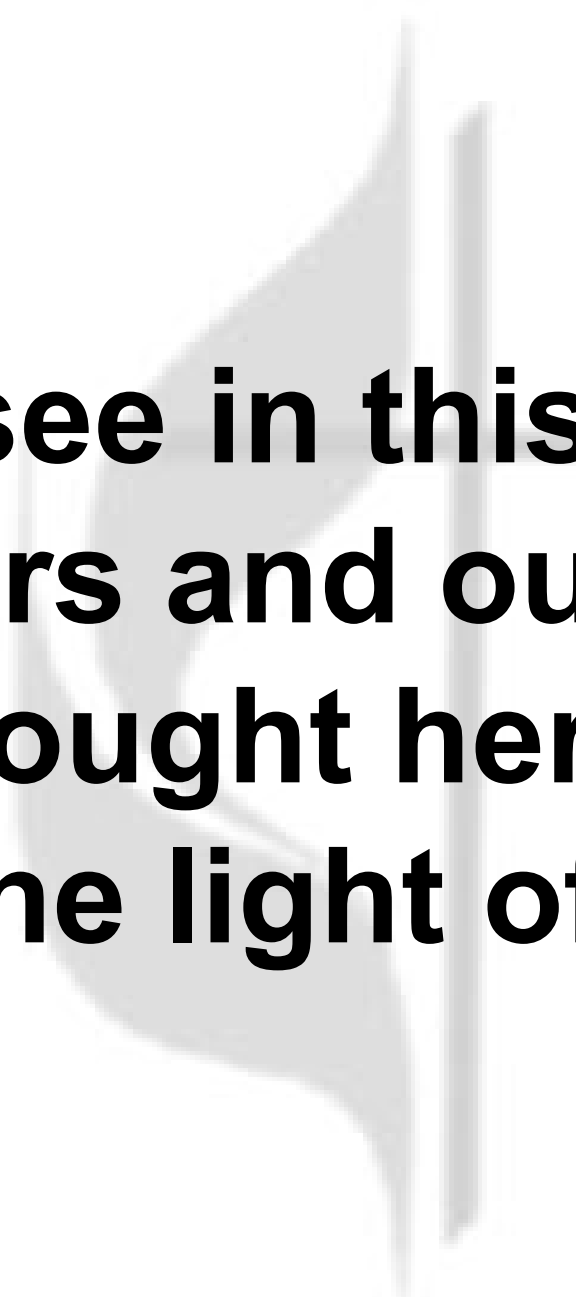


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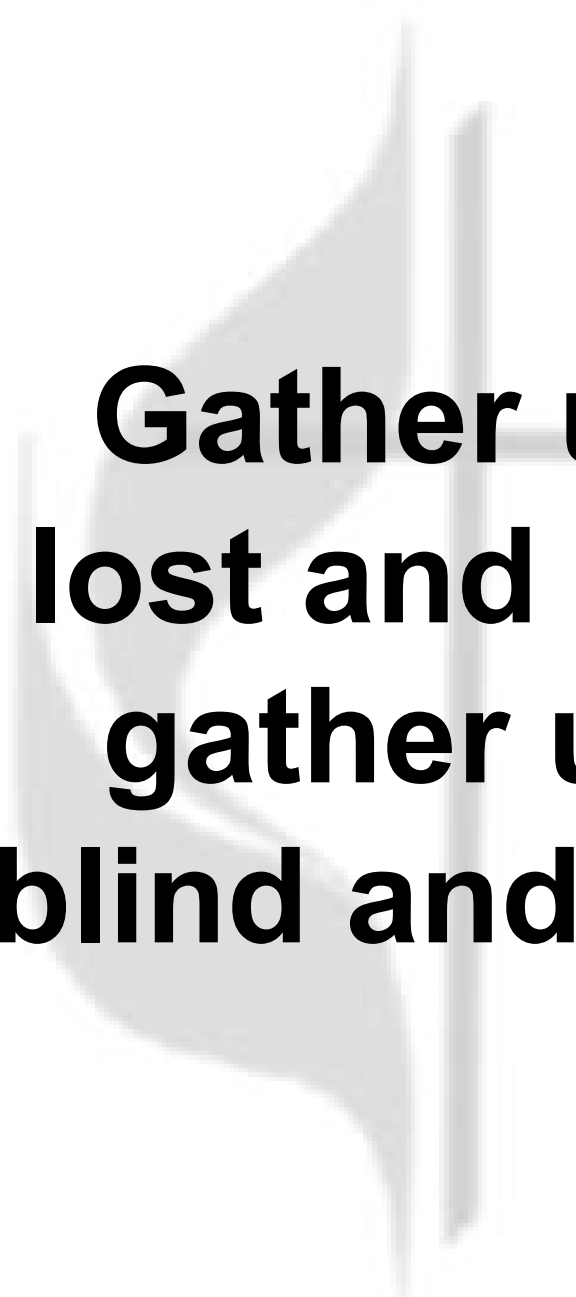
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**1. Here in this place
new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away,**




