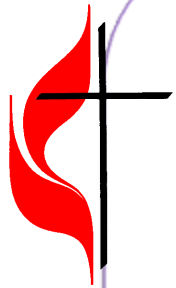


# **Cheverly United Methodist Church**





# Sunday Morning Worship

10 am

2801 Cheverly Ave

Cheverly, MD 20785



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# December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024


4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Advent

## THE *Peace* CANDLE

Also known as the Angels' Candle, this fourth candle of Advent signifies the peace of the Prince of Peace.

*"Glory to God in the highest and  
on earth peace to those on  
whom his favor rests."*

-Luke 2:14





# Praise Time

*Brian Frye, piano*

## *“King of Heaven”*

CCLI Song # 5997804

Jason Ingram | Paul Baloche

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## Verse 1

*Jesus let Your kingdom come here*

*Let Your will be done here in us*

*Jesus there is no one greater*

*You alone are Savior show the world*

*Your love*

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Chorus

*King of heaven come down*

*King of heaven come now*

*Let Your glory reign shining like the day*

*King of heaven come*



*King of heaven rise up*

*Who can stand against us*

*You are strong to save in Your mighty name*

*King of heaven come*

## Verse 2

We are children of Your mercy

Rescued for Your glory

We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You

That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high



# Bridge

*King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come*

*Oh King of heaven come*

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*Bob McGee*

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*Emmanuel Emmanuel*

*His name is called Emmanuel*

*God with us revealed in us*

*His name is called Emmanuel*



# Welcome!



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas  
Pastor

Good Morning

Buenos Dias

Magandang Umaga Po

Ohayou

***With fullness of heart, soul,  
and mind, we gather to  
glorify God and to  
rejoice in God,  
our Savior.***



# Advent Wreath



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas



*Light the fourth candle of the  
Advent wreath.*

Leonida  
and  
Benjamin  
Antonio



## **Reader:**

When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2).

## Reader:

But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

# Congregation:

*God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world.*



***As Christ was born in  
Bethlehem, so too we  
answer God's invitation to  
have Christ born among us  
today and every day.***

## **Reader:**

We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

# Congregational Response

**We are a people of hope**

**We are a people of love**

**We are a people of love**

**Lighting a candle, we wait for a dawn**

**We are a people of love**

# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

***God of ancient days and future visions,  
we come into your presence to  
celebrate the joy of your  
Holy Spirit and the blessing  
of your Son, Christ Jesus.***



# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

*Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
as you filled Elizabeth long ago.*

*Sing through our songs of joy,*

*as you sang through Mary.*





# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**Speak through our words and our thoughts, that we may grow closer to the justice and the peace of Christ Jesus, who calls us here today.**



# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

***In Christ's holy and blessed***

***name, we pray.***

***Amen***



# Scripture Reading

~ Liturgist

*Luke 1:39-45*



The Message (MSG)

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# Blessed Among Women



39-41 Mary didn't waste a minute. She got up and traveled to a town in Judah in the hill country, straight to Zachariah's house, and

greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit,

42-43 and sang out exuberantly,  
You're so blessed among women,  
and the babe in  
your womb, also blessed!  
And why am I so blessed  
that the mother of my  
Lord visits me?





44-45 The moment the  
sound of your greeting  
entered my ears,



The babe in my womb.  
skipped like a lamb for  
sheer joy.





Blessed woman, who  
believed what God said,  
believed every word  
would come true!

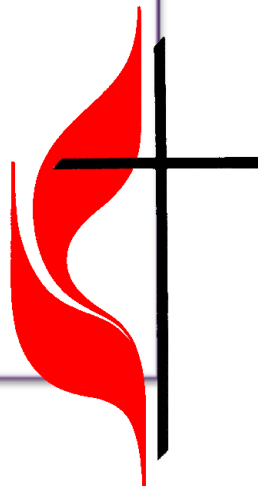
**The Word of God for  
the People of God!**

**Thanks be to God!**

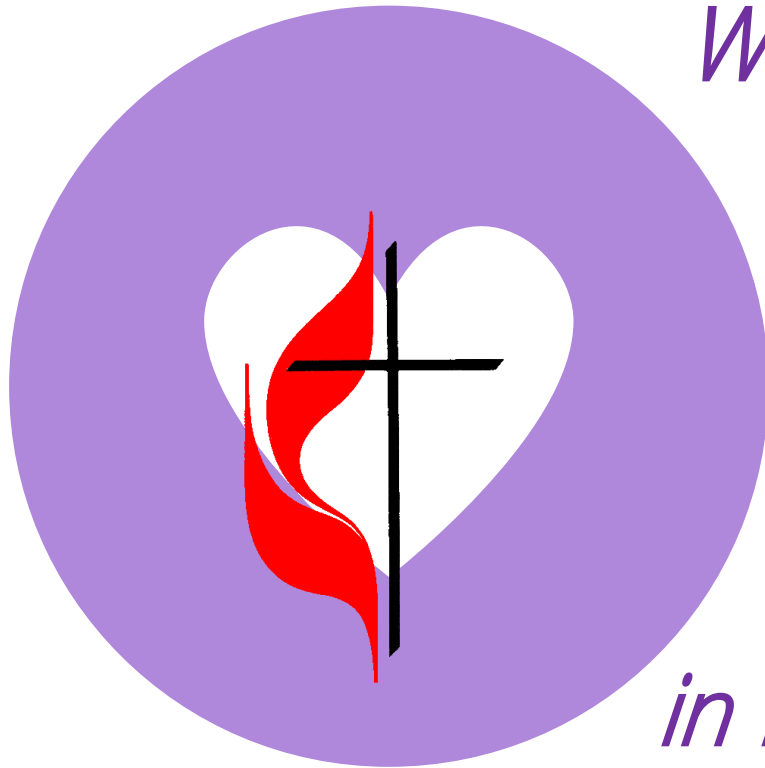
# Cheverly UMC's Mission

*To show Christ's love for us by:*

-  *Welcoming all,*
-  *Worshipping joyfully*
-  *Sharing our faith, and*
-  *Serving others.*



