

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Facilities Committee, Monday (5/9) at 7 PM.
- Men's Breakfast, Wednesday (5/11) at 8:30 AM at Robin Hood.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

~ Based on Psalm 23

ONE: The Lord is my Shepherd

MANY: I shall not want

ONE: I seek the grace of God

MANY: And my cup runneth over

ONE: I seek the will of God

MANY: And my cup runneth over

ONE: I seek the strength of God

MANY: And my cup runneth over

ONE: How generous is God's love

MANY: So much the world cannot contain it

ONE: The Lord is my Shepherd

MANY: And I lack nothing

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths.

MANY: We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all.

ONE: Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our shepherd.

MANY: Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.

ONE: In the name of Christ our shepherd we pray.

MANY: Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News!

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.**

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

SERMON

"Everyday, Resurrection?"

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

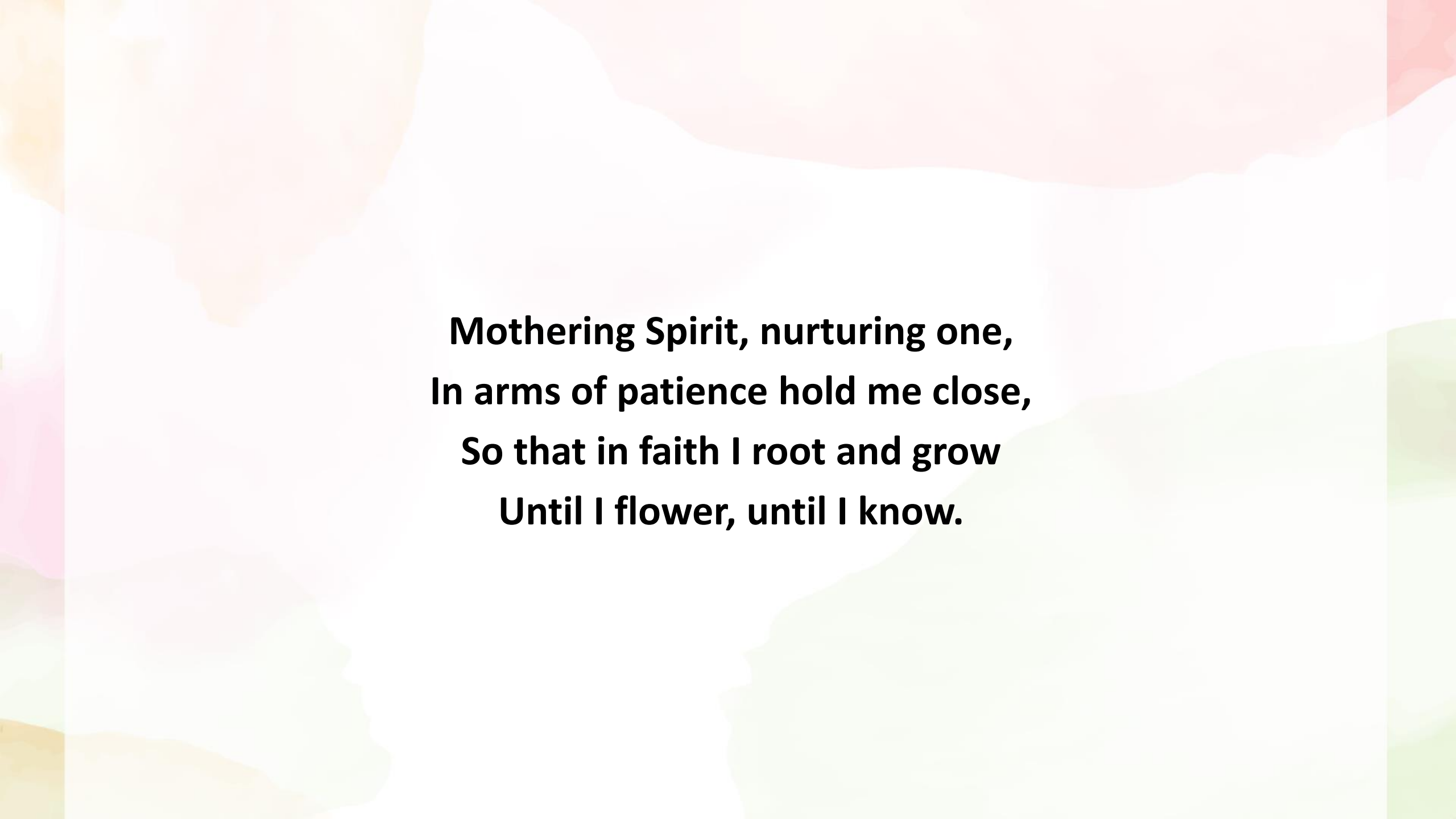
HYMN

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I'll Sing You a Song

AIMEE O'NEILL

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

PRAYERS 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, forever. Amen.