**see in this space
our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you
in the light of this day.**



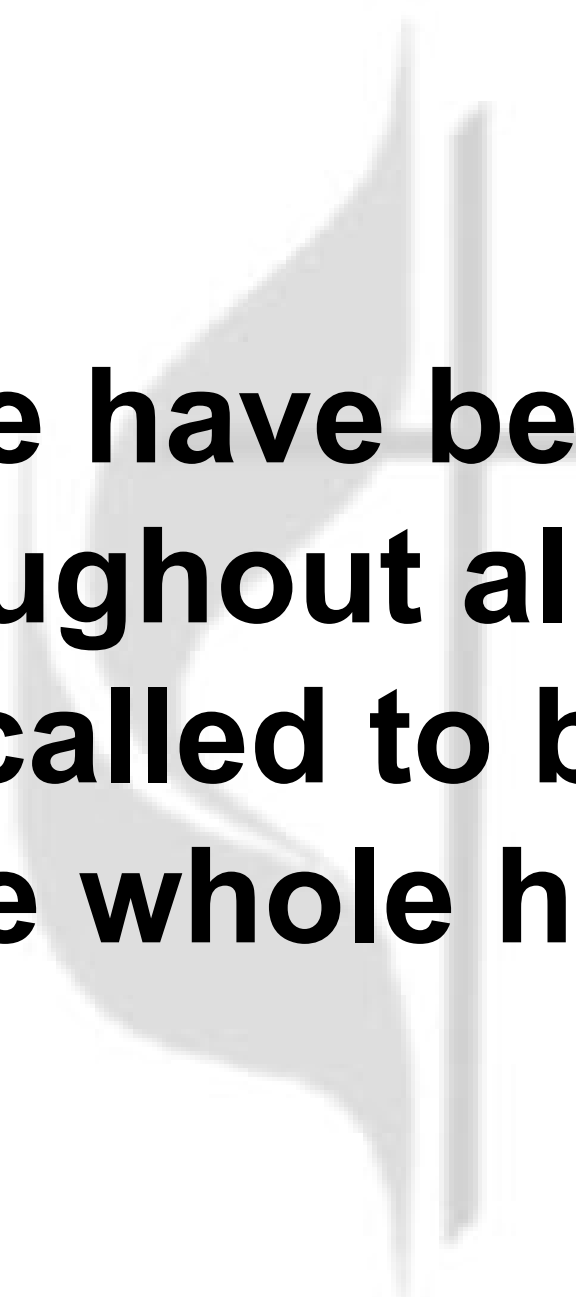
**Gather us in
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in
the blind and the lame;**