# Cheverly UMC's Vision



*We are the church  
in the heart of  
the community,  
with the community  
in its heart.*



# Children's Moment





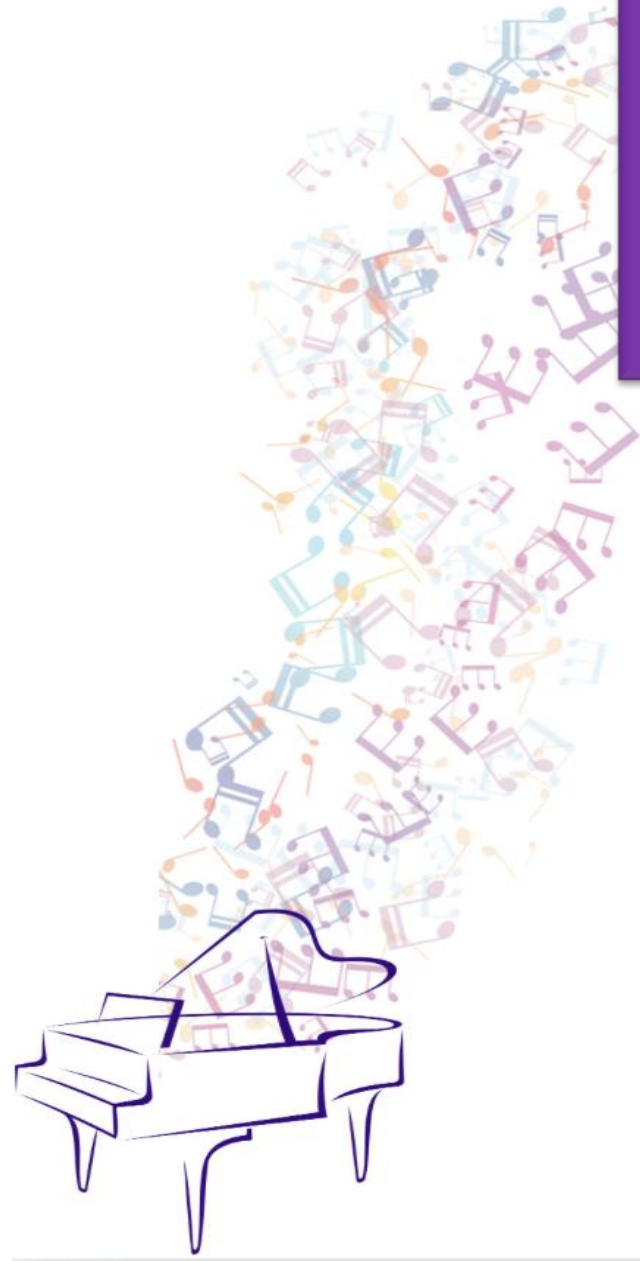
# Hymn of Preparation

The Sanctuary Choir

Brian Frye, Piano

*“Lo, How a Rose Er  
Blooming”*

UMH 216



*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

*From tender stem hath sprung!*

*Of Jesse's lineage coming*

*As men of old have sung.*

*It came, a flower bright,*

*Amid the cold of winter*

*When half-gone was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,*

*The Rose I have in mind:*

*With Mary we behold it,*

*The virgin mother kind.*

*To show God's love aright*

*She bore to men a Savior*

*When half-gone was the night.*

*This Flower, whose fragrance tender*

*With sweetness fills the air,*

*Dispels with glorious splendor*

*The darkness everywhere.*

*True man, yet very God,*

*From sin and death He saves us*

*And lightens every load*





# Sermon: Blessed Among Women!



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas

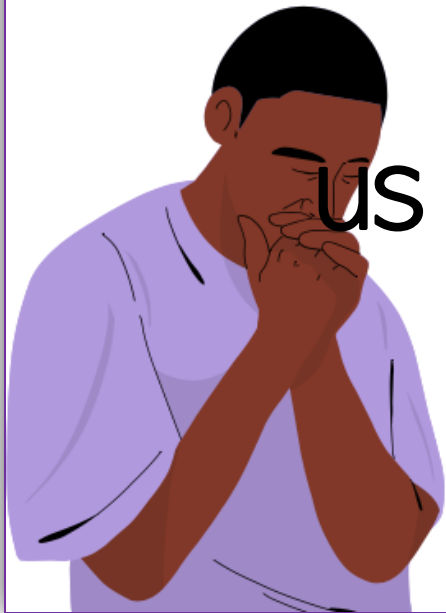


# The Lord's Prayer

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And now we pray, as  
Jesus taught

us in our own language:



