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FEATURING JAMES MORRISON ON TRUMPET, SAXOPHONE,
TROMBONE, FLUGEL HORN AND PIANO

PRELUDE

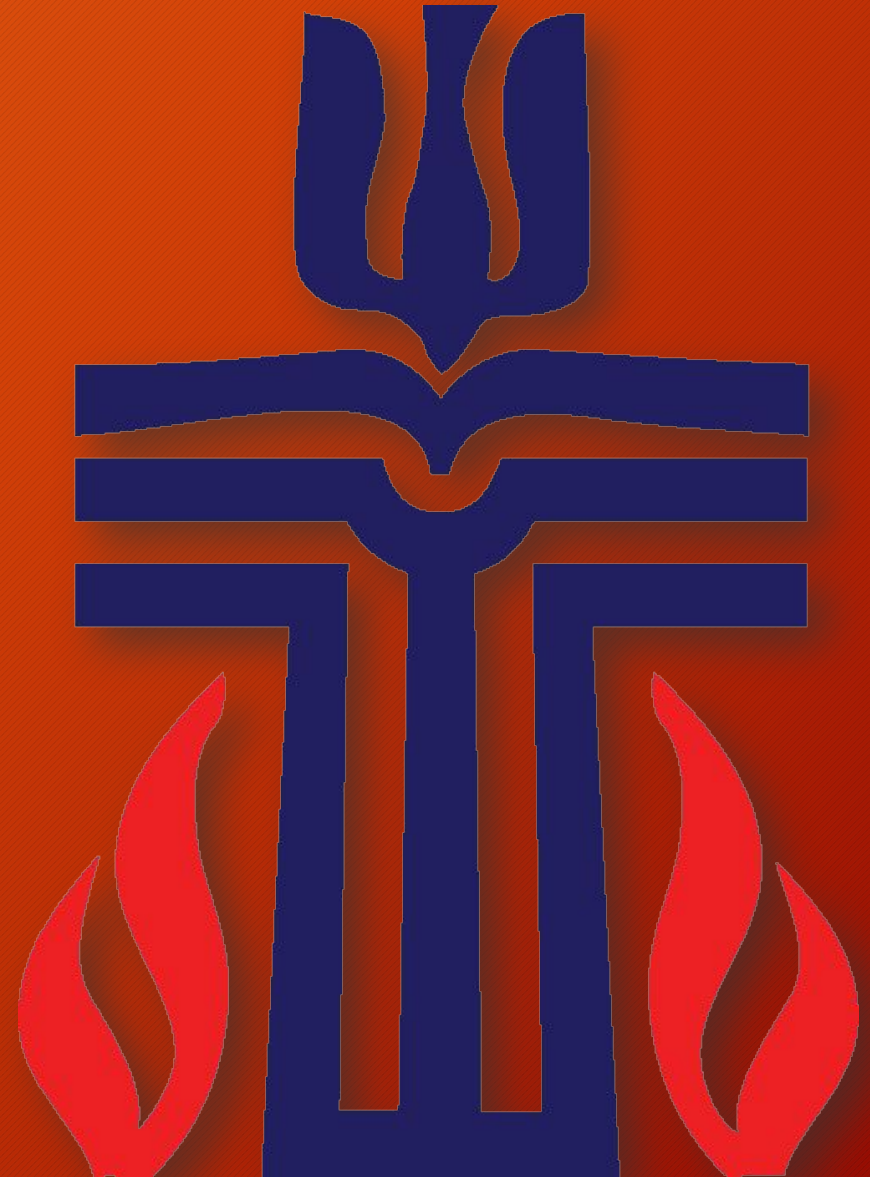
Joyful, Joyful
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Our help is in the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.
Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.



OPENING



Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Noon Day Prayer –Monday - Friday, via ZOOM
- Community Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM via ZOOM (login details will be provided this week via UPC FB page or at upcplainfield.org)
- Advent Daily Devotional, November 29 – December 21, 7:00 PM, via ZOOM
- Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM via YouTube



Psalm 90

1-12

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”

⁴ A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—

they are like the new grass of the morning:

⁶ In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your

¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.



great is thy faithfulness

OPENING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin to God and before one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

