and musician, has sung for presidents and even for Pope Francis! As a member of the Grammy-nominated Gabriel Hardeman Delegation, Director of Intermezzo Choir Ministry, composer/soloist with the Robert Ladson Ensemble and Director of Music for Berean Presbyterian Church, where she is an Elder, music offered by Carrie has been enjoyed by many congregations. With over 40 years of teaching, choral directing, composing and solo performance, Carrie continues to sing before all ages, feeling blessed to use her talents with joy and untiring exuberance.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In-Reach / Outreach Committee, Monday (9/12) at 10 AM.
- Facilities Committee, Monday (9/12) at 7 PM.
- Worship Committee, Tuesday (9/13) at 7 PM.
- Men's Breakfast, Wednesday (9/14) at 8:30 AM at Robin Hood.
- "Bible Study for Everyone" with Pastor Judy (In-Person & Zoom), Wednesday (9/14) at 11 AM.
- Women's "Digging Deeper" Study, Wednesday (9/14) at 4 PM at Cathy Cocchia's home.
- Esther Circle, Thursday (9/15) at 1 PM.
- Homecoming Brunch, Sunday (9/18) following the worship service.
Please sign-up in the narthex.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let us focus on God's presence.

MANY: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

ONE: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

MANY: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

ONE: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

MANY: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

ONE: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

MANY: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

ONE: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

MANY: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end.

HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with loudest praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our hope and refuge, we confess that anger and hatred have held on to us. Healing has begun, but loss is still real. We are not in control. We don't like being vulnerable. We still want security or the illusion of it. We still want our enemies to be annihilated and for our lives to return to safety and Shalom. Forgive us and heal us. Raise us to new life. Strengthen us in the way of compassion and justice. Fix our faith on you so we know that nothing can separate us from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:3-12

SERMON

Blessed Are the Peacemakers?

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

The Pastoral Prayer

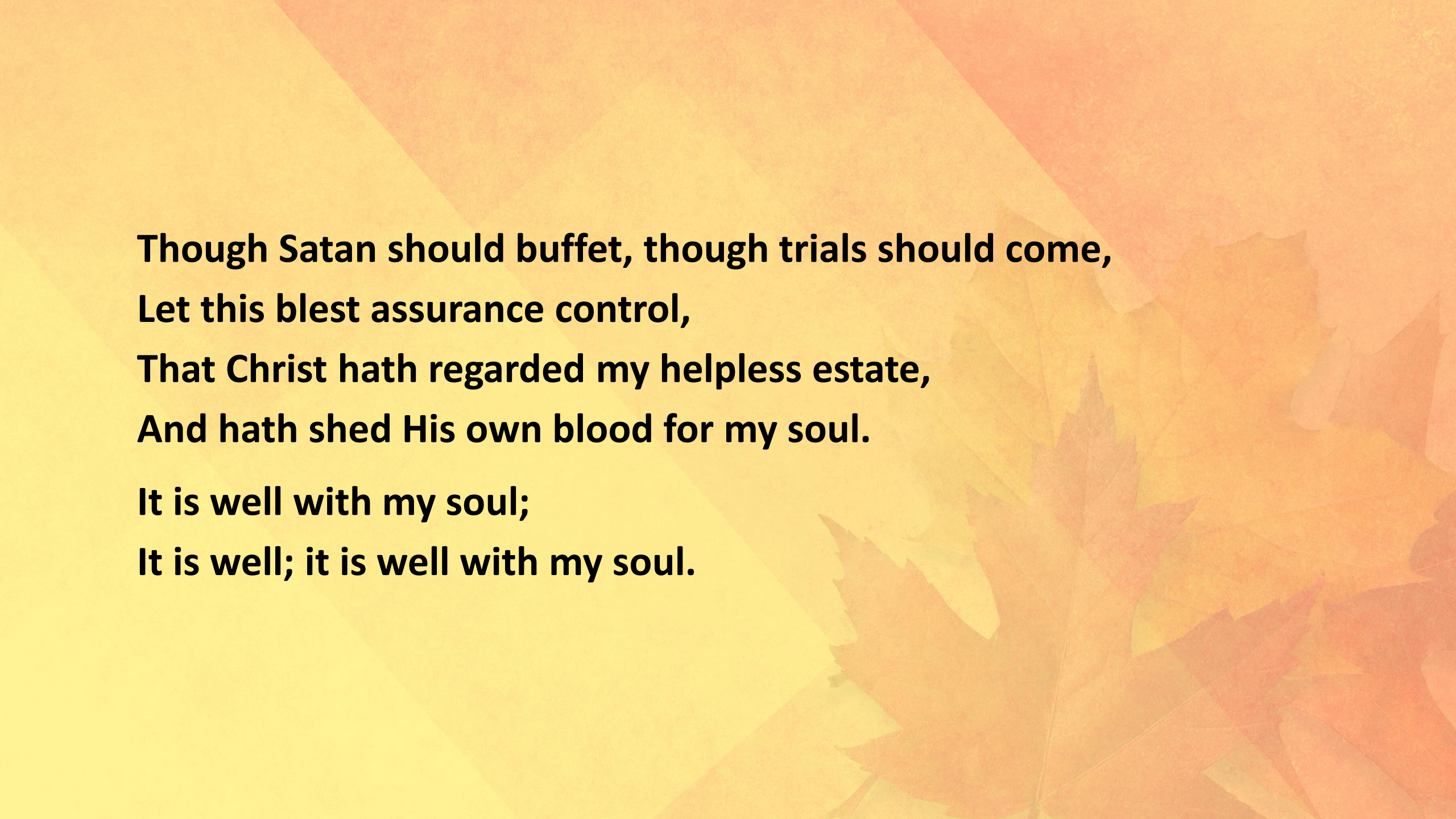
HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