*Our Father,  
who art in heaven...  
(que estas en los cielos)...*

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory,*

*forever. **Amen***

# Tithes and Offerings





*May these gifts glorify your name,  
Holy One.*

*May the ministries we support bring  
justice and peace to your world.*

*May they offer faith and hope to your  
people. In grateful joy, we pray.*

*Amen*

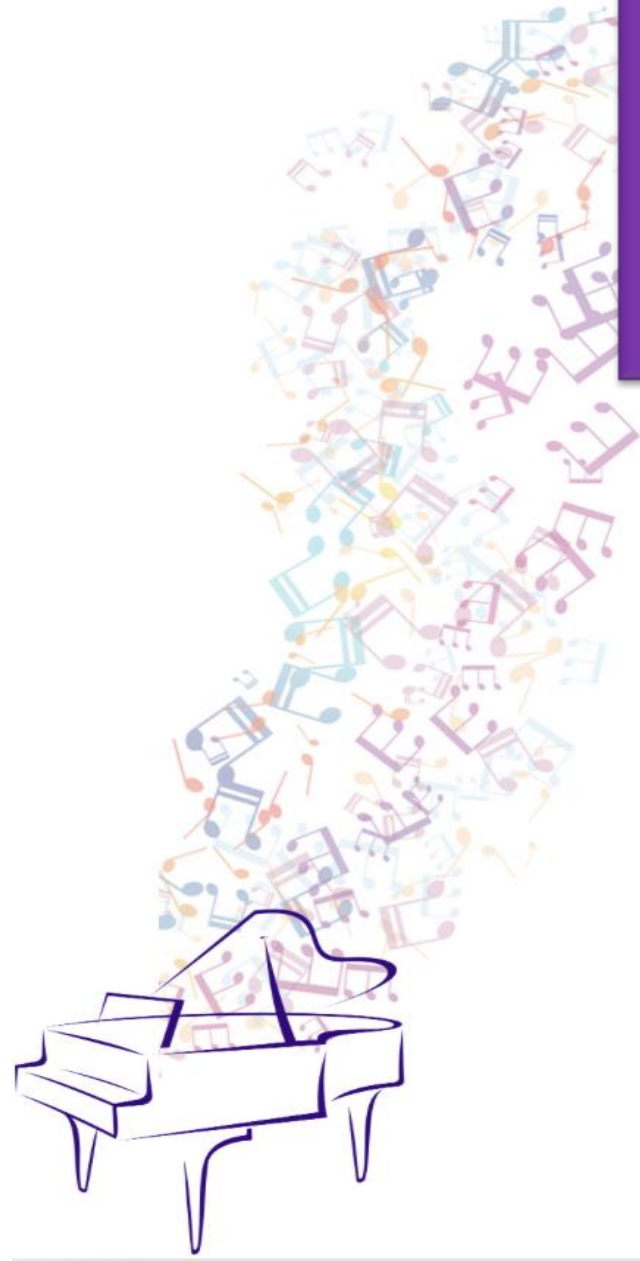
# Offertory

Sierra Morris, Soprano

Brian Frye, Piano

*“Breath of Heaven”  
(Mary’s Song)*

by Chris Eaton  
and Amy Grant



# ADVENT DOXOLOGY (Veni Emmanuel)



**Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures  
here below**

**Praise God above ye  
heavenly Host**

**Praise Father, Son, and**

**Holy Ghost**

**Rejoice, rejoice**

**Emmanuel**

**Shall come to thee**

**O Israel**



# Announcements



# Pledges for 2025

Each Sunday in December, we ask members to pledge what they plan to give to the church in 2025. They can complete the yellow pledge form and place it on the offering plate.

This contribution will enable our church to plan its budget, conduct special events, expand its outreach in the community, and maintain its facility.



**Thank you in advance for your Generosity!**



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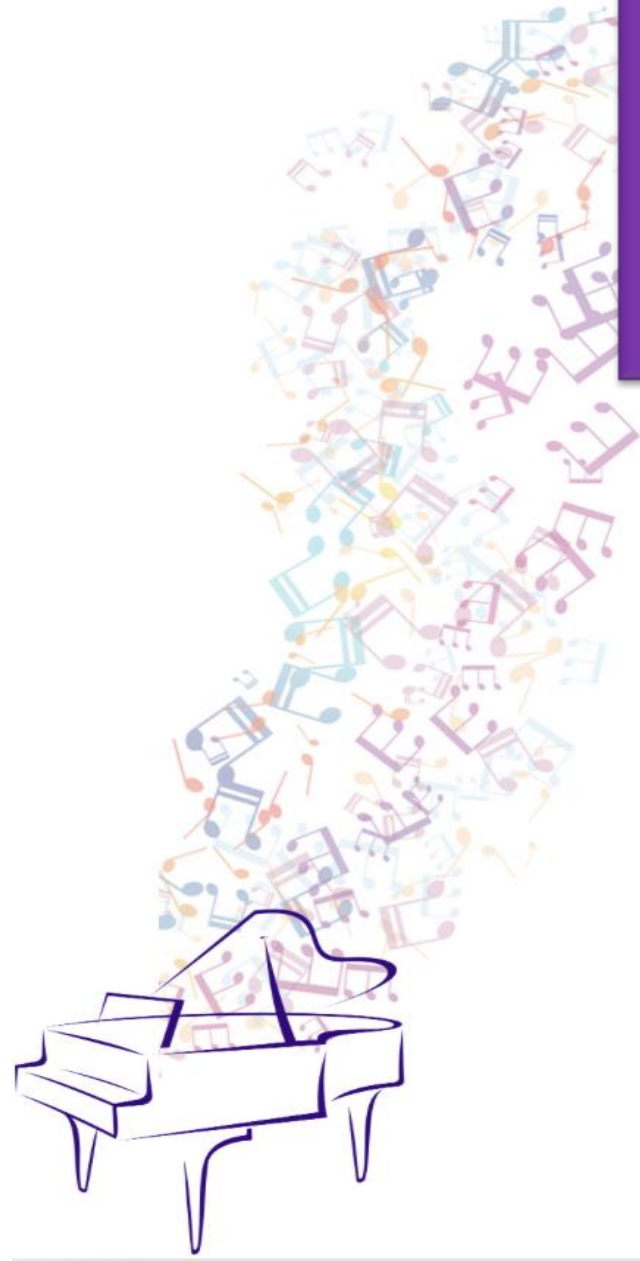
# Affirmation Hymn

