

Greeting & Welcome

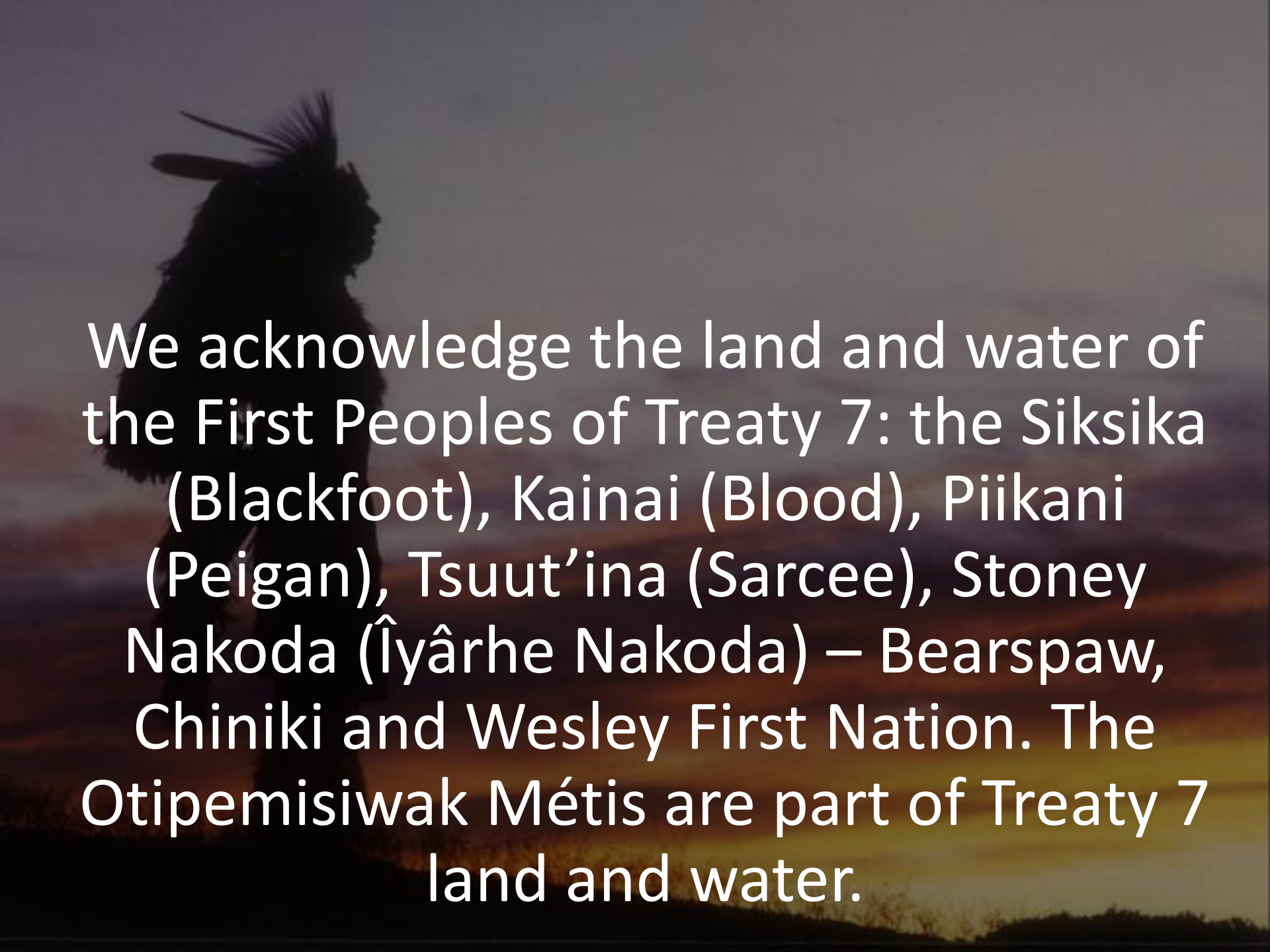
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: and also, with you..