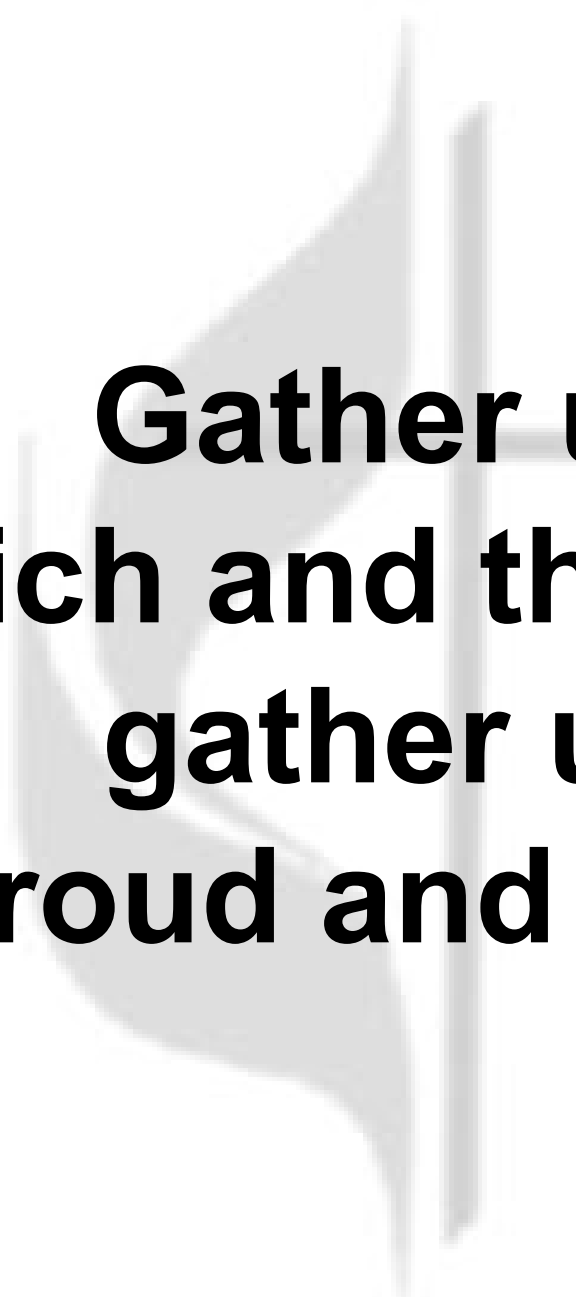
**call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**



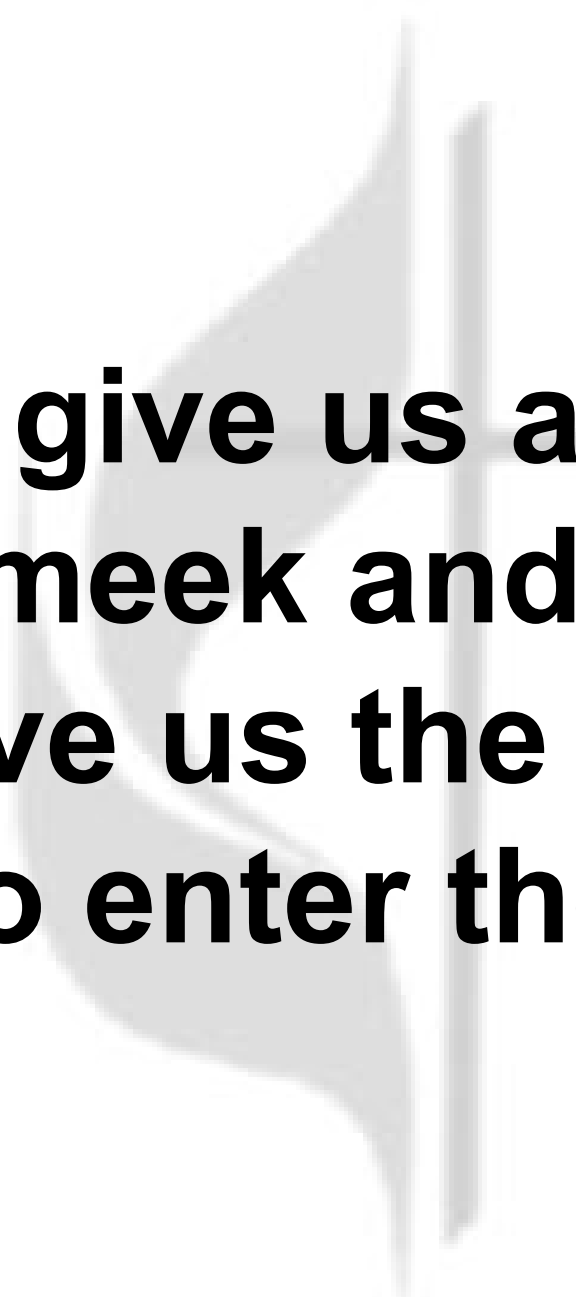
**2. We are the young
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face,**



