

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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**1. Lord, you give
the great commission:
“Heal the sick
and preach the word.”**



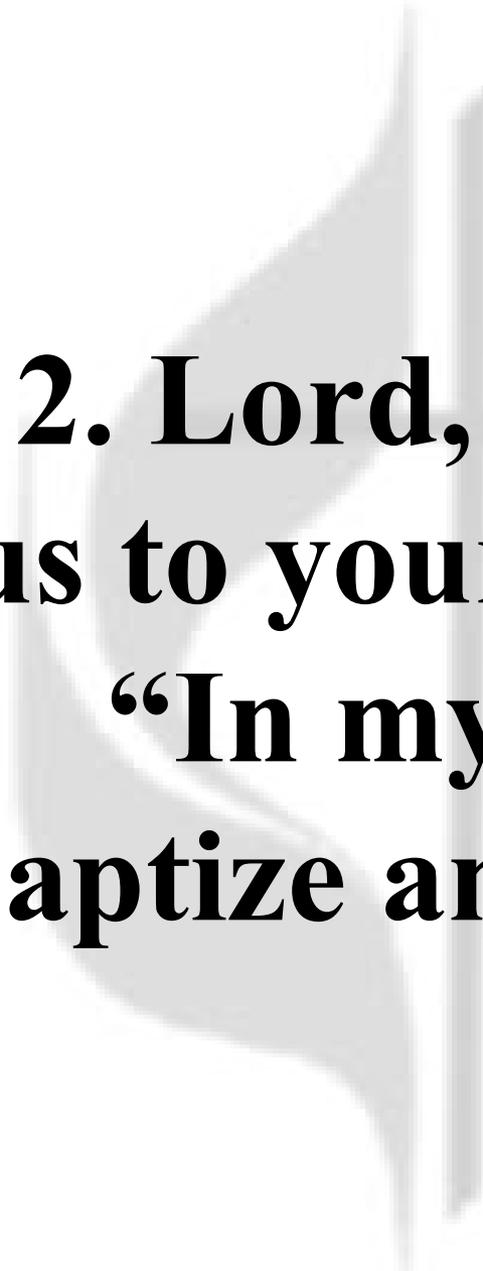
**Lest the church
neglect its mission,
and the gospel
go unheard,**



**help us witness
to your purpose
with renewed integrity.**

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**With the Spirit's
gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**



**2. Lord, you call
us to your service:
“In my name
baptize and teach.”**



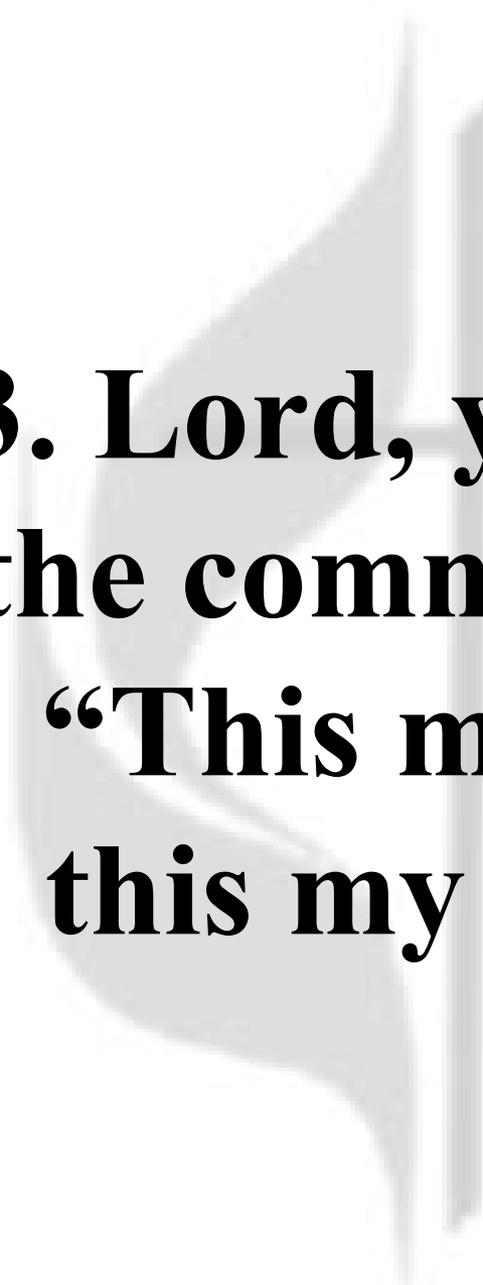
**That the world
may trust your promise,
life abundant
meant for each,**