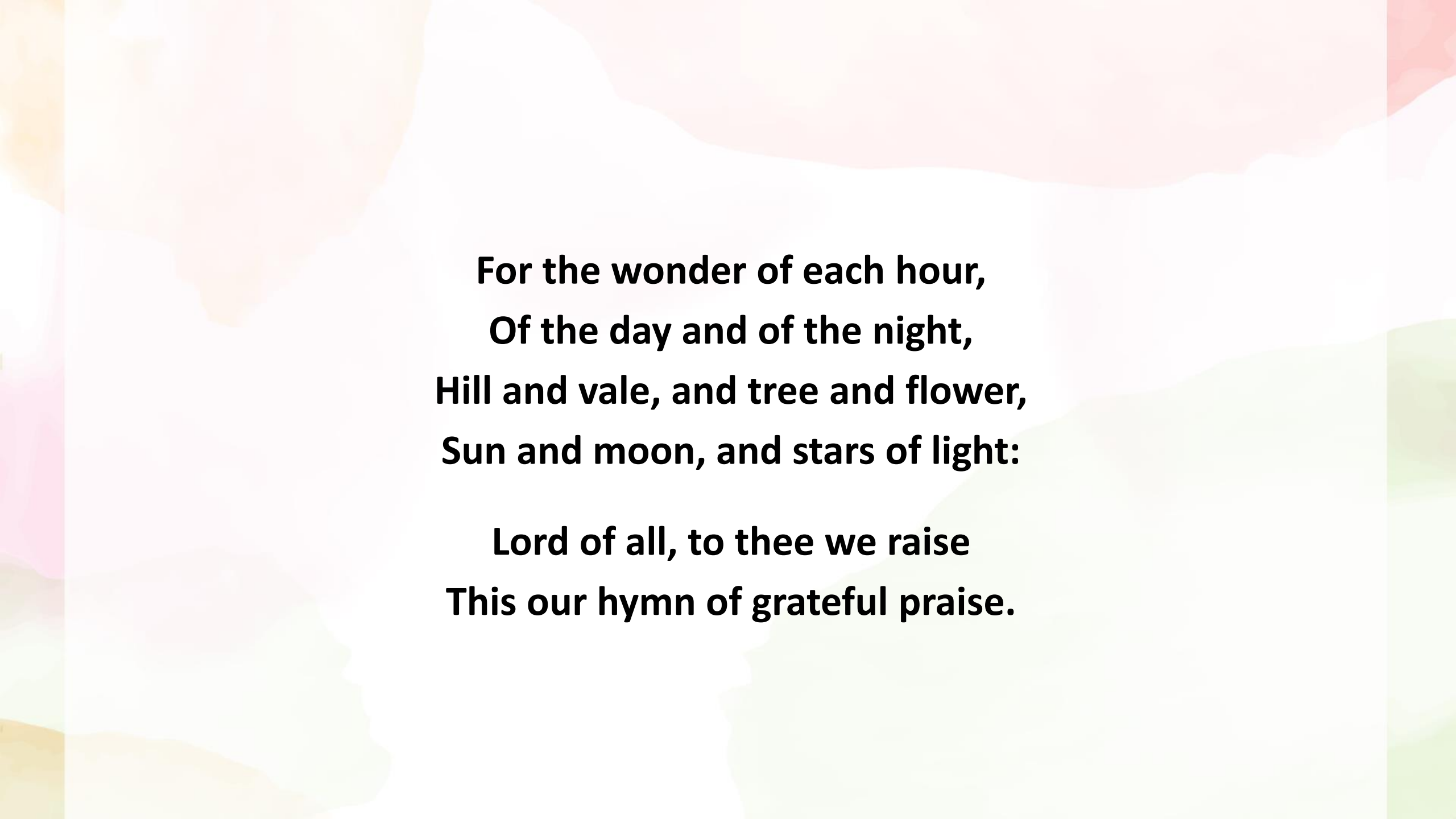
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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