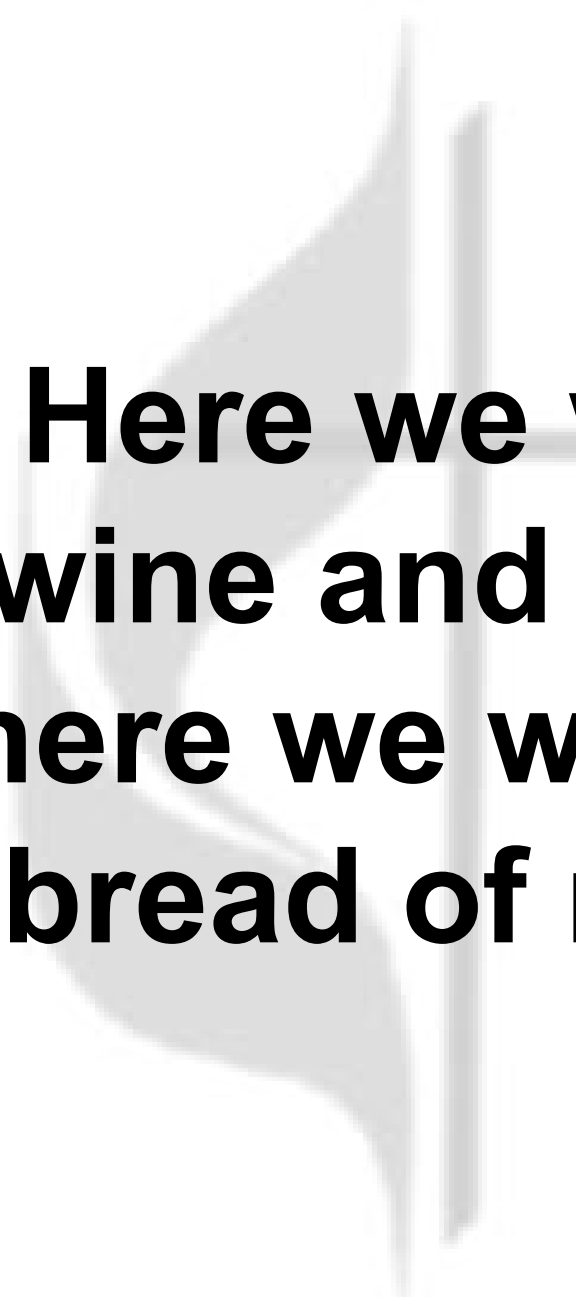
**we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.**



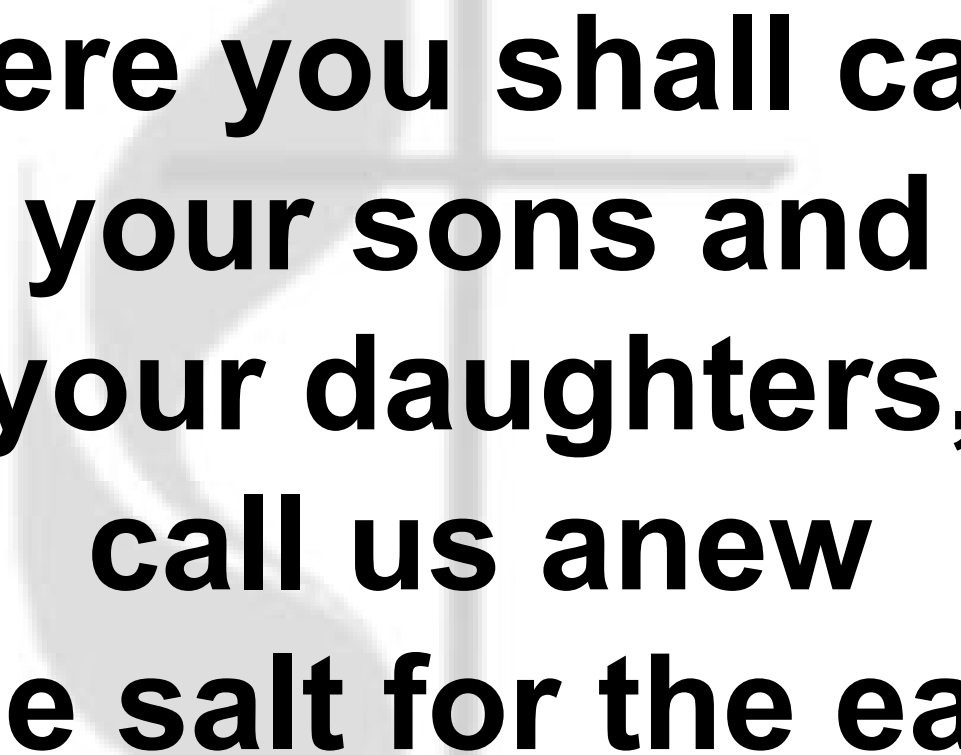
**Gather us in
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in
the proud and the strong;**