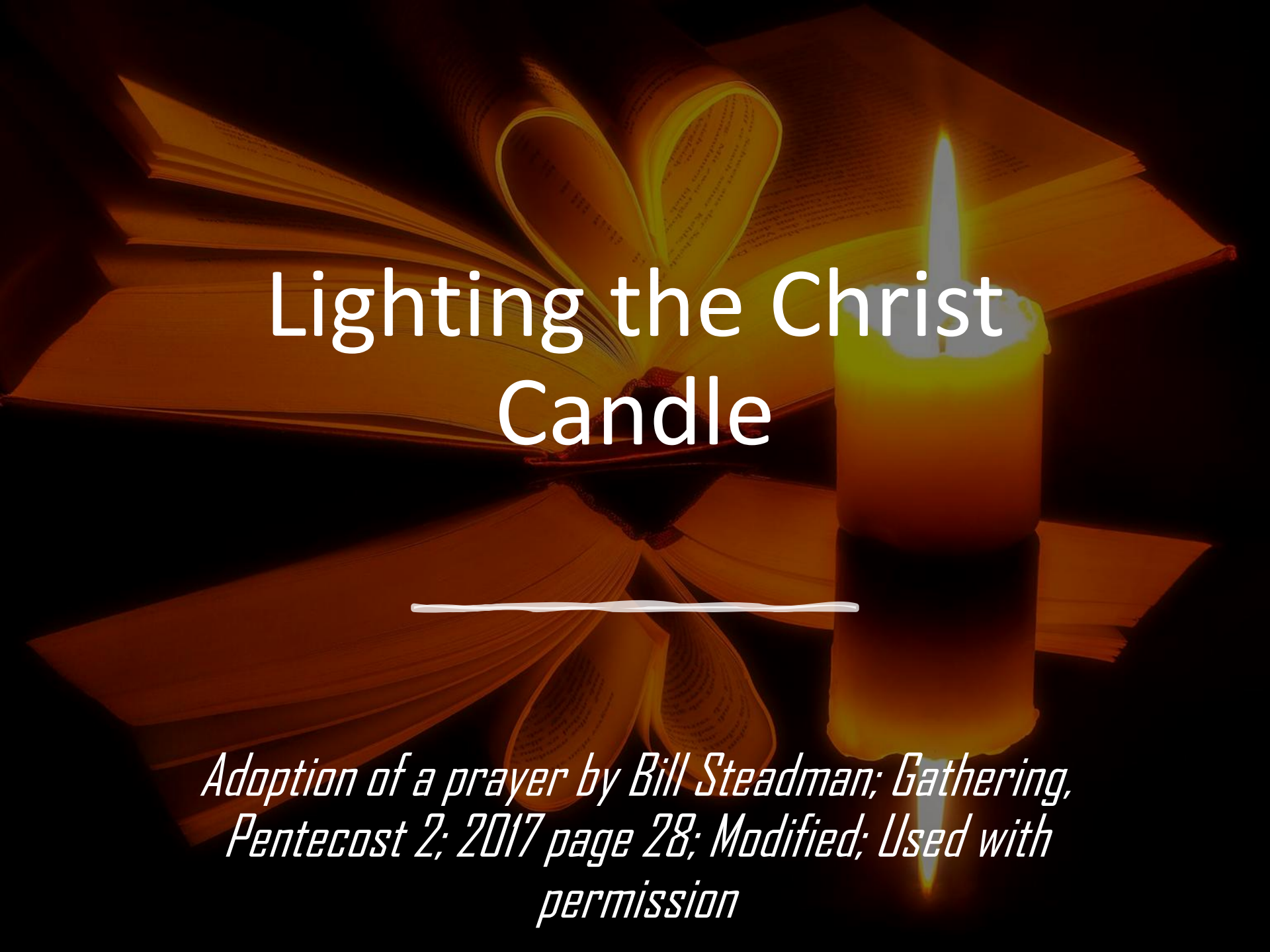
Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements



