

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

"All Saints Sunday"

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 30, 2022

10:00 AM

*We welcome **Robin Muse** back to the organ bench at Northampton today! Robin T. Muse is a recently retired music educator from the Philadelphia School District and a registered aromatherapist.*

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

arr. Hal Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will have regular coffee hour following worship today, and conclude our "Presbyterian Q's and A's" Christian Life Group study with a review of Chapters 9 and 10 ("Worship" and "Sacraments").
- Women's "Digging Deeper" Study, Wednesday (11/2) at 4 PM.
- "Fancy Fellowship" Potluck and Church History Celebration, has been moved to next Sunday (11/6) following the Congregational Meeting.

Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation:

The Session of Northampton Presbyterian Church has called a special meeting of the congregation following worship on **November 6, 2022**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Facilities Committee concerning the immediate need for building envelope (stucco) remediation; to approve said project and associated plan for financing, potentially including a capital campaign. No other business shall be conducted at this meeting.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

MANY: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

MANY: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

MANY: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

MANY: We come to be your people, O God.

ONE: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;

Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

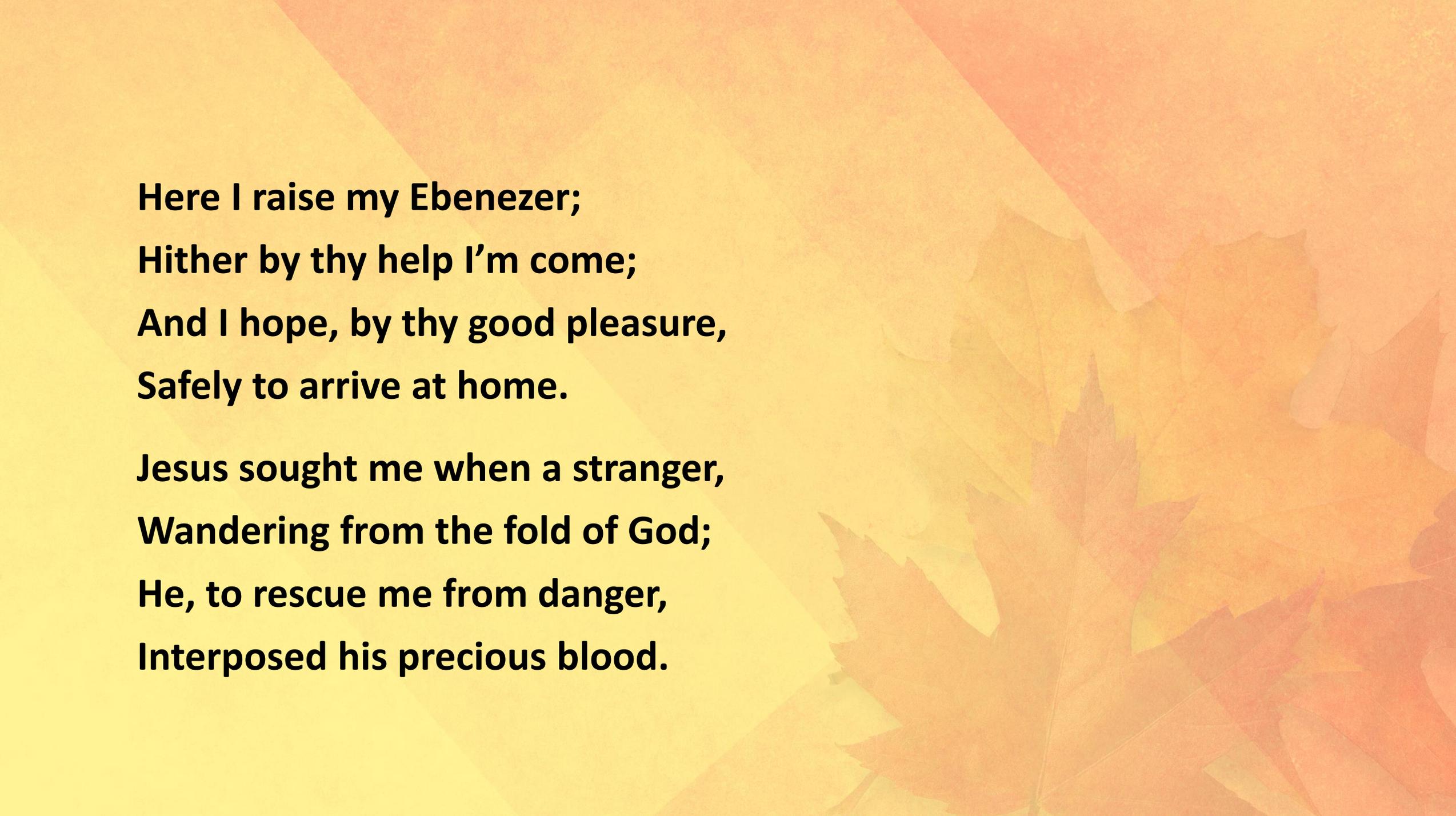
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

