


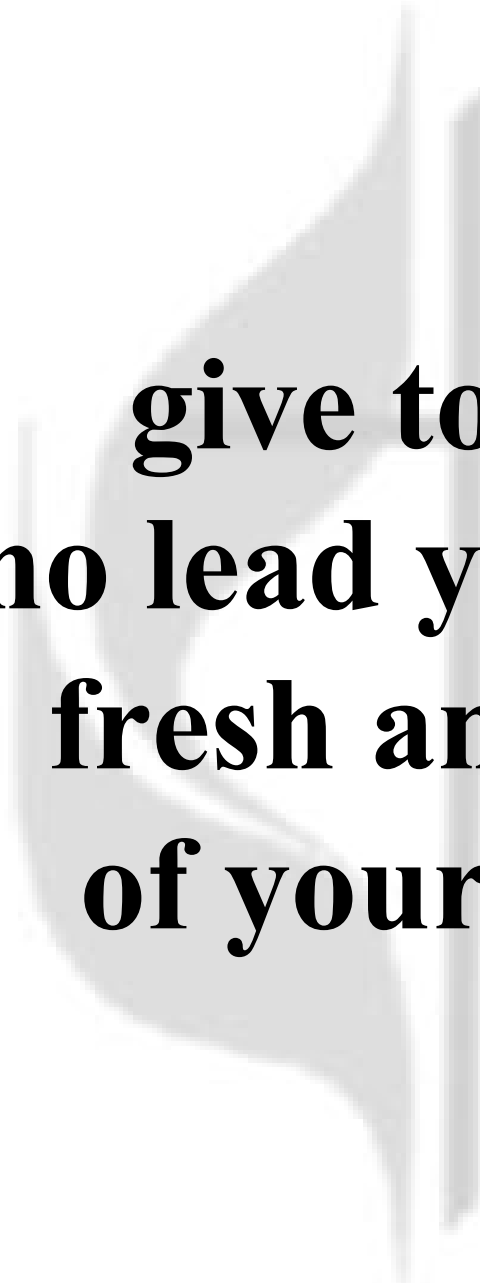
God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987


**1. God the Spirit,
guide and guardian,
wind-sped flame
and hovering dove,**




**breath of life
and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing,
power of love:**



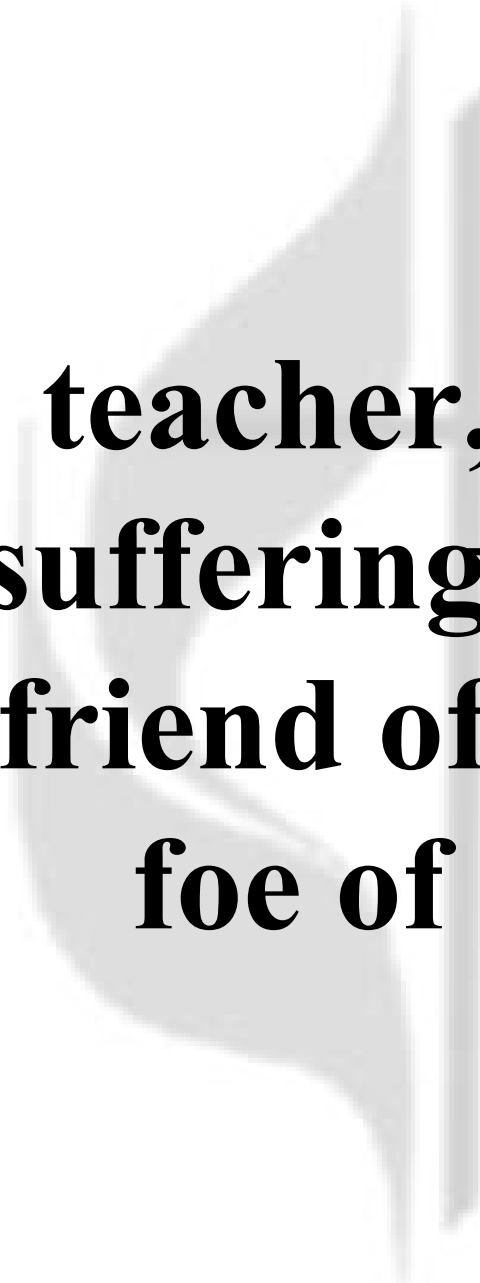
**give to those
who lead your people
fresh anointing
of your grace;**