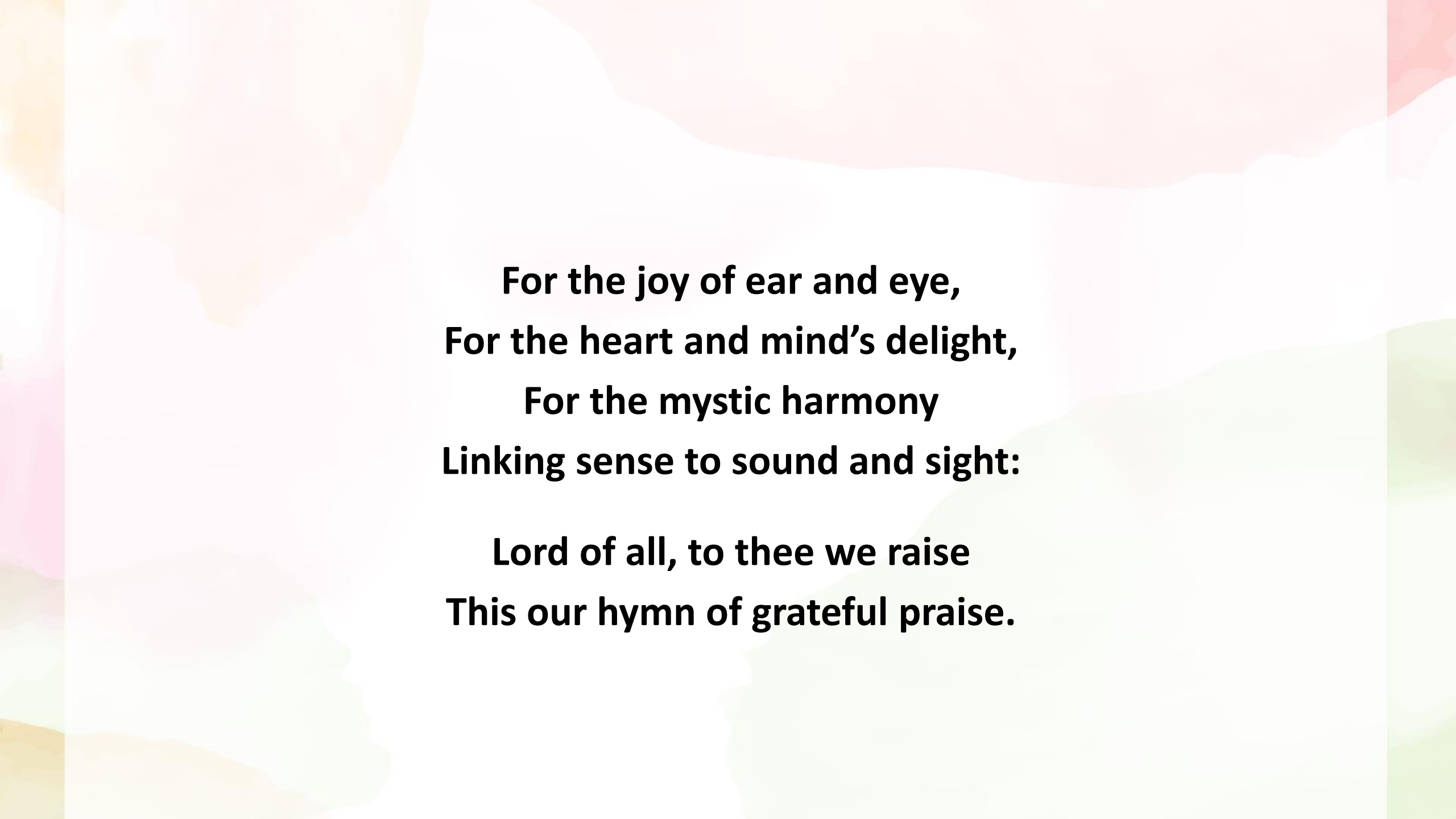
**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:**