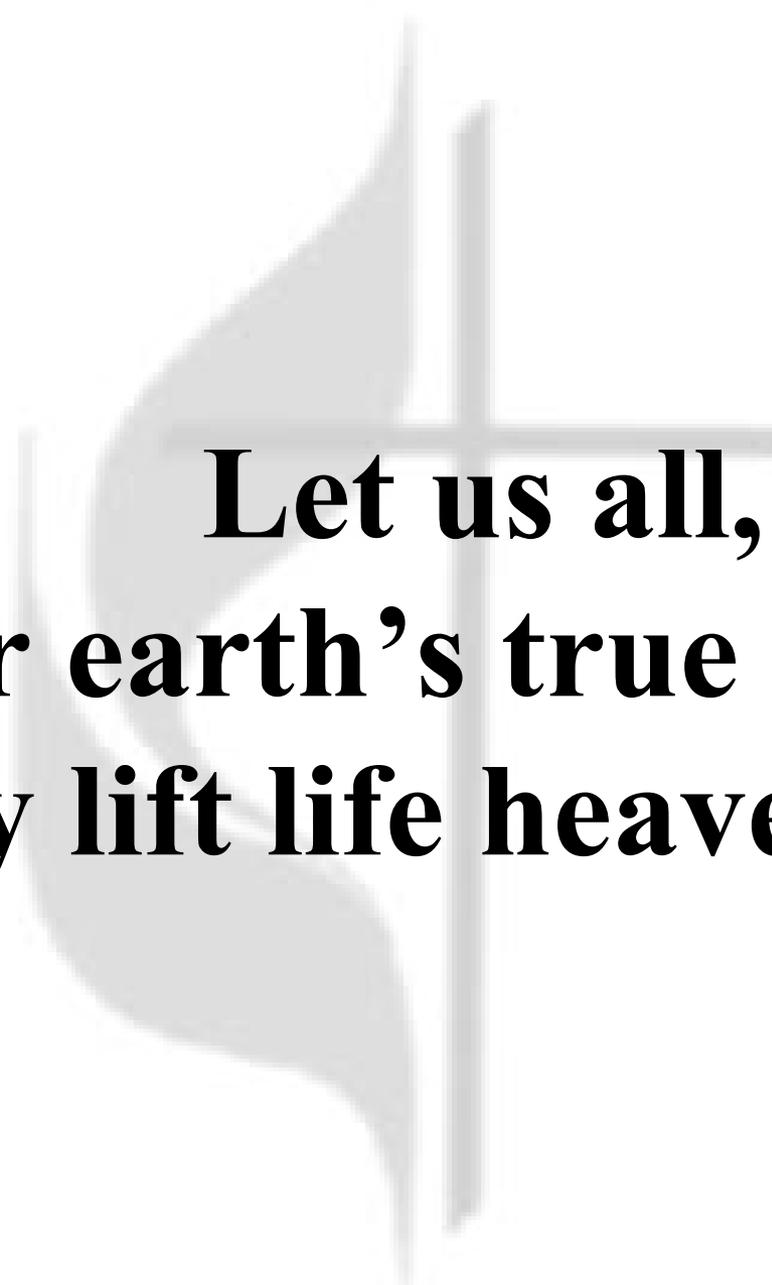
**give us all
new fervor, draw us,
closer in community.**

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**3. Lord, you make
the common holy:
“This my body,
this my blood.”**