Brian Frye

Piano

*“Hail to the Lord’s  
Anointed”*

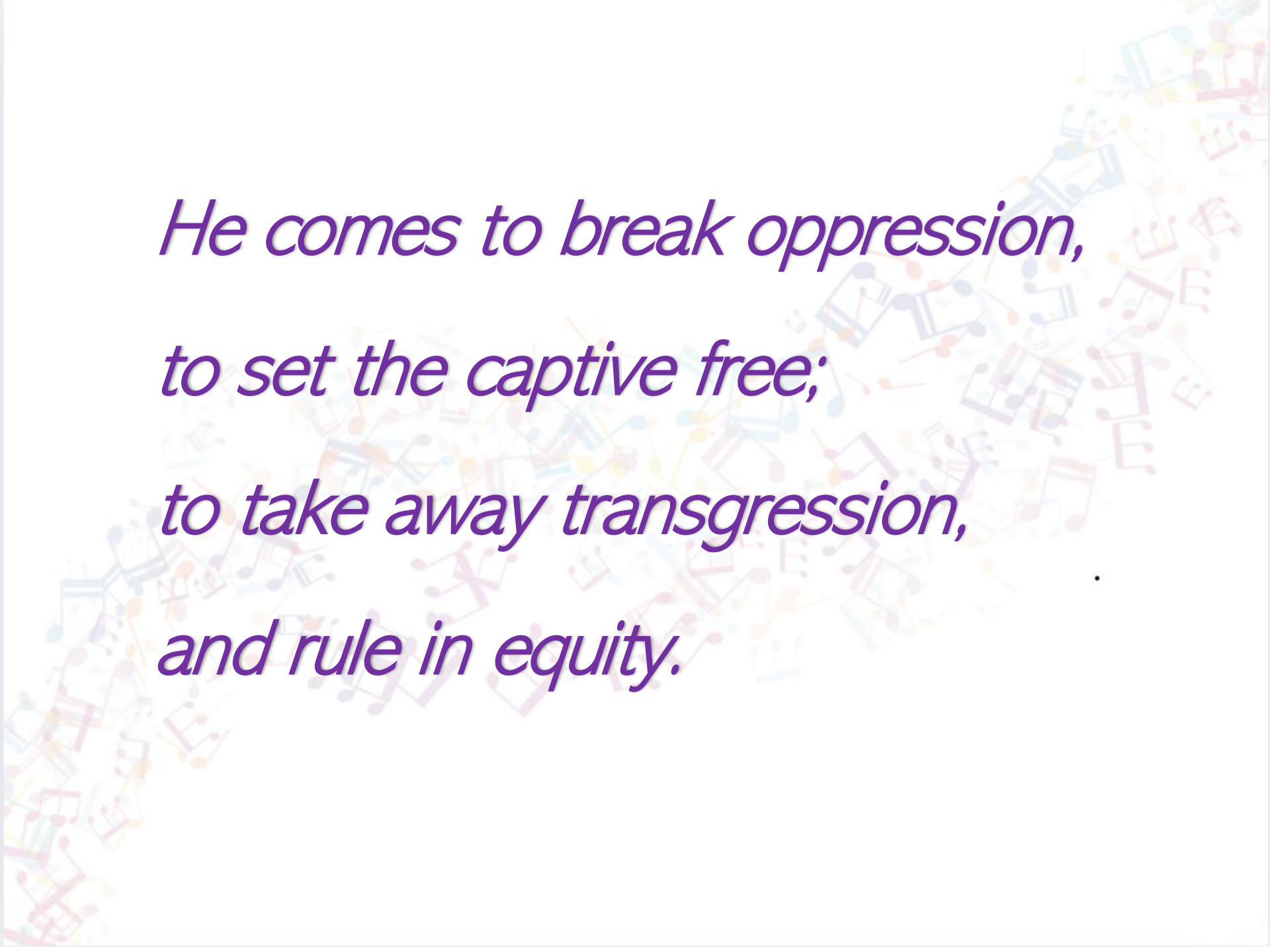
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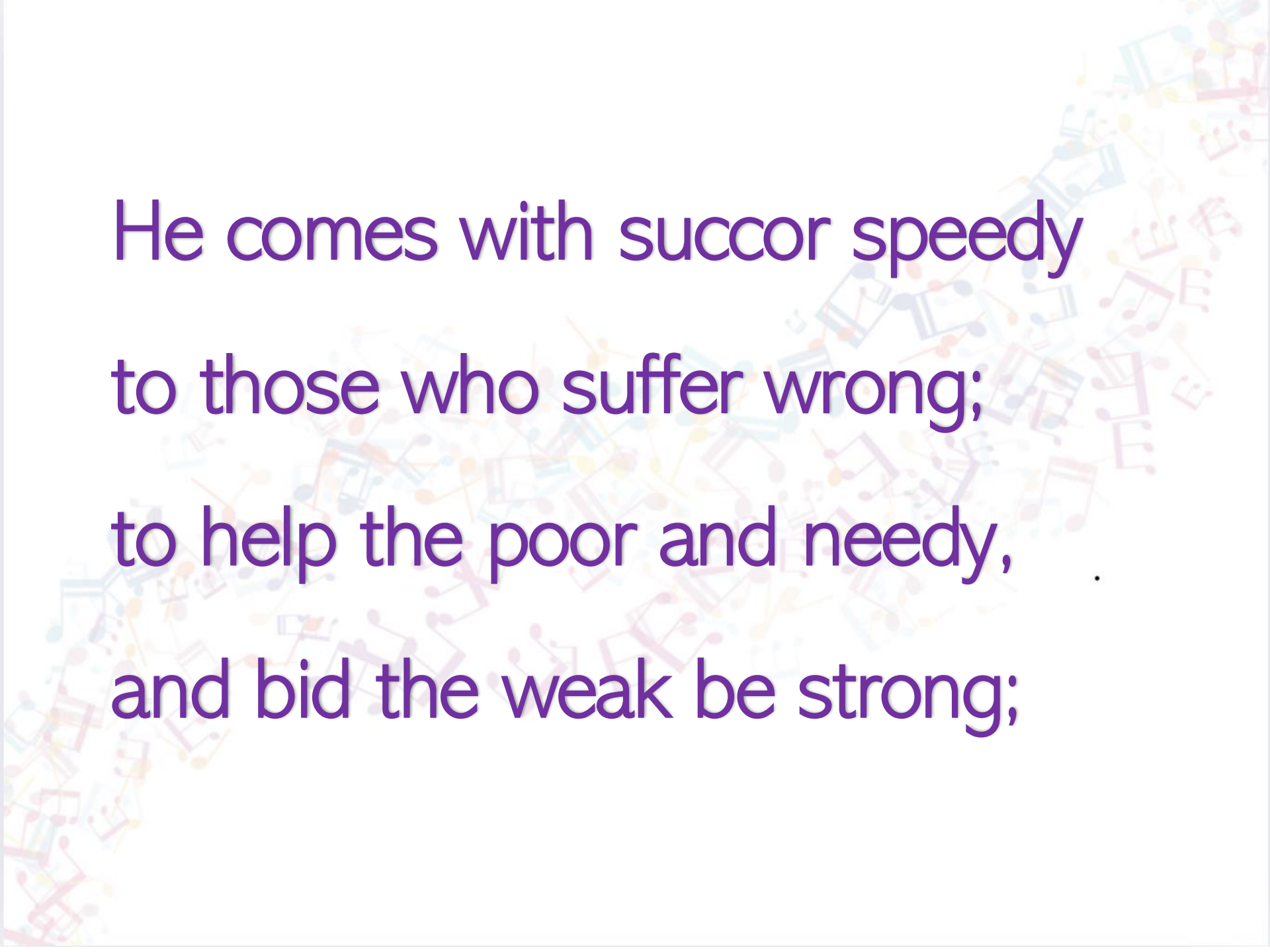
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*Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!*