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



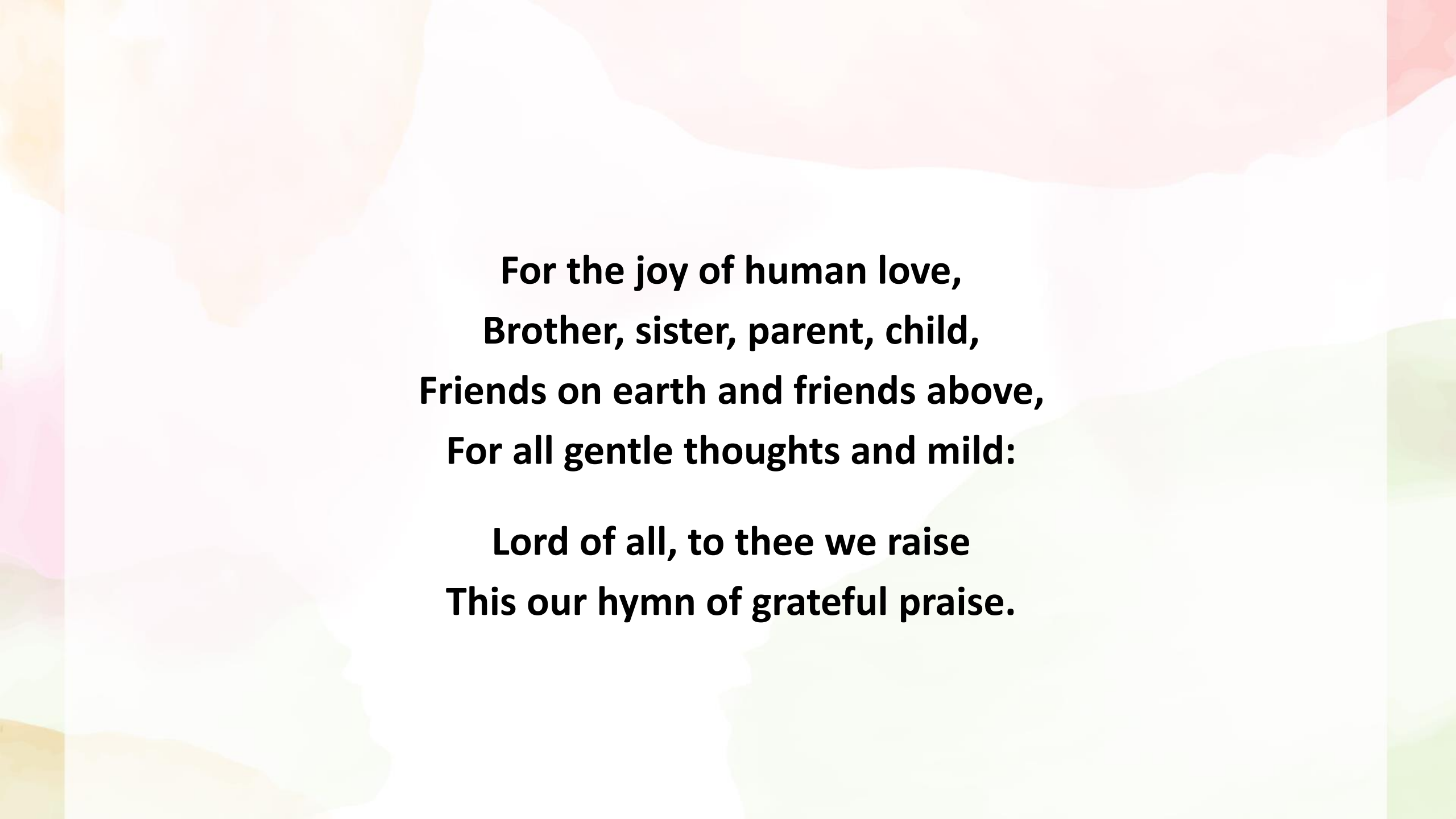
**For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:**