**Let us all,
for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,**



**asking that the
world around us
share your
children's liberty.**

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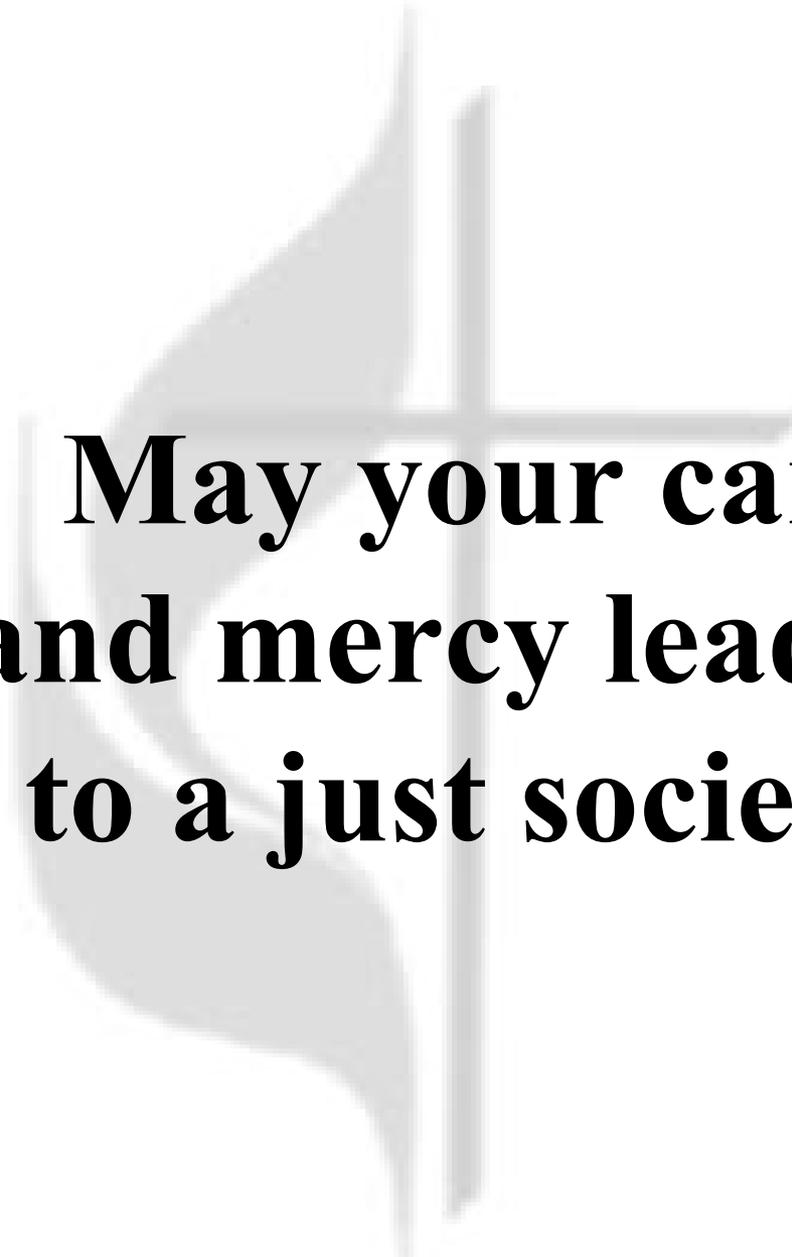
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**4. Lord, you show
us love's true measure:
“Father, what
they do, forgive.”**