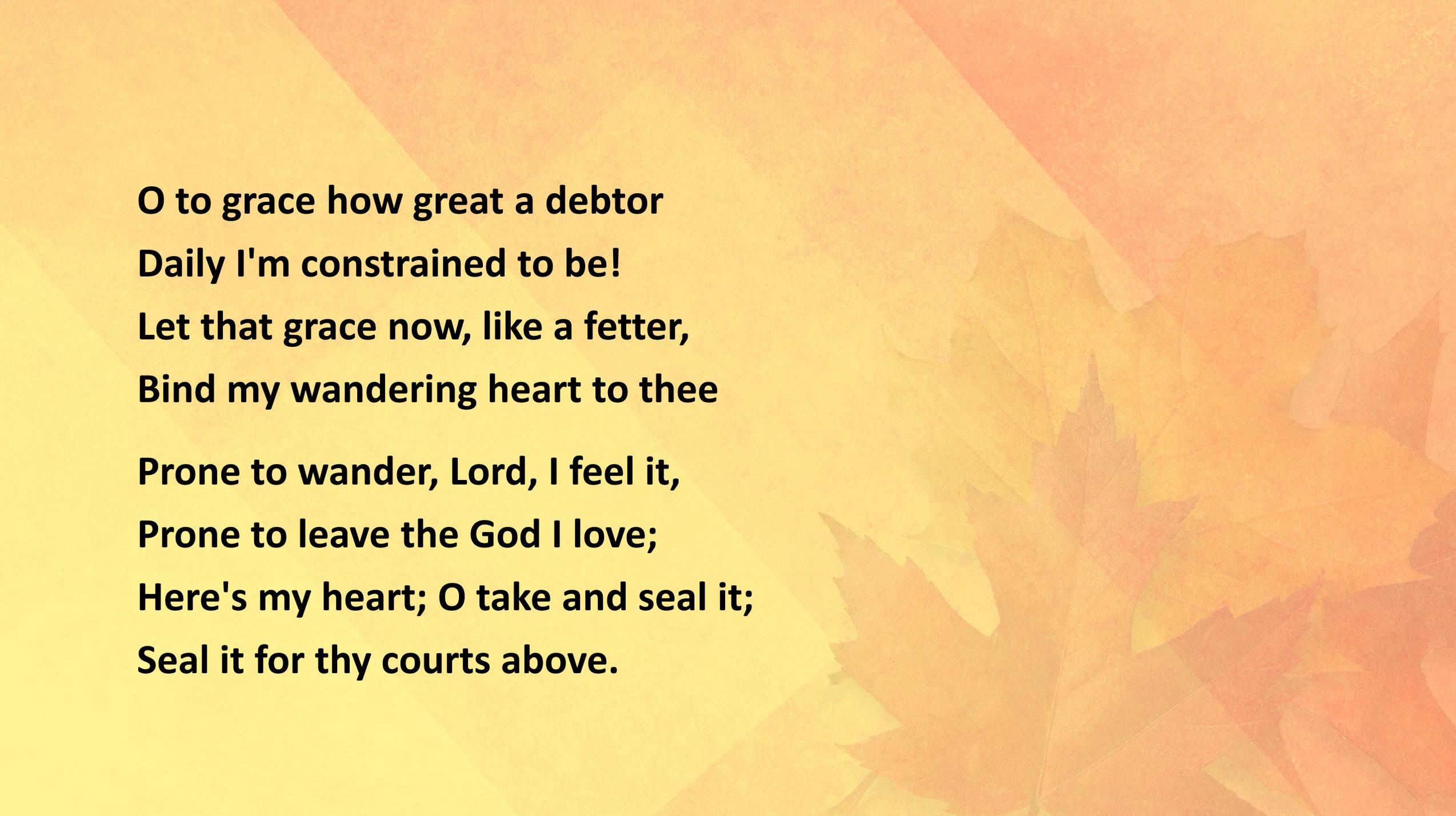
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of God's unchanging love!



**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**



**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **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.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

SERMON

Legacy Status

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

RESPONSIVE LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us
and

MANY: We give thanks!

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who
sang and played your praises and

MANY: We give thanks!

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years and

MANY: We give thanks!

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and lived out their faith all week long and

MANY: We give thanks!