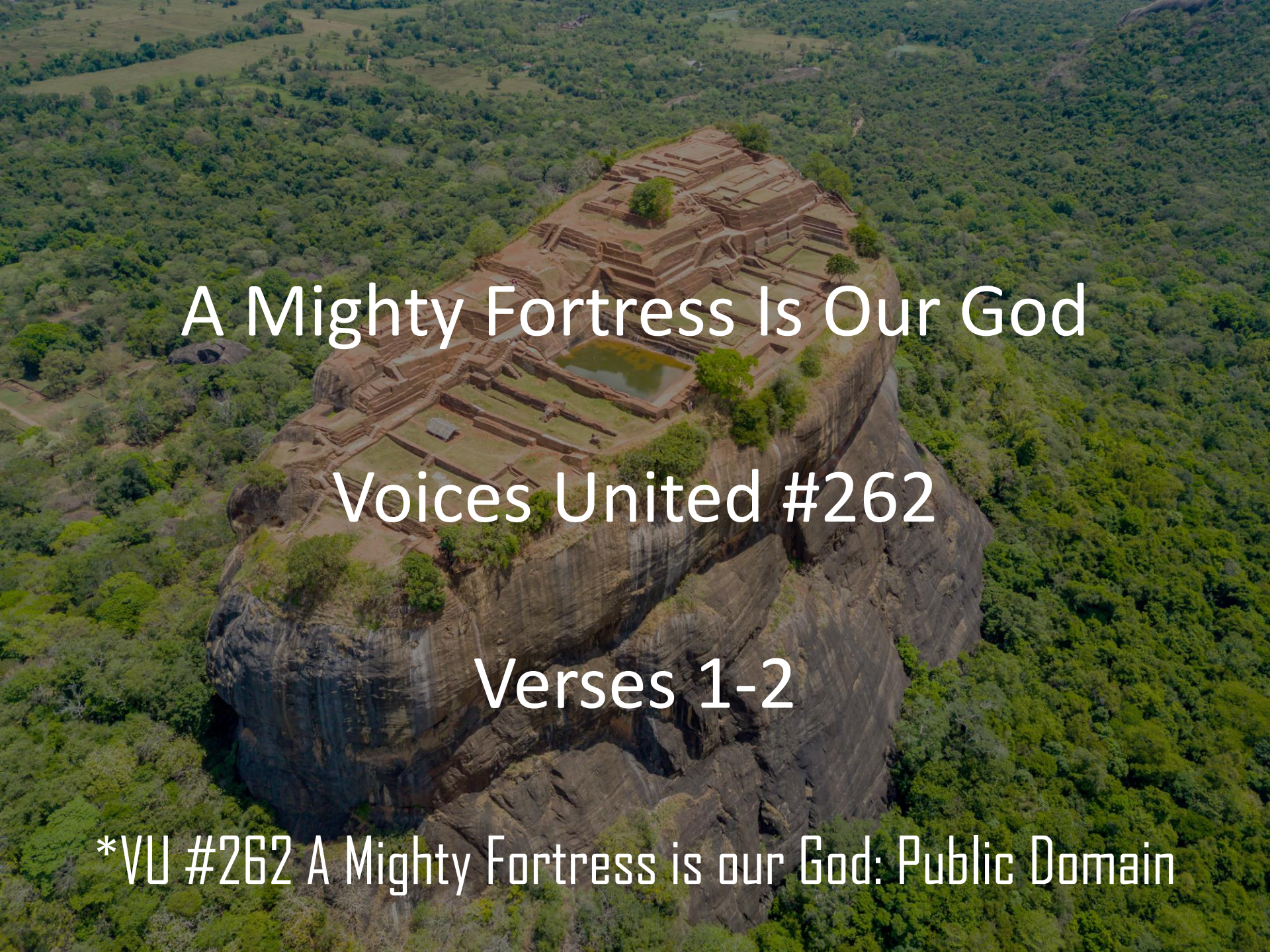
A silhouette of a person wearing traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress, is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a soft-focus sunset or sunrise scene with warm orange and yellow hues. The text is overlaid in the center-right area in a white, sans-serif font.