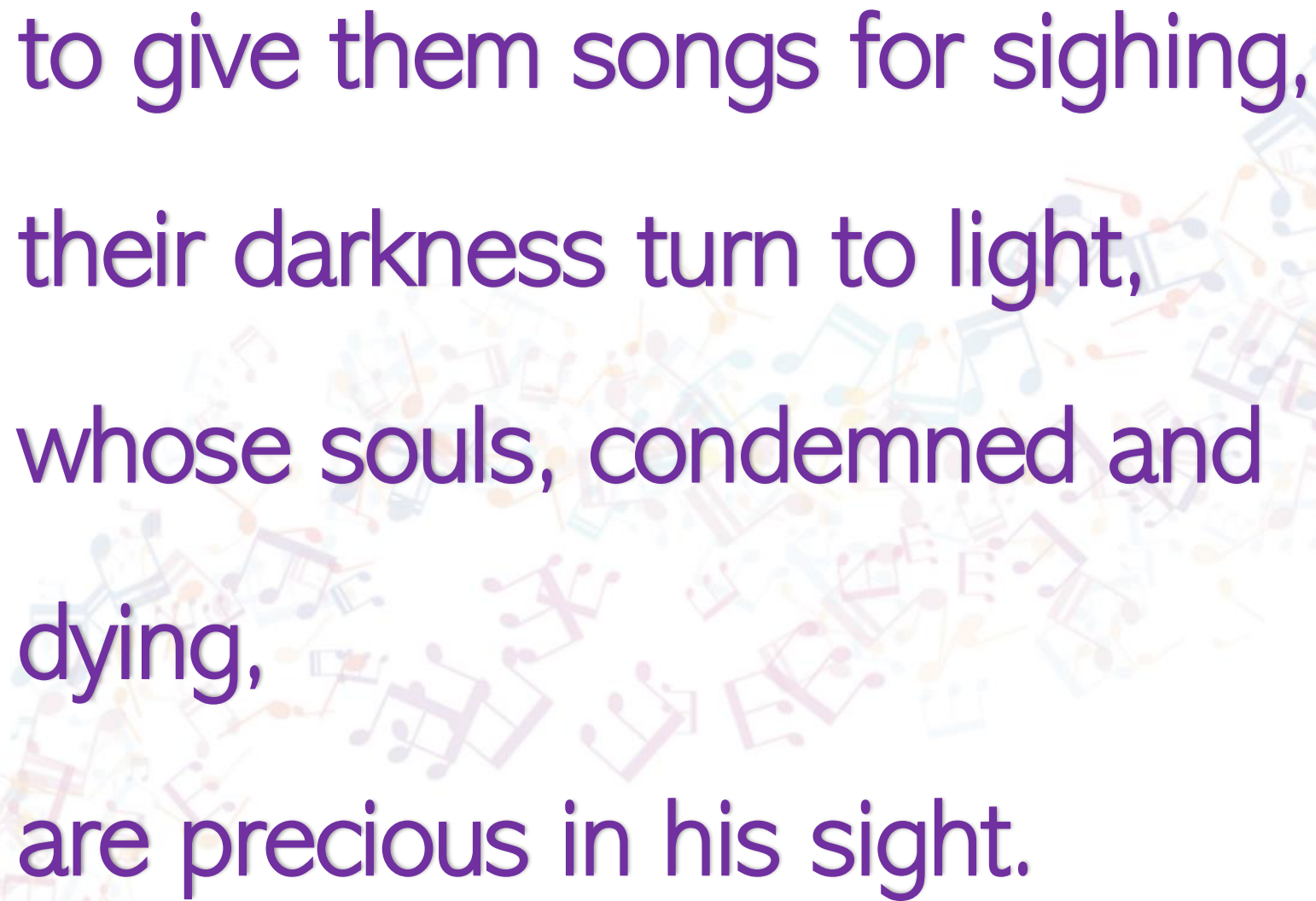
*Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!*