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family and

MANY: We give thanks!

ONE: On this day, we remember loved ones from our congregation who have been welcomed into the communion of saints this past year:

Barbara Graham

Clayton J. "Chris" Christian"

MANY: We remember...

ONE: ...our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.
For our sisters and brothers in the faith whose names are remembered only by God

MANY: We give thanks!

HYMN

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,

A bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood

Of mortal ills prevailing.

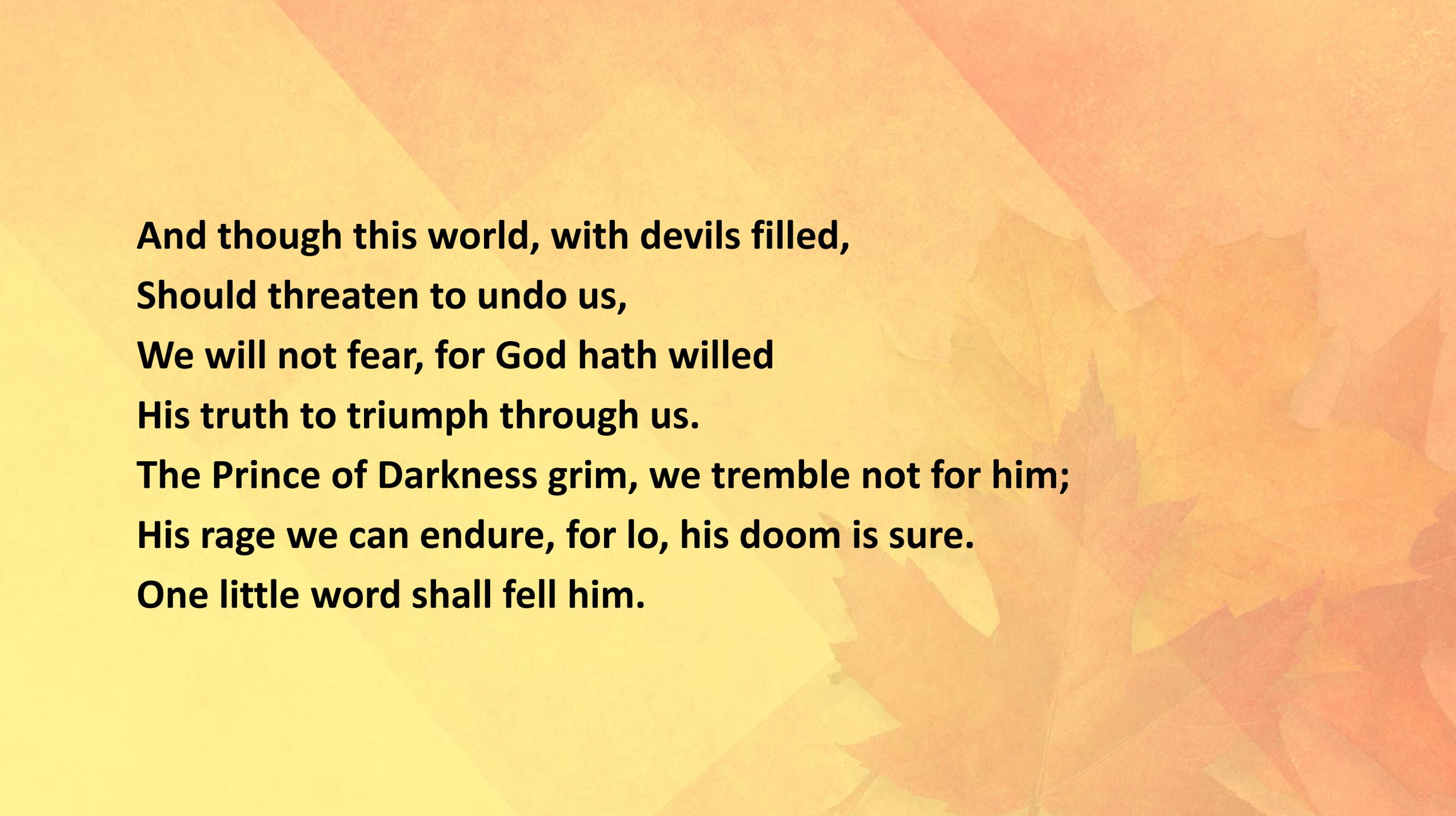
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