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



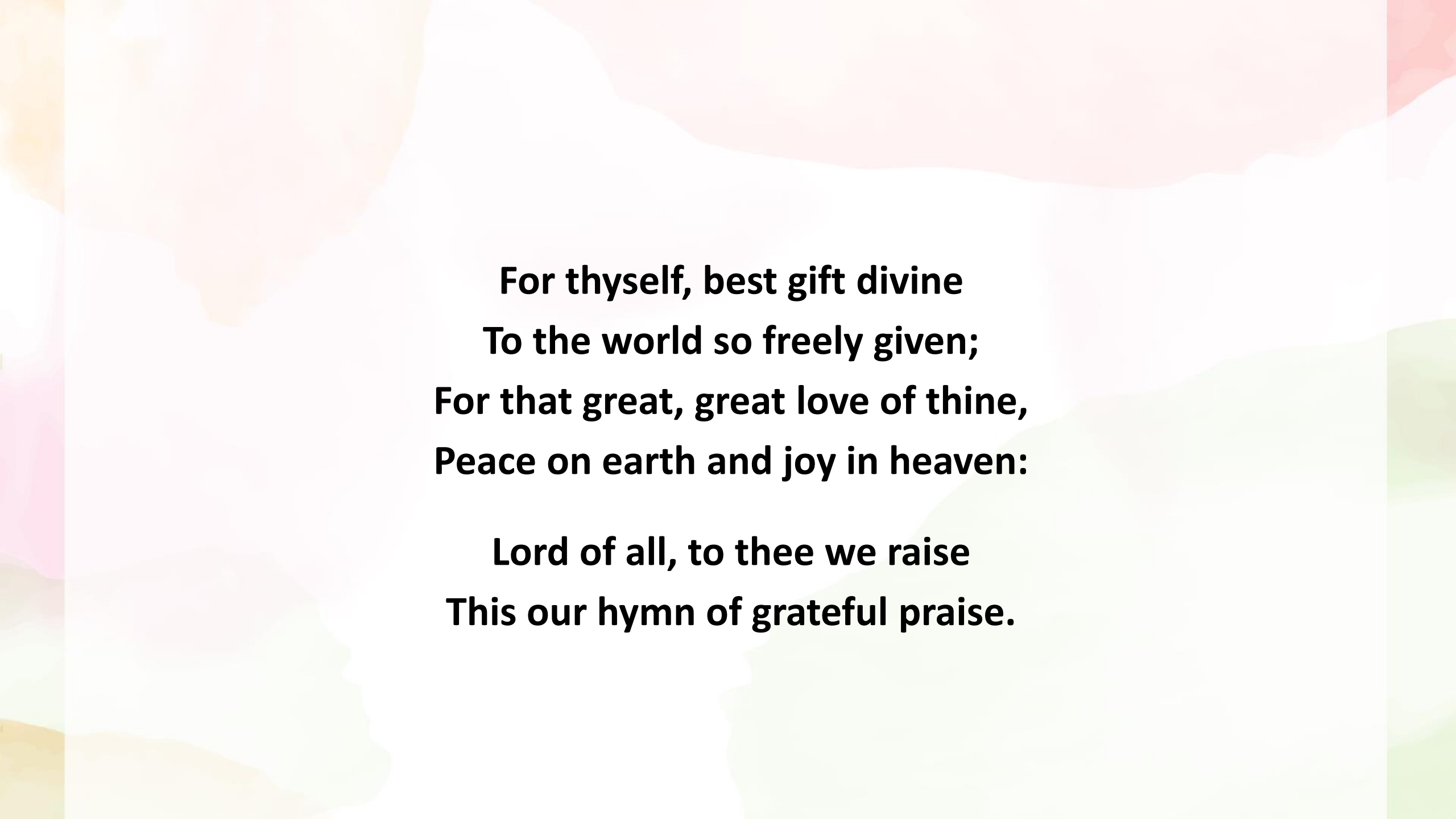
**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**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 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

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on Mucky Paws.

<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted by Rev. Mindi on her blog Rev-o-lution.

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Paul Hayes, Pastor, Noank Baptist Church, Noank, CT. Posted on the **Baptist Peacemaker** website. <http://www.bpfna.org/>

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