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*He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.*

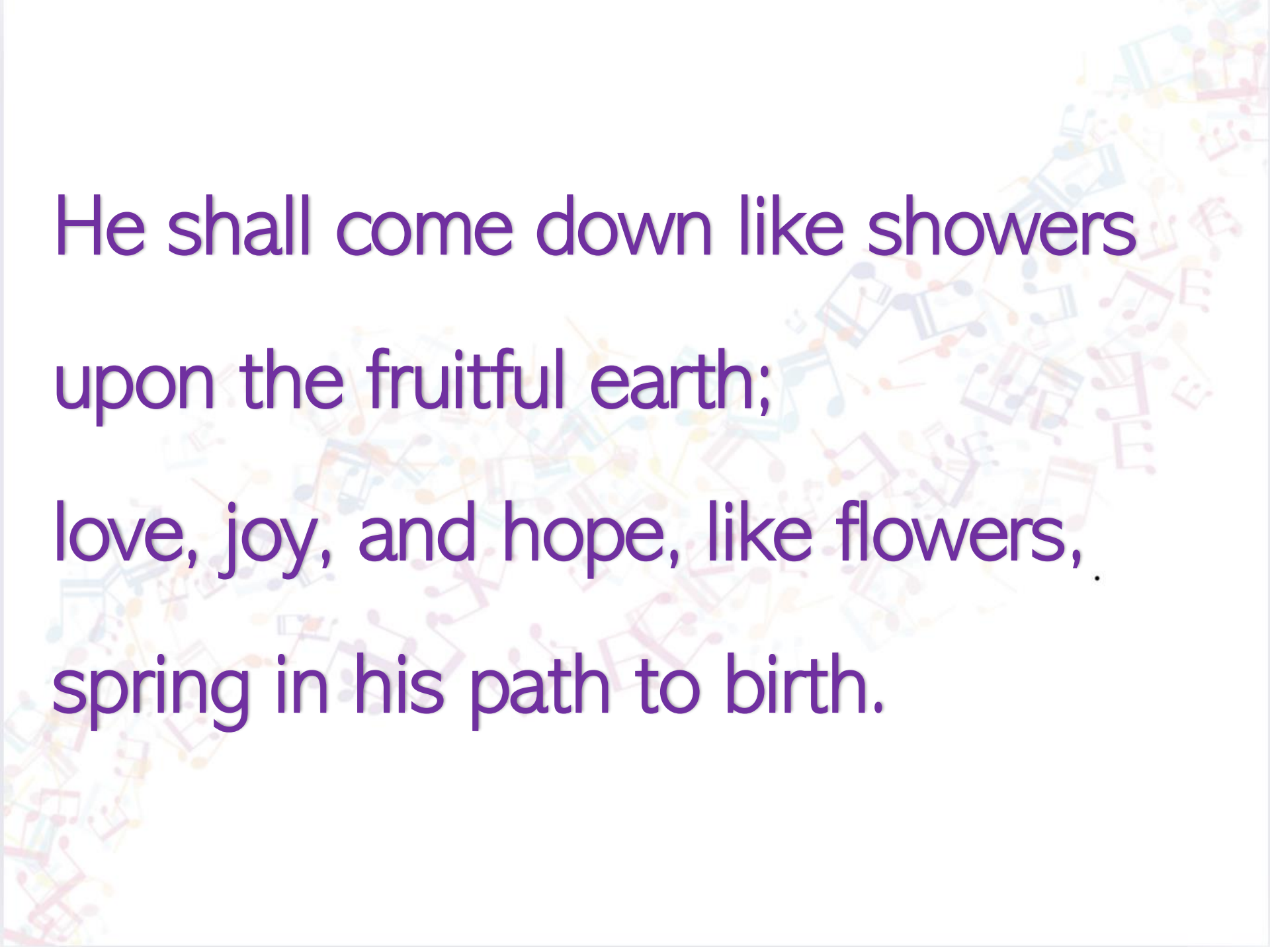


He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;