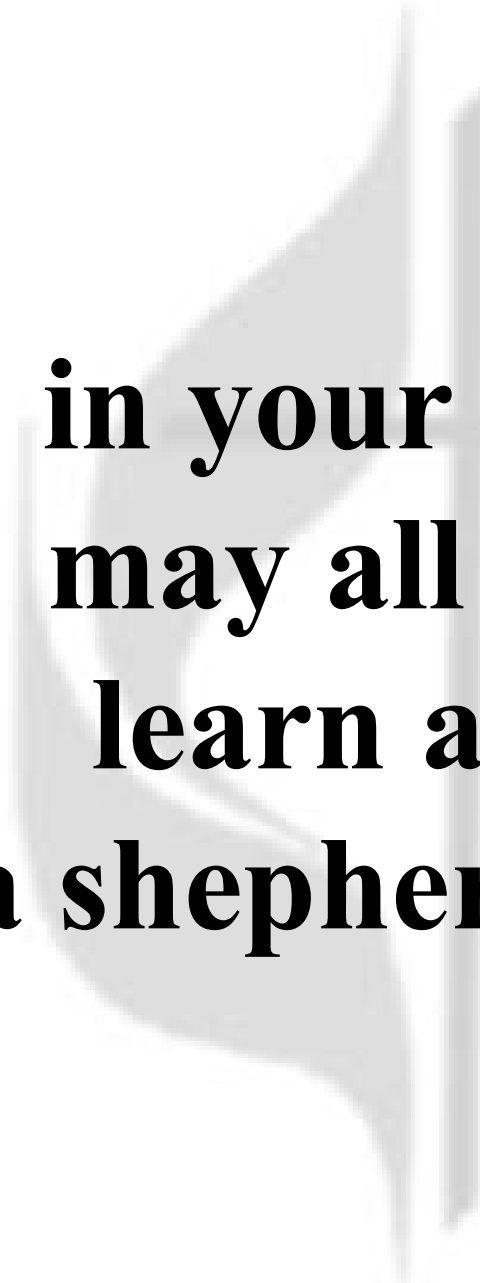
**send them forth
as bold apostles
to your church
in every place.**



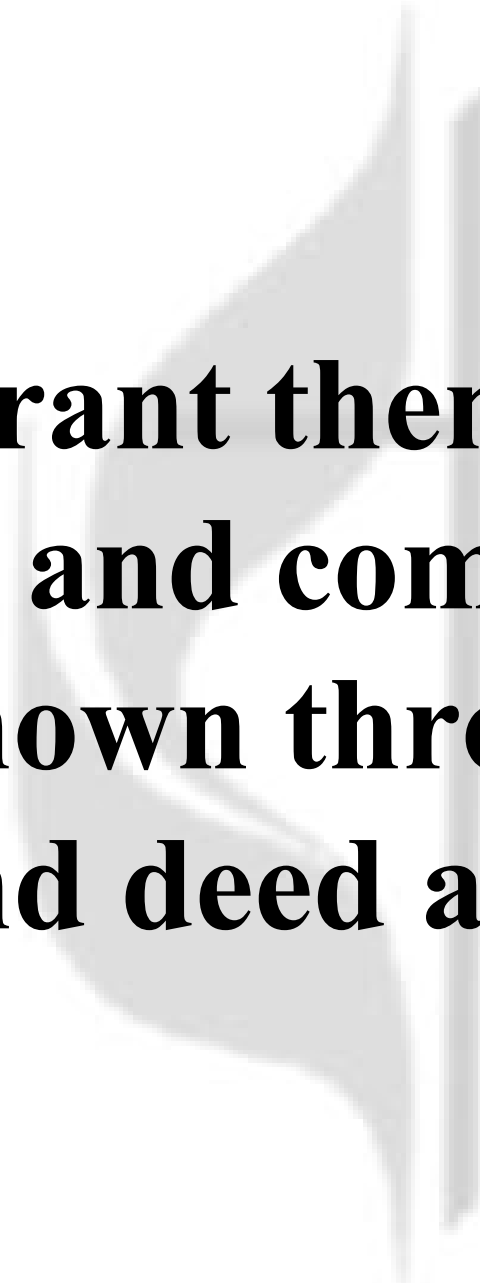
**2. Christ our Savior,
sovereign, shepherd,
word made flesh,
love crucified,**



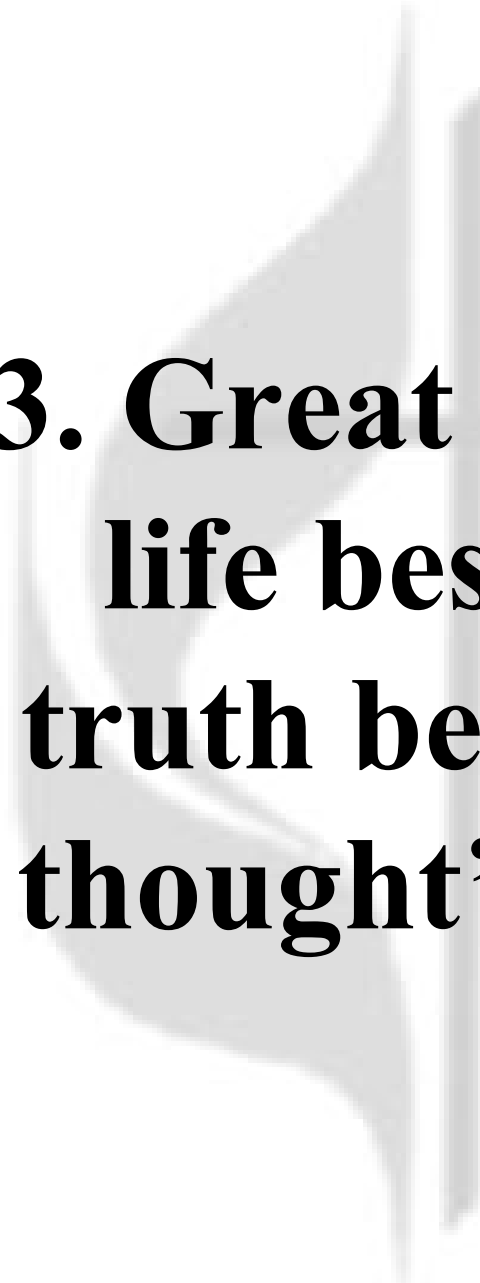
**teacher, healer,
suffering servant,
friend of sinners,
foe of pride:**