We acknowledge the land and water of
the First Peoples of Treaty 7: the Siksika
(Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani
(Peigan), Tsuut'ina (Sarcee), Stoney
Nakoda (Îyârhe Nakoda) – Bearspaw,
Chiniki and Wesley First Nation. The
Otipemisiwak Métis are part of Treaty 7
land and water.

A lit candle stands on the right side of the image, its flame bright and steady. To its left, an open book lies flat, with its pages folded into a heart shape. The entire scene is set against a dark background, with the light from the candle illuminating the pages of the book and the surrounding area. The text "Lighting the Christ Candle" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

Lighting the Christ Candle

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Voices United #262

Verses 1-2

*VU #262 A Mighty Fortress is our God: Public Domain

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper sure amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
with power and malice great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no 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.

(LV)

Call to Worship

L: God is our refuge, a stronghold to keep us safe.

P: God is indeed our rock and fortress.
God leads us and guides us for
righteousness' sake.

L: Into God's hands, we commend our
spirits, for God has redeemed us, our God
of truth.

P: Our times are in God's hands, and so we pray to be delivered, from the hands of those who want to harm us, from those who pursue us.

L: God is our refuge and rock. Let us worship.

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Opening Prayer



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Story Time for all ages

God of the Bible

*More Voices #28

Verses 1-2

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God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain (2X)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain (2X)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

(LV)

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance.



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Prayer of Illumination



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Reading the Scripture

Genesis 15:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.



Message



Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Voices United #559

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Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!

Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.

Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

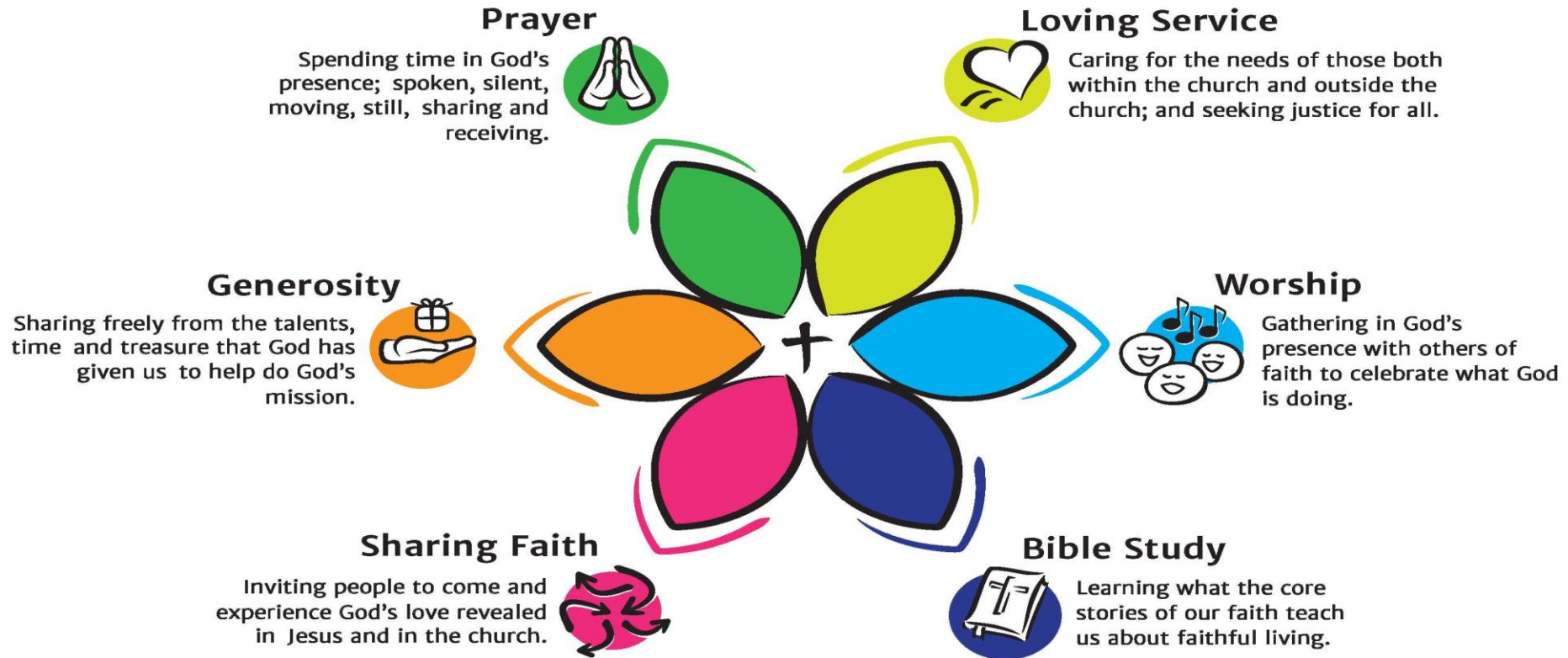
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The Offering Invitation