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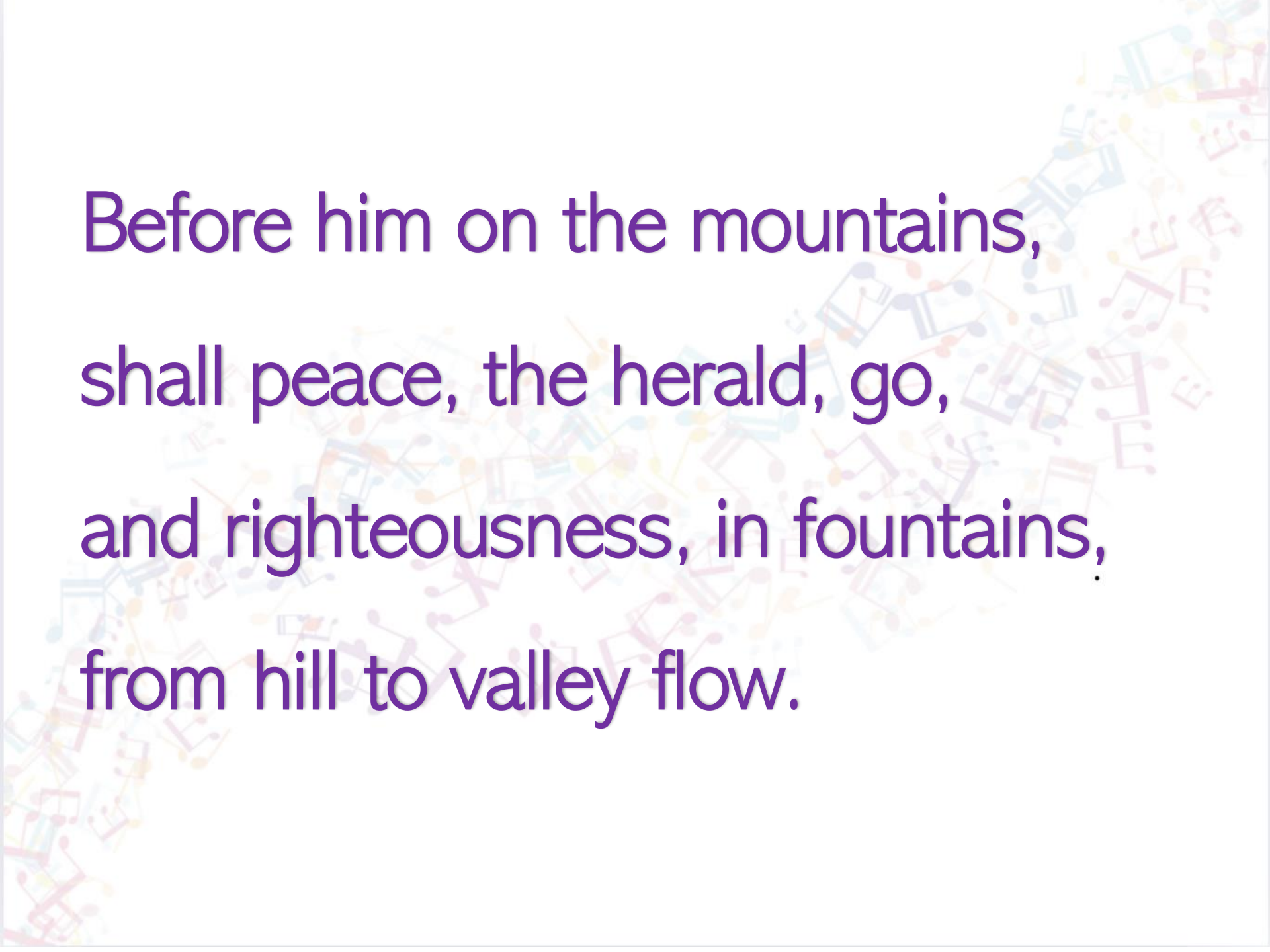
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and  
dying,  
are precious in his sight.



