

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 14, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Harris

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Preschool Board Meeting, Monday (5/15) at 7 pm.
- Session Meeting, Tuesday (5/16) at 7 pm.
- Session Farminary Trip in Princeton, Wednesday (5/17) at 9:30 am.
- Esther Circle, Wednesday (5/17) at 9:30 am.
- Women's "Digging Deeper" Study, Wednesday (5/17) at 4 pm.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: O Divine Voice,

MANY: You sing and the universe comes into being;

ONE: O Divine Breath,

MANY: You breathe and all things spring to life;

ONE: O Divine Word,

MANY: You call and creation is sustained;

ONE: O Divine Flesh,

MANY: You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;

ONE: O Divine Spirit,

MANY: You fill all that has been formed;

ONE: O Divine Life,

MANY: You are the pulse of all that is.

ONE: In wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery:

MANY: In you all things live and move and have their being,

ONE: In all things, you express your Divine artistry;

**MANY: And so we join with creation in the eternal song of
worship and wonder!**

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

**For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine
To the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

MANY: Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law.

ONE: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

MANY: We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE PARDON

Titus 3:4-8

ONE: ...When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy... that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

MANY: Alleluia! Amen!

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.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

SERMON

Life and Breath and All Things

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

*Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

**Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flower, until I know.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Mother's Day Prayer



Butler

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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 FOR MOTHER'S DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

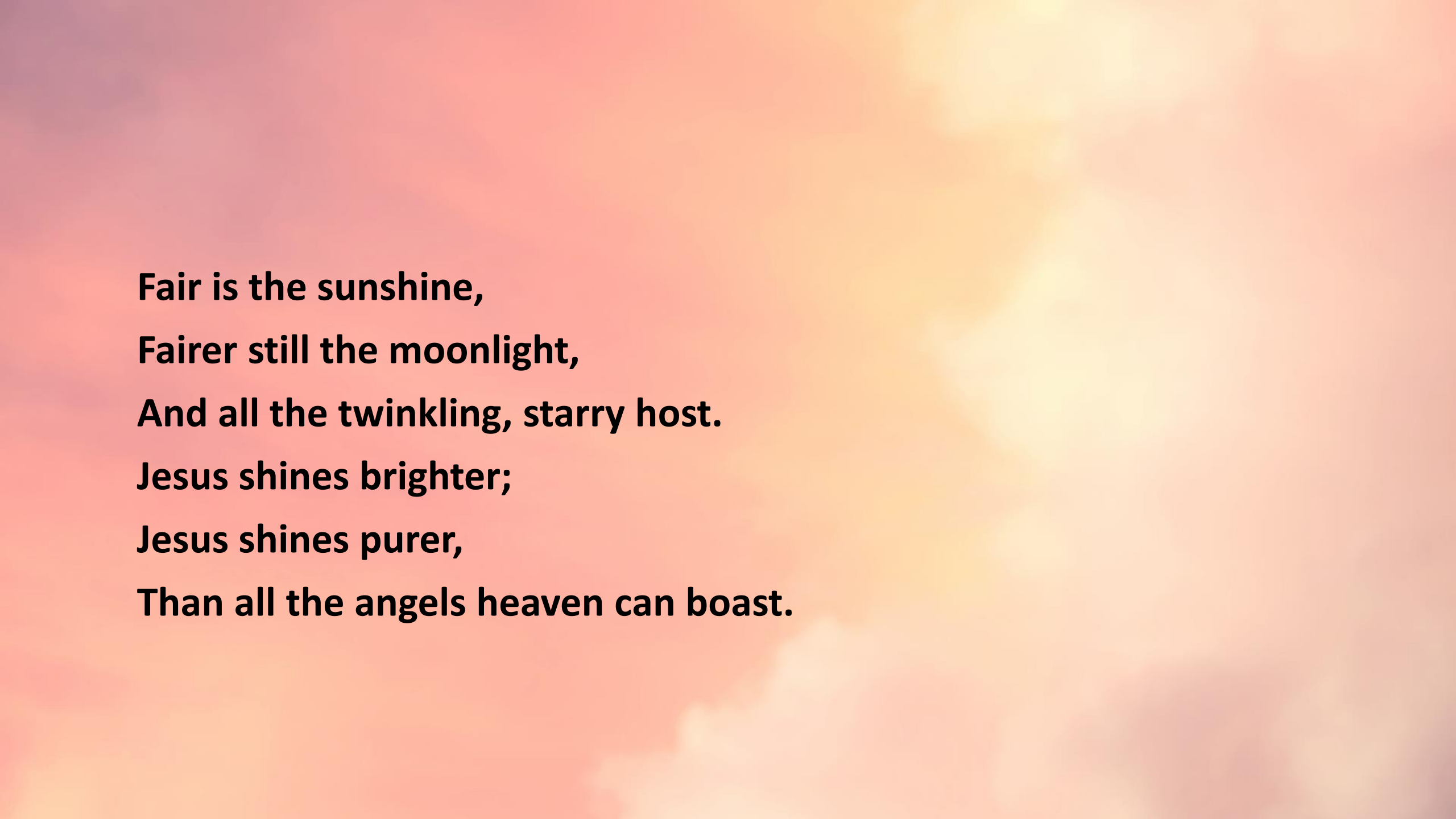
HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