There are many ways to donate.
PAR, E-transfer (smoretreasurer@gmail.com) or
placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Discipleship Flower – Key Spiritual Practices



Stewardship is a life-long process. In fact, stewardship extends beyond our lifetime. Please consider making a gift in your will to support the ministry of your Community of Faith and through Mission and Service the ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Video



Sung Dedication

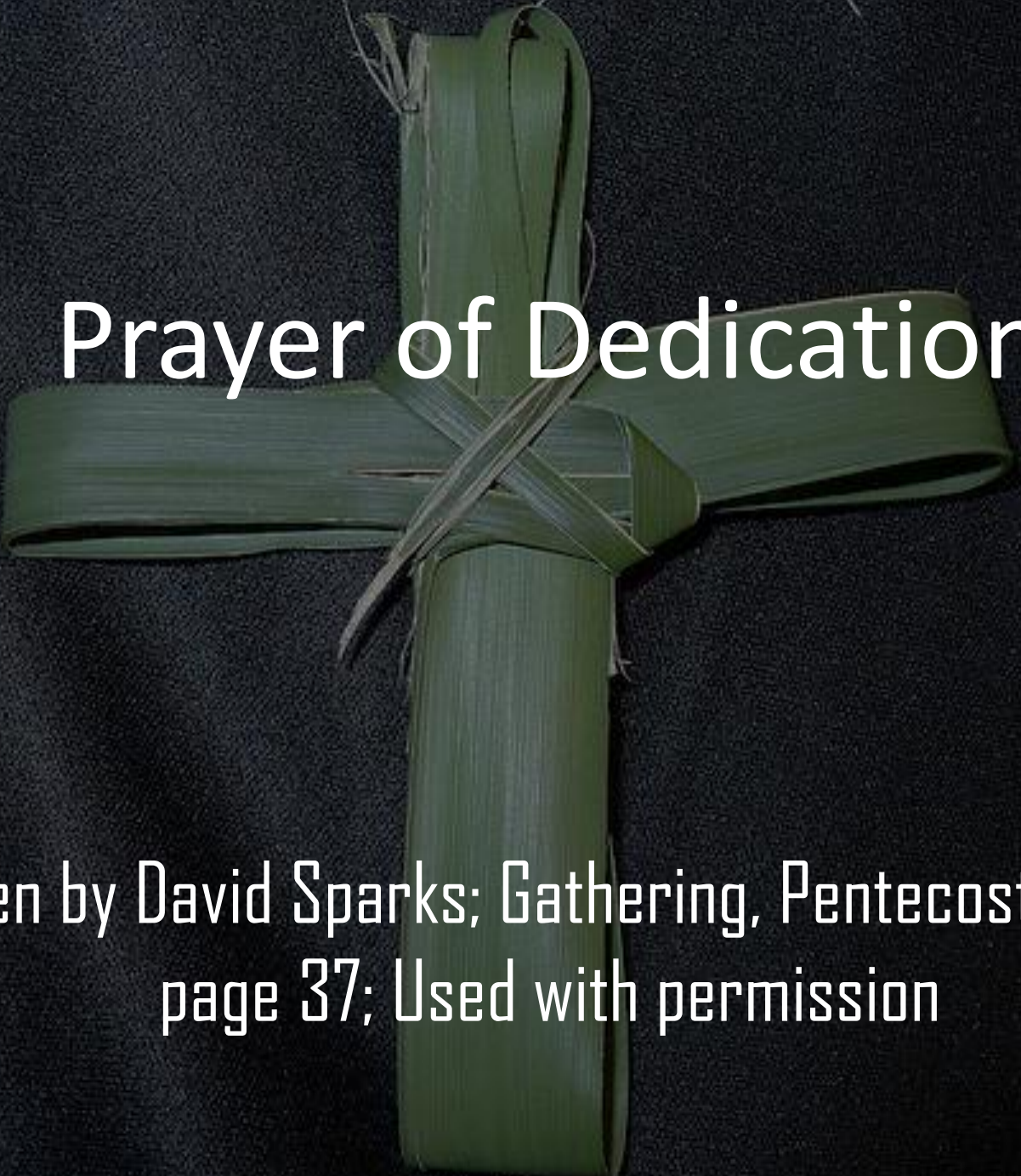
Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving