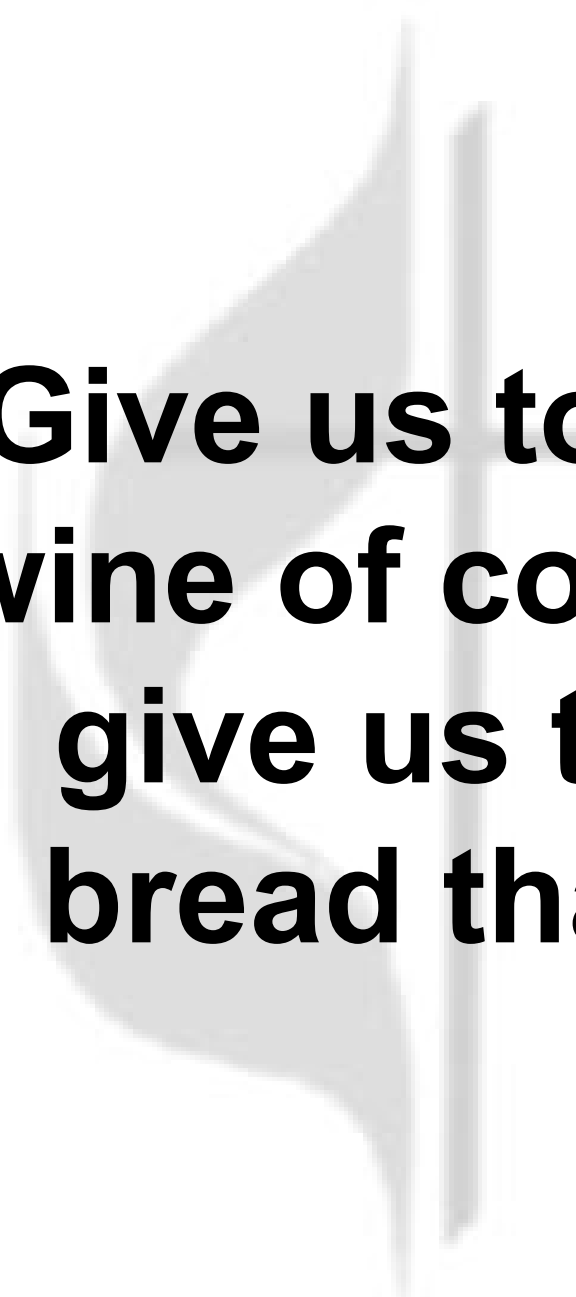
**give us a heart
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.**