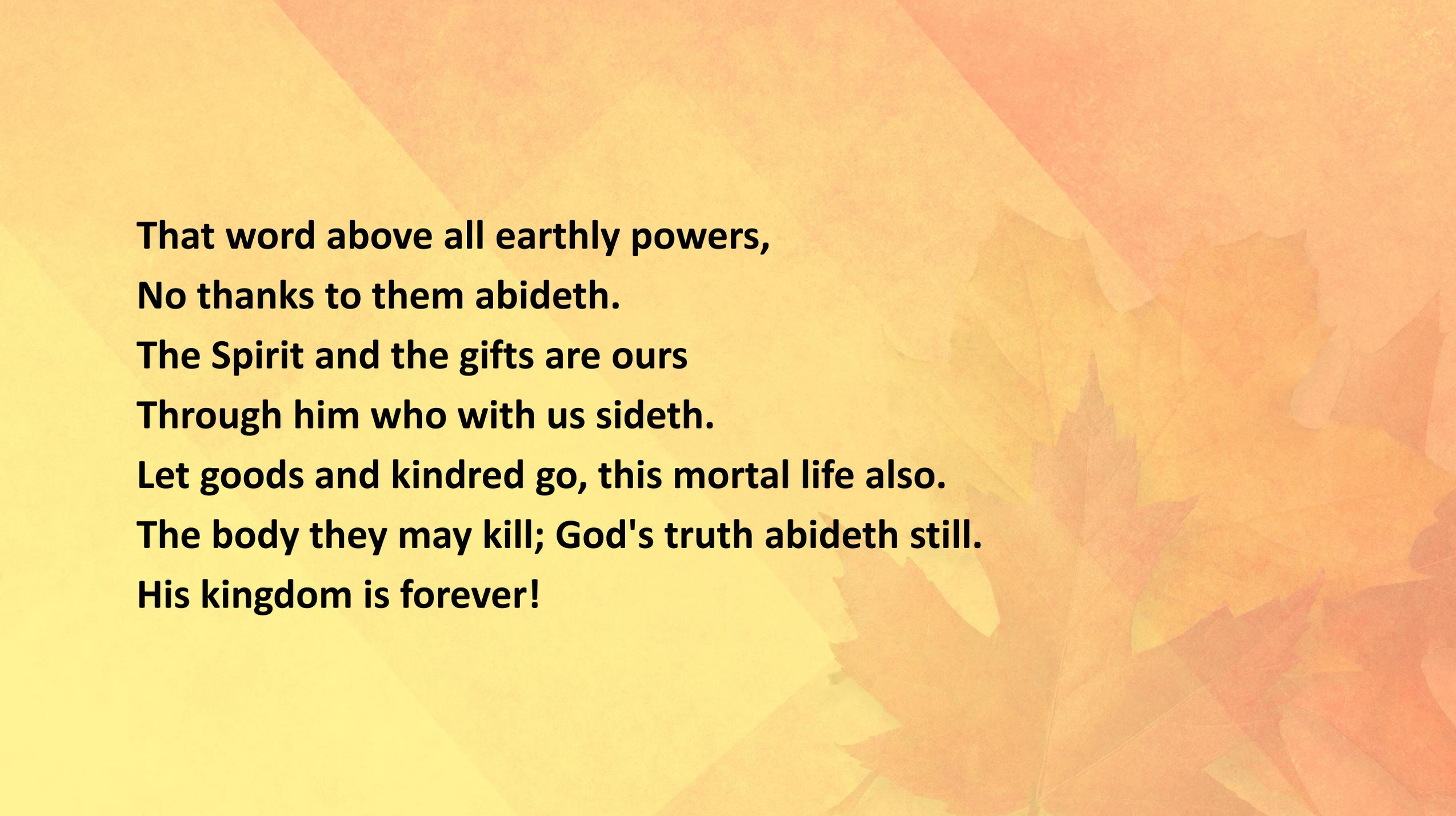
On earth is not his equal.

**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.**



**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.**



That word above all earthly powers,

No thanks to them abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours

Through 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!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom, a foretaste, a hint, a promise. Let it hold you and let it send you so you will never be at peace until all are fed, until all know home, until all are free, until justice is done, until peace is the way, until grace is the law, until love is the rule, until God's realm comes, until God's realm comes, until God's realm comes...

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

Friedrich Zachau

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is from “All Saints Day (Year A),” posted on Seasons Online.

http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/all-saints-day_cong-life_yr-a.pdf

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by written by Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink.

<https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day>

The **Prayer of Illumination** is adapted from a prayer written by written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on the Christine Jerrett blog. <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com>.

The **Litany for All Saints** was written by Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink.

<https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany>

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by Thom M. Shuman, copyright © 2014 Thom M. Shuman. Posted on Prayers 4 Today. <http://prayersfortoday.blogspot.ca>

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