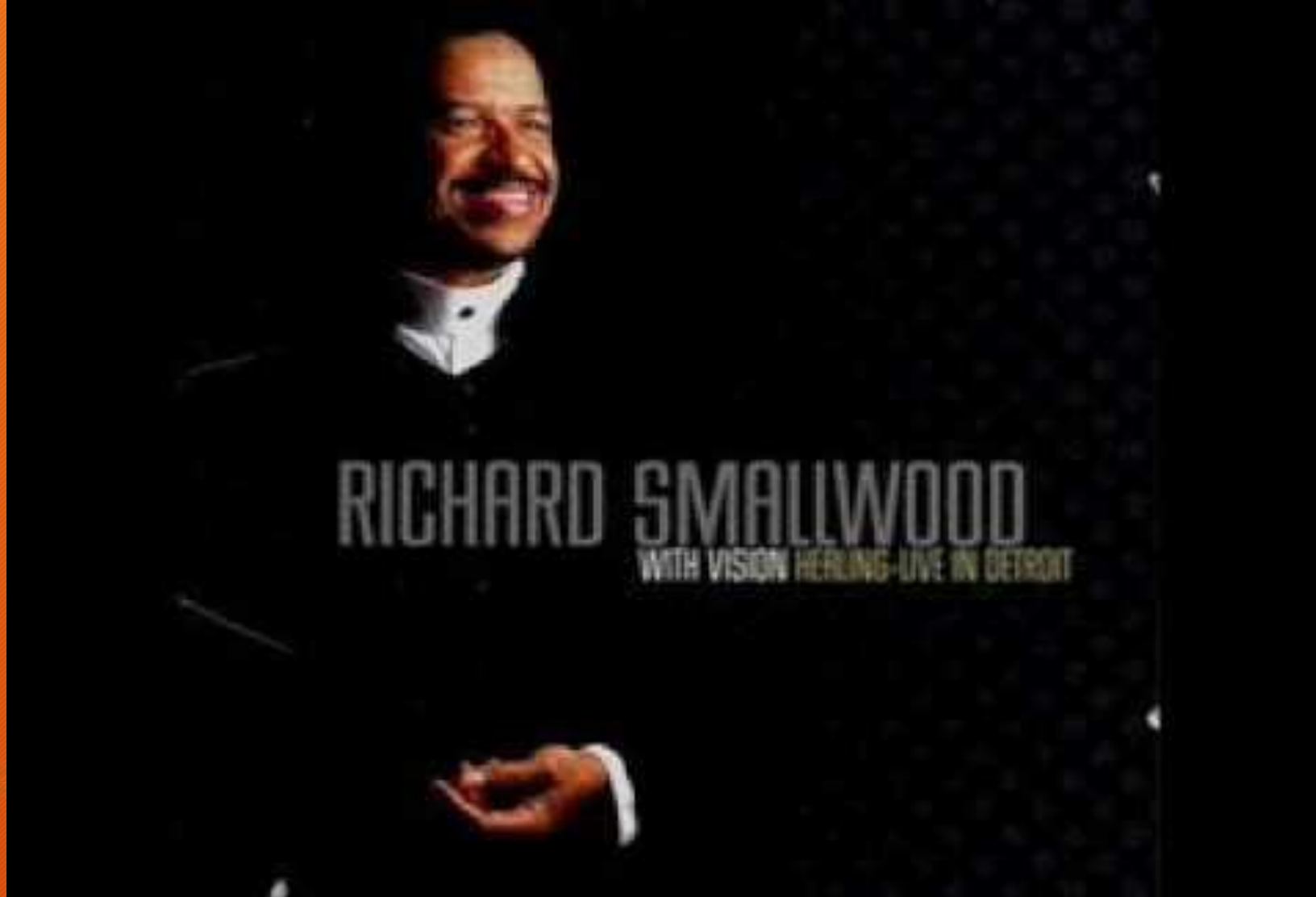
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

PASSING THE PEACE

•*THE LITURGIST:*

•The peace of Christ be with you.