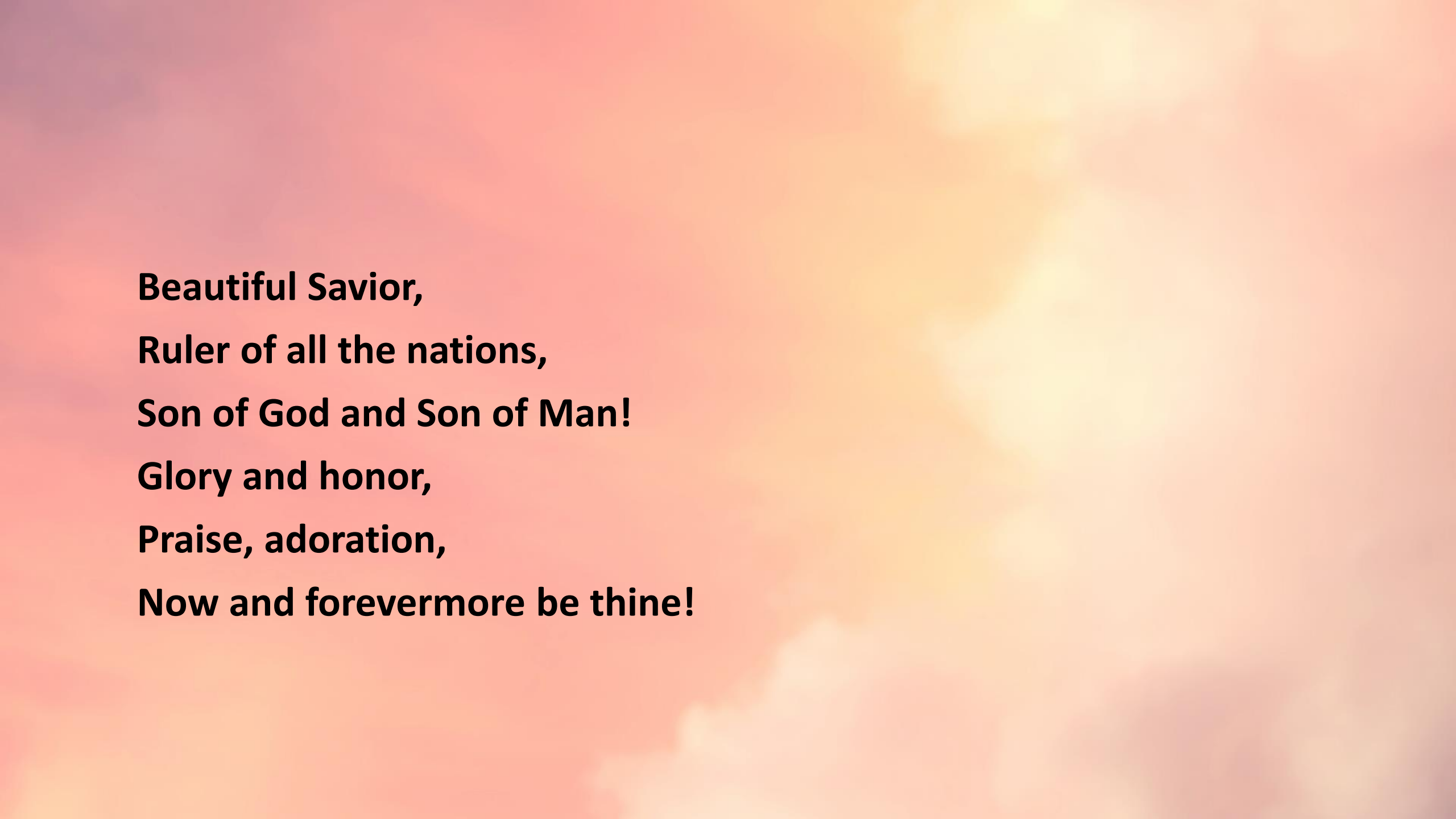
CRUSADERS' HYMN

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**



**Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**



**Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of all the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** *(Julian of Norwich)*

ONE: All shall be well, and all shall be well.

MANY: And all manner of things shall be well.

ONE: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Smith

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship**, is adapted from a prayer posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk>

The **Prayer of Confession** is from the website of Christ Presbyterian Church, New Haven
http://cpcnewhaven.org/documents/070311_CPCWorshipBulletin.pdf

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