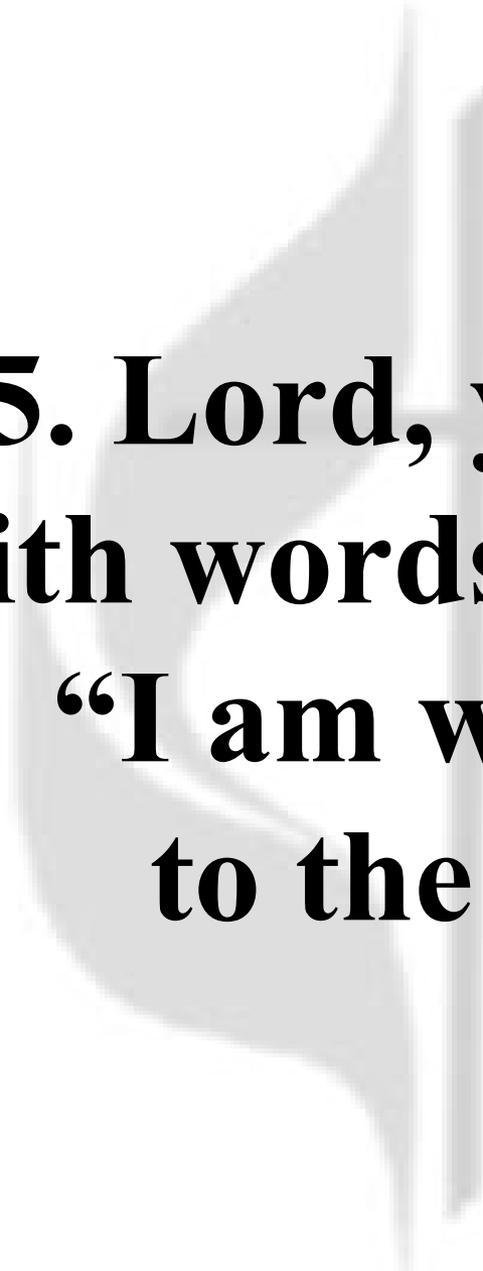
**Yet we hoard
as private treasure
all that you
so freely give.**



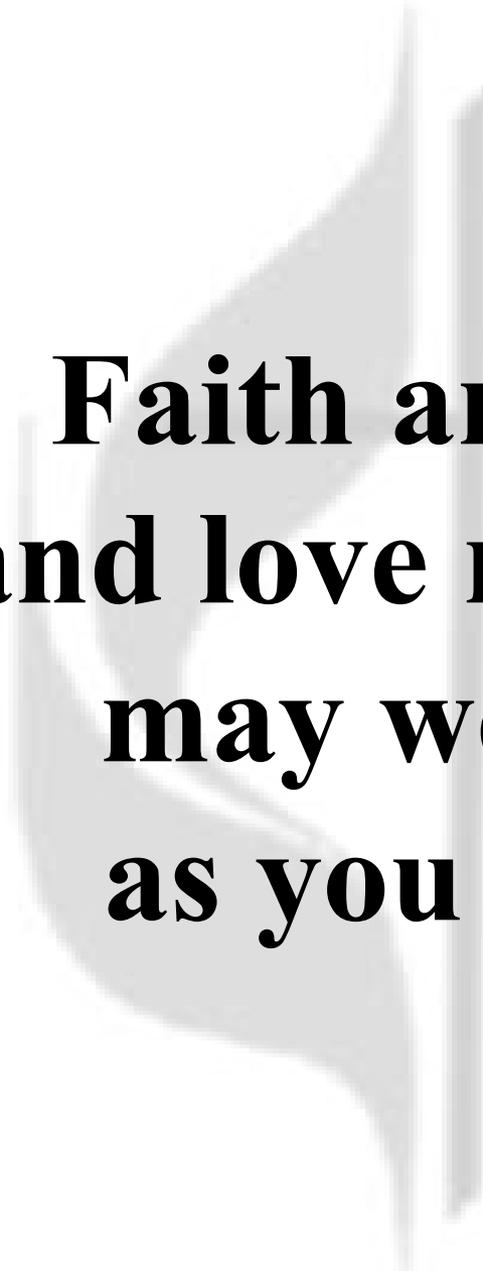
**May your care
and mercy lead us
to a just society.**