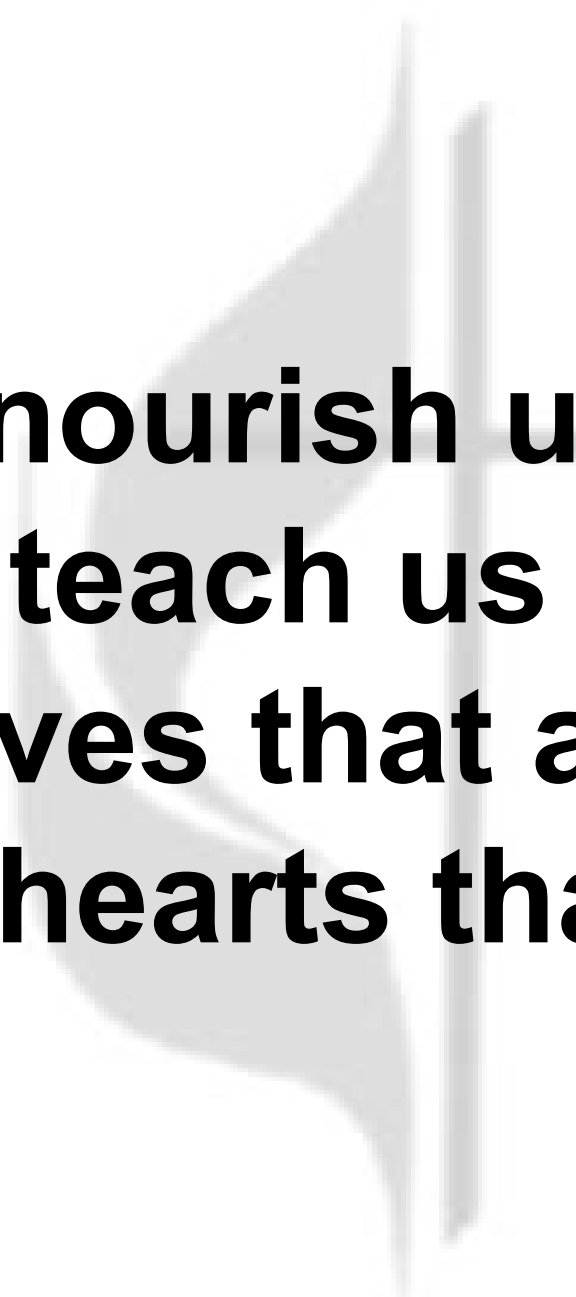
**3. Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,**




**here you shall call
your sons and
your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.**




**Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;**



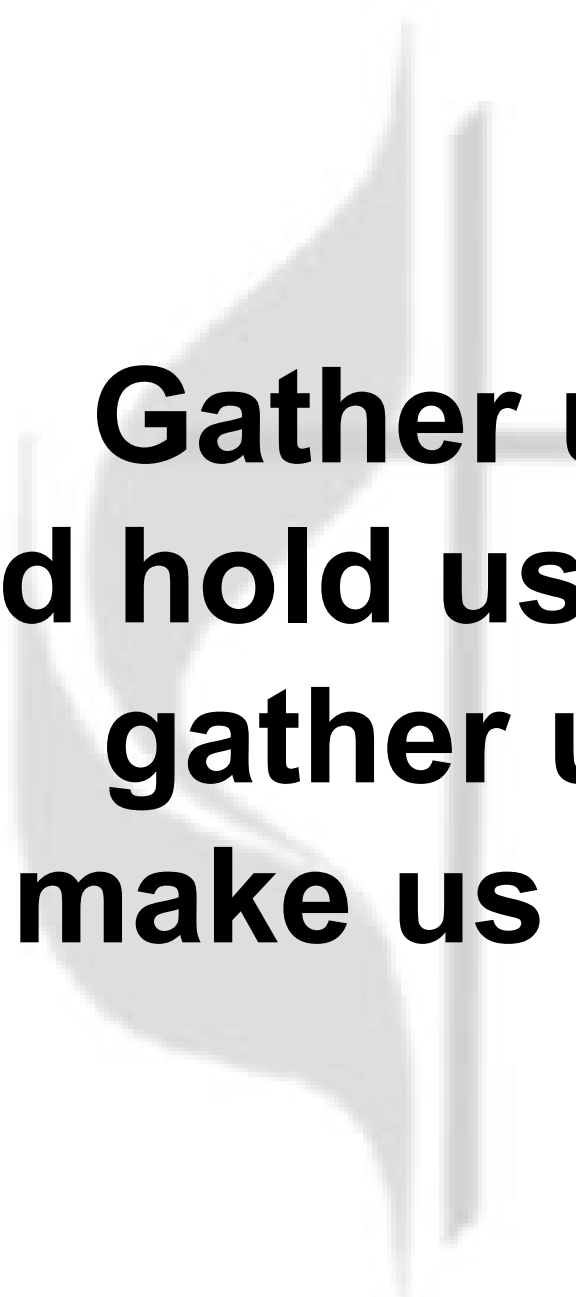
**nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.**




**4. Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light-years away,**



**but here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom,
now is the day.**



**Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;**



**gather us in
all peoples together,
fire of love
in our flesh and our bone.**