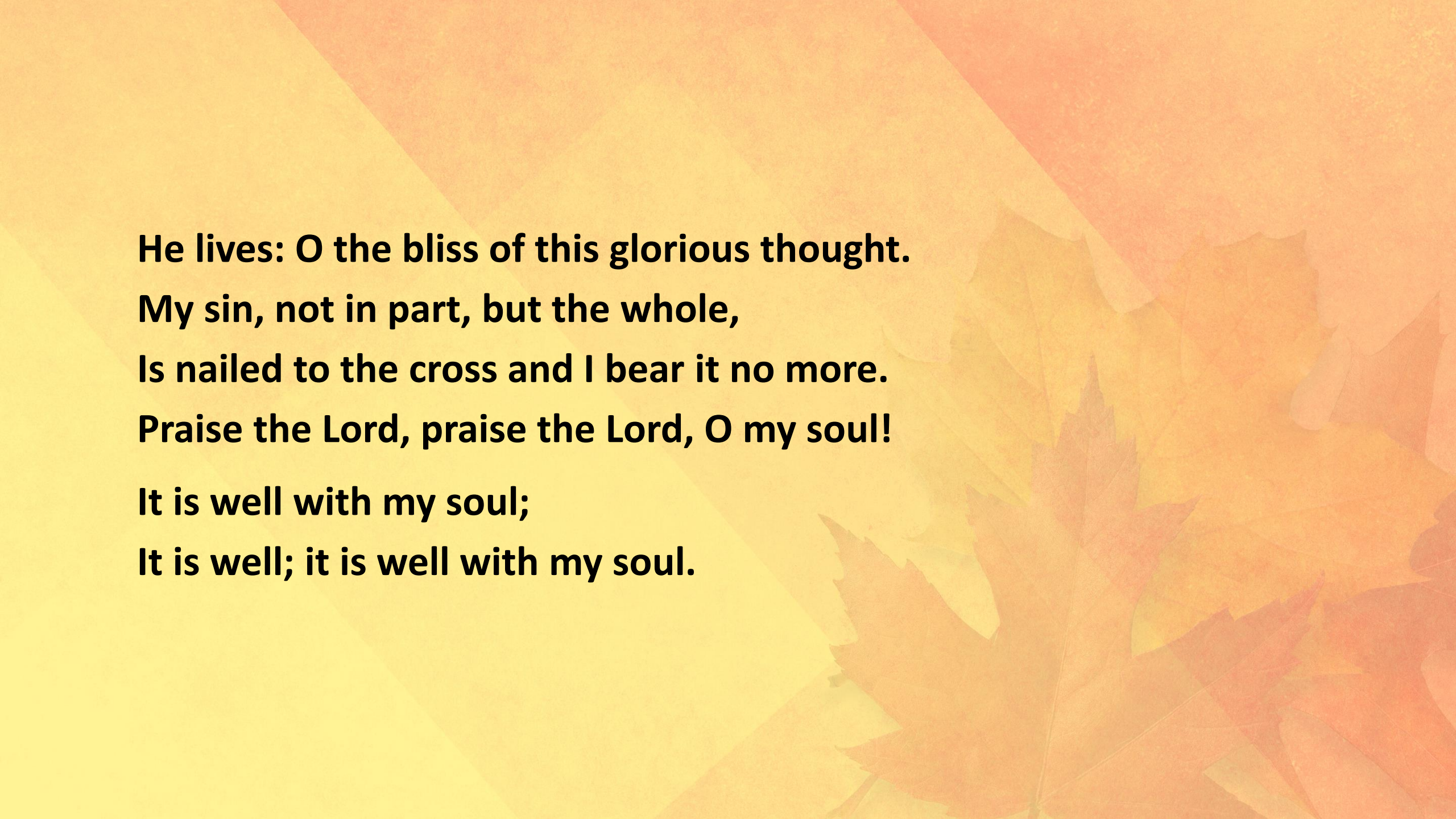
**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.**