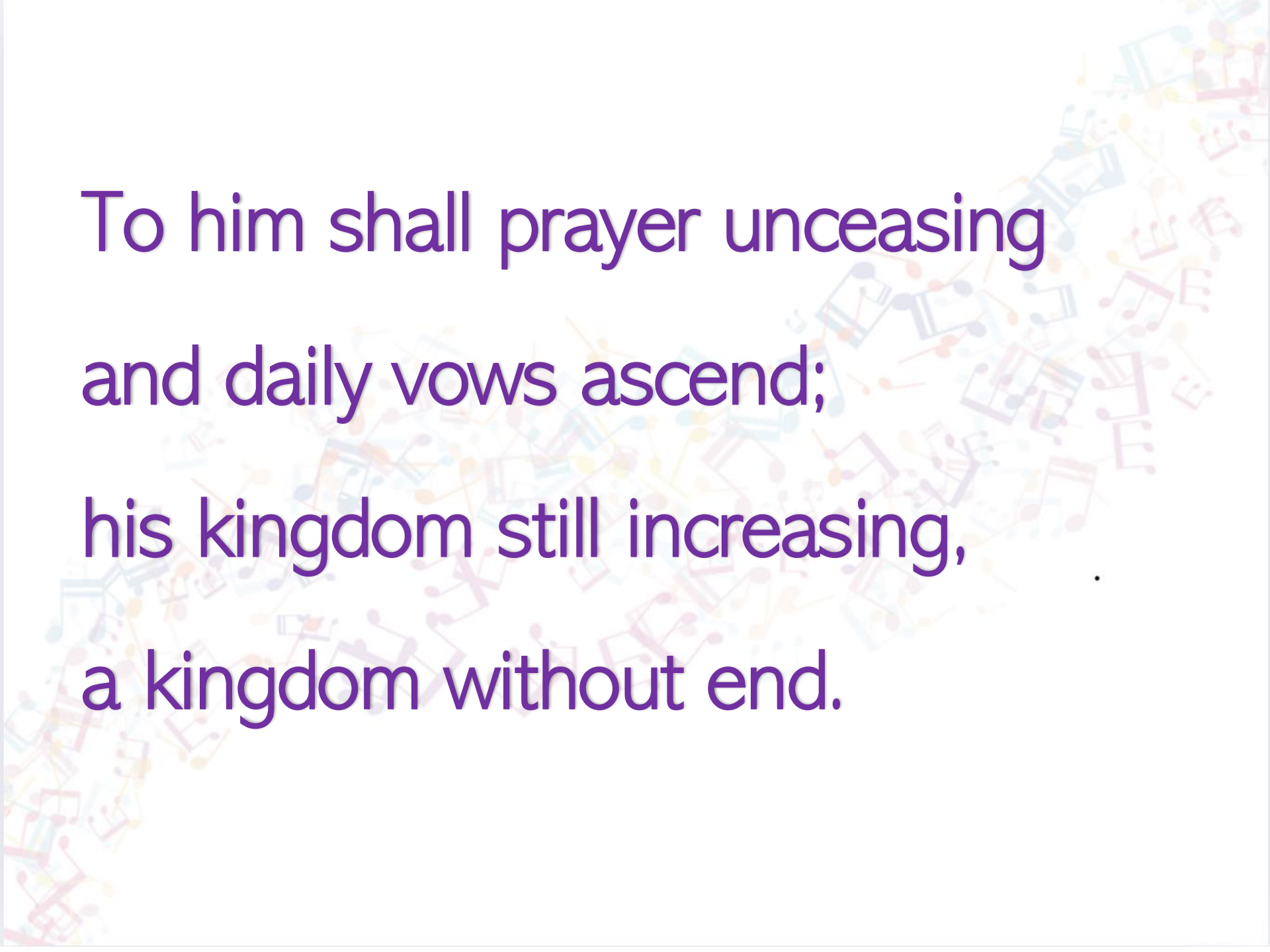


He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.



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Before him on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.



To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.



# Sending Forth



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**Let's go out in peace and power  
To love and serve the Lord**



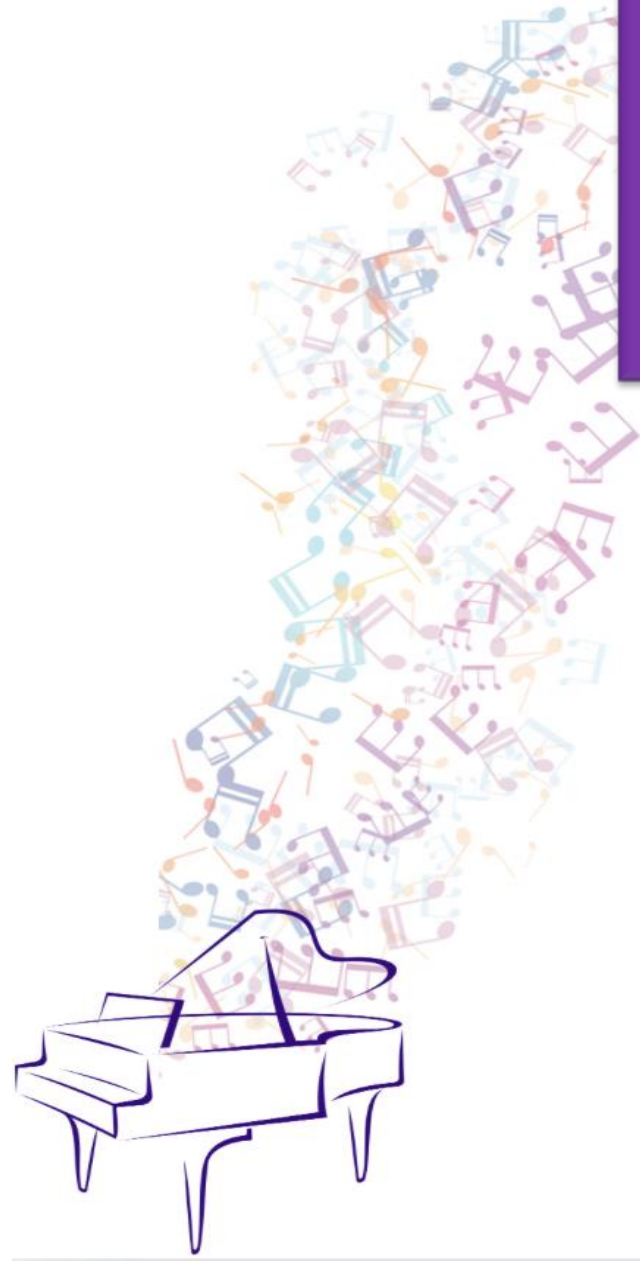
Postlude

Brian Frye

Piano

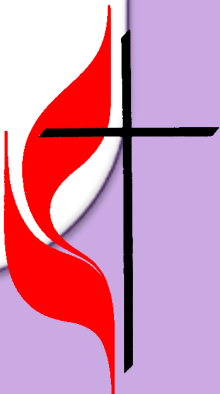
*“Joy Has Dawned”*

arr Carol Tornquist



# End of Worship

Thank you for your  
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service!



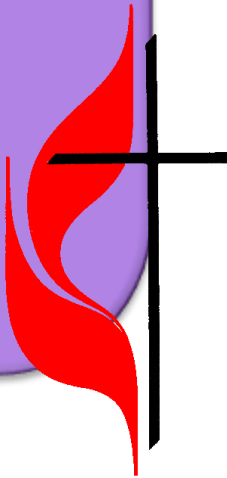


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