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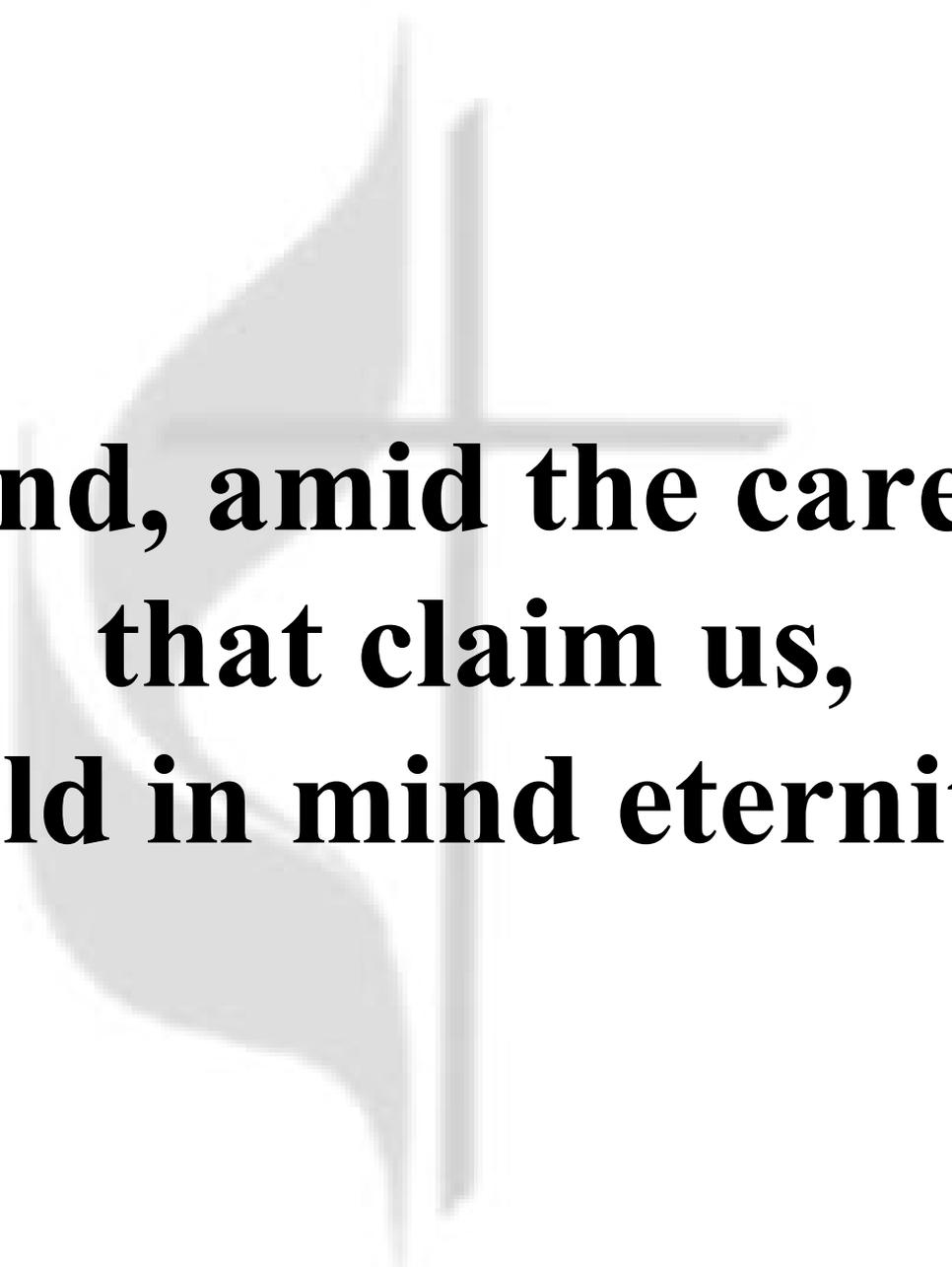
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**5. Lord, you bless
with words assuring:
“I am with you
to the end.”**



**Faith and hope
and love restoring,
may we serve
as you intend**



**and, amid the cares
that claim us,
hold in mind eternity.**

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