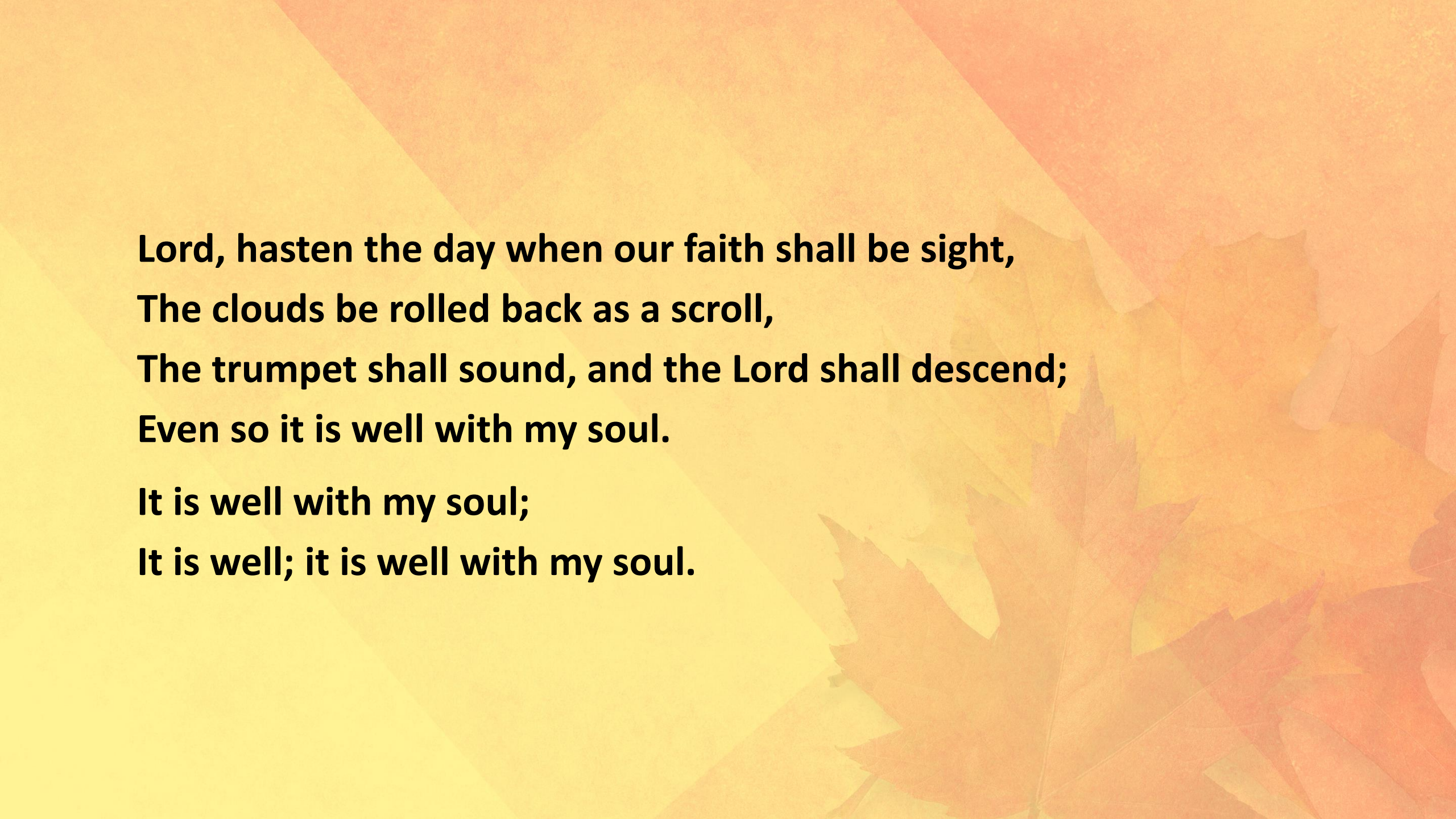


**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

**It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.**



**He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.**



**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

**It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.**

BENEDICTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is from September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources, posted on the PCUSA website.

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted on the Worship Planning page of the United Methodist Church website.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-service-of-remembrance-911-anniversary-and-healing-service>

The **Invitation to Communion** is written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.

<http://paintedprayerbook.com>

The **Pastoral Prayer** is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, and posted on the Episcopal Relief & Development website. <http://blog.er-d.org/blog/special-prayers>

The **Benediction** is from Christian Worship Resources for the Children's Sabbath, on the Children's Defense Fund website. http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/2013-sabbath-manual/documents/sabbath-2013_christian.pdf

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