**Voices United #540*

**VU #540 Grant Us God, the Grace of Giving: Public Domain.*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

(LV)

A green palm frond cross is centered on a dark, textured background. The cross is made of two long, flat, green palm fronds intersecting at their centers. The fronds have a natural, slightly rough texture and are a vibrant green color. The background is a dark, almost black, textured surface that provides a strong contrast to the green of the cross.

Prayer of Dedication

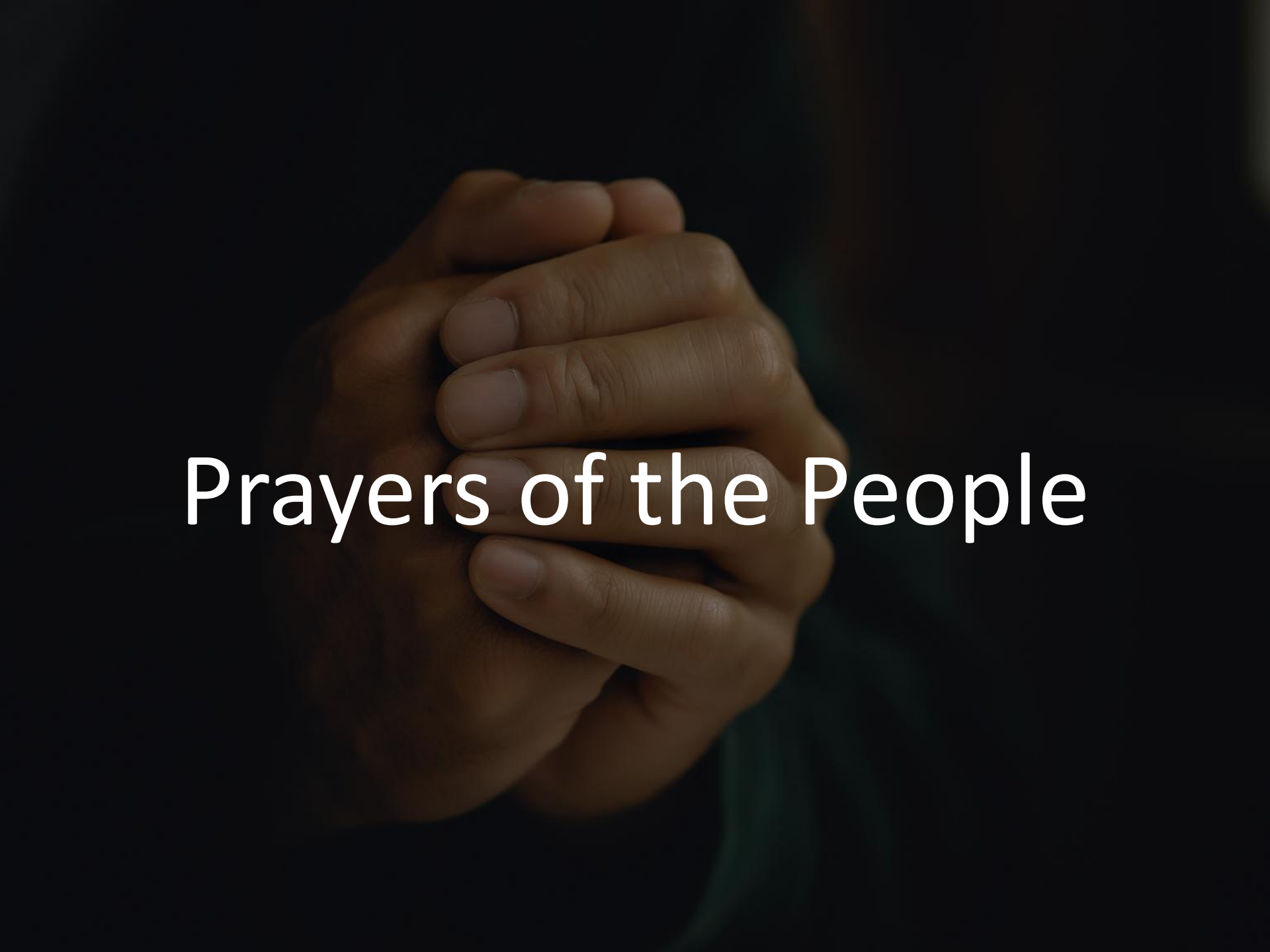
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L: Our gifts are vital. Each dollar matters, each talent used matters, each minute employed in the service of Jesus Christ matters. We thank God and each other for these gifts.

P: With our gifts come prayers for strength for any who are tired in work and service. With our gifts come prayers of encouragement for any who are feeling downhearted. With our gifts come prayers for hope for a restored Creation. With our gifts come prayers of comfort in the midst of grief and illness. With our gifts come the blessings of fellowship and welcome.

L: Our gifts are wonderful.

P: Thanks be to You, O God, for it is
because of You that we can give with
joy and can find joy as we receive the
blessings of this community of faith.
Amen.

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayer position, with fingers interlaced. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus, showing a person's torso in a dark garment. The text "Prayers of the People" is overlaid in white, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the hands.

Prayers of the People



Lord's Prayer

**VU #960*

**VU #960 Lord's Prayer: Public Domain*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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, for
ever and ever, AMEN

The Church's One Foundation

Verses 1-2, 4

*Voices United #331

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The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

(LV)

Commissioning



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Amen

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Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen
(LV)

Sharing the Peace

L: MAY THE GOD OF PEACE GO WITH YOU.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

A top-down view of a white ceramic bowl filled with a thick, orange-brown soup. A slice of white bread with a bite taken out of it is placed on the right side of the bowl. The bowl sits on a light-colored wooden surface. The text "Please join us for Soup and Bun downstairs after the service." is overlaid in white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

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and Bun downstairs after
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