•*THE CONGREGATION:*

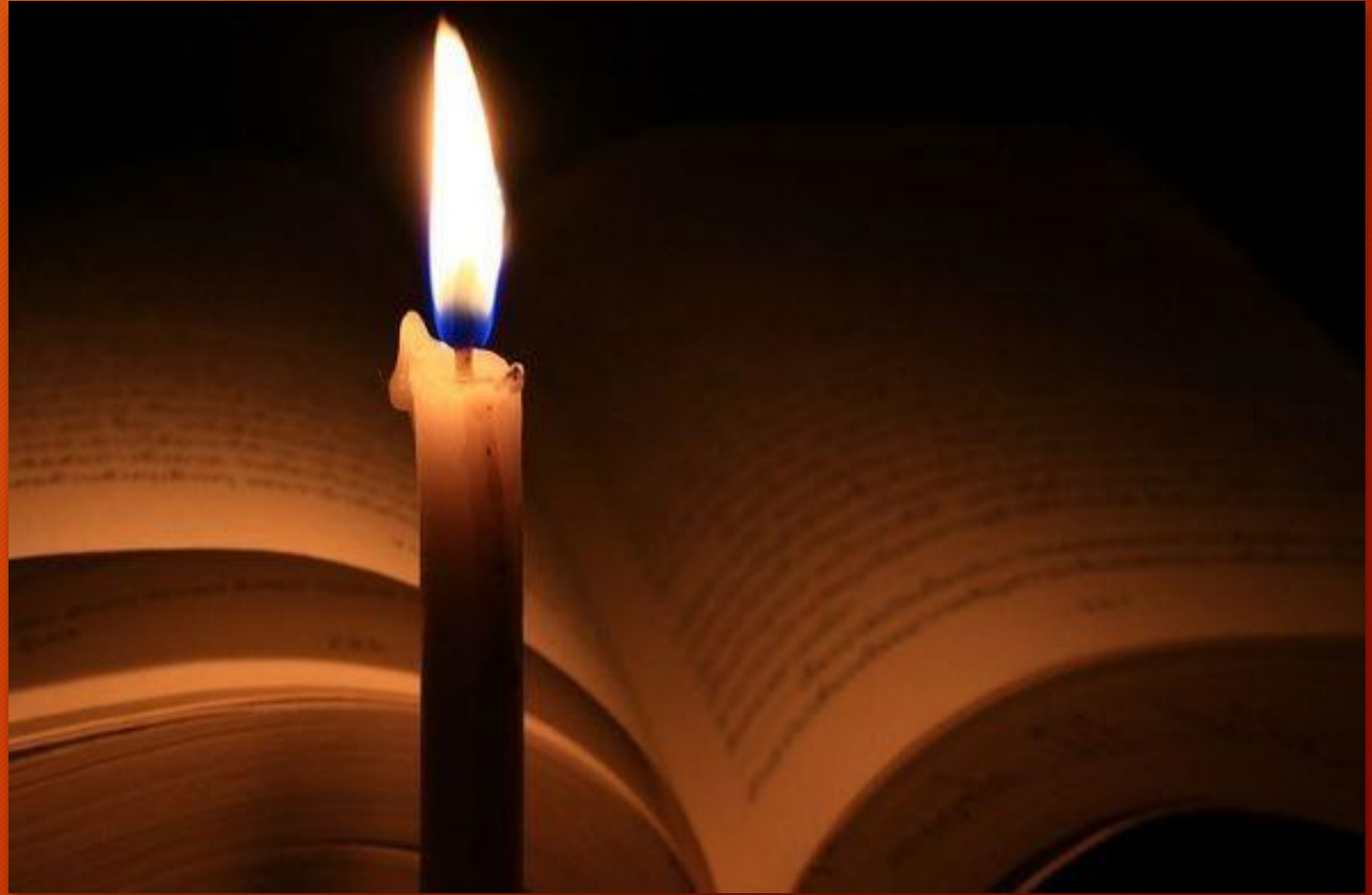
•And with you.



PEACE
BE WITH YOU

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE WORD PART 1

Matthew 25: 14-21

14 “Again, it is like the owner of a large and very profitable business enterprise going on a journey, who entrusts different sectors of the business to three senior staff members. To one he gives responsibility for five areas of the business, to another two areas, and to another one area, each according to the managers’ abilities. Then the owner went on the planned journey. The person who had received five sectors of the business immediately set about improving the sectors. Under her leadership, the areas grew exponentially in value and size. Likewise, the one given responsibility for two sectors, improved and increased the overall value of the areas for which he was responsible. But the person responsible for taking care of only one area of the business did nothing to improve or enlarge his area of responsibility. Instead that person, made no repairs or improvements to the area. The area was no better off under his leadership. “After a long time, the owner of the business returned. The woman who had received five sectors showed the owner the growth that took place in the areas for which she was responsible. The five sectors had grown so much the owner had to divide them into ten sectors. Upon seeing the improvements, “The owner replied, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things

THE WORD PART 2

Matthew 25: 22-30

I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share my prosperity!’ “The person assigned to tend two areas also came forward. ‘Sir,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two areas; I have increased them to four.’ “The owner replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share my blessings!’ “Then the person who had received one area to nurture and grow, came. ‘Sir,’ he said, ‘I know you are a hard person, taking that which you have not worked for and claiming it as your own. Because I was afraid of making a mistake, I maintained what you entrusted to me. Sir, think of it like this: “I saved the one thing you gave me. I kept it hidden like a piece of rare fine bone china or a valuable work of art. More importantly, it has not diminished in value. It is exactly as you left it. “The owner replied, ‘so, you know I look for ways to increase my wealth? Well then, you should have used what I gave you to improve the one area of the business for which you were responsible. Instead, you neglected the one area I entrusted to you. Remember this lesson, “Those who use what they are given for good will reap abundantly. Whoever does not use their gift to my glory and to the upbuilding of my kingdom, do not appreciate the opportunities I have presented to them. Because they have not put any effort into honing what they have been given, someday, they will regret their lack of appreciation for the gift and the Gift Giver. When they open their spiritual eyes, they will weep bitter tears of regret for then they will realize the high cost of their lack of faith in me.’



HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open My Eyes That I May See
The London Fox Choir
The City Of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra

THE SERMON

HYMN OF PREPARATION

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- HEALING

- UNITY

- PEACE

- JUSTICE

- SALVATION

- DELIVERANCE

- STRENGTH

- HOLY

- PERSPECTIVE

- JOY

- WHOLENESS

- HOPE

- OPPORTUNITIES

- GRATITUDE

- Nigeria

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
and ever. Amen.



THE BLESSING NIGERIA

The Blessing Nigeria
Believers sing 'The Blessing' over Nigeria