**in your tending
may all pastors
learn and live
a shepherd's care;**



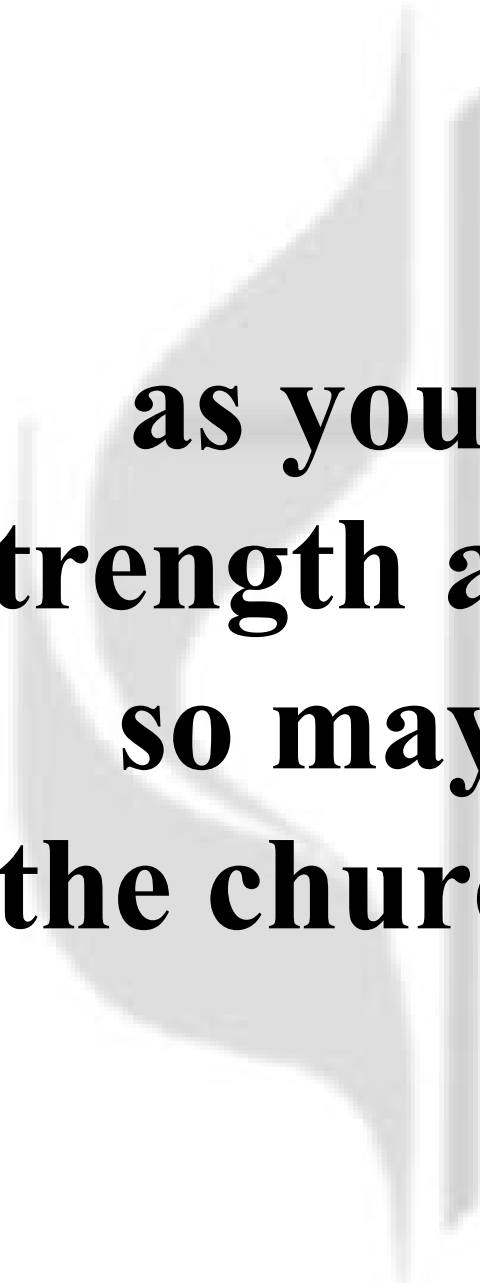
**grant them courage
and compassion
shown through word
and deed and prayer.**



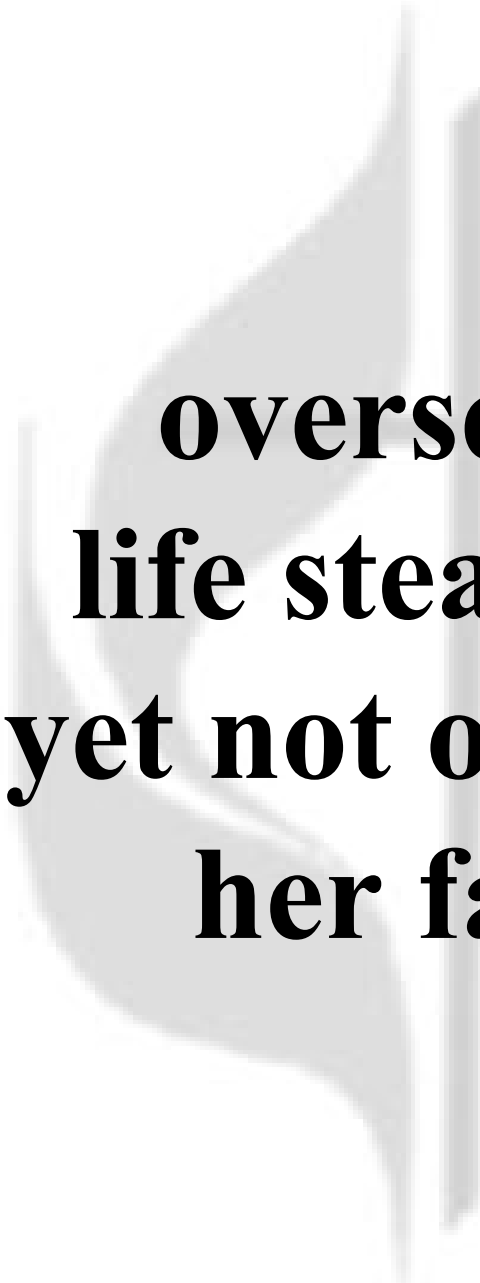
**3. Great Creator,
life bestower,
truth beyond all
thought's recall,**



**fount of wisdom,
womb of mercy,
giving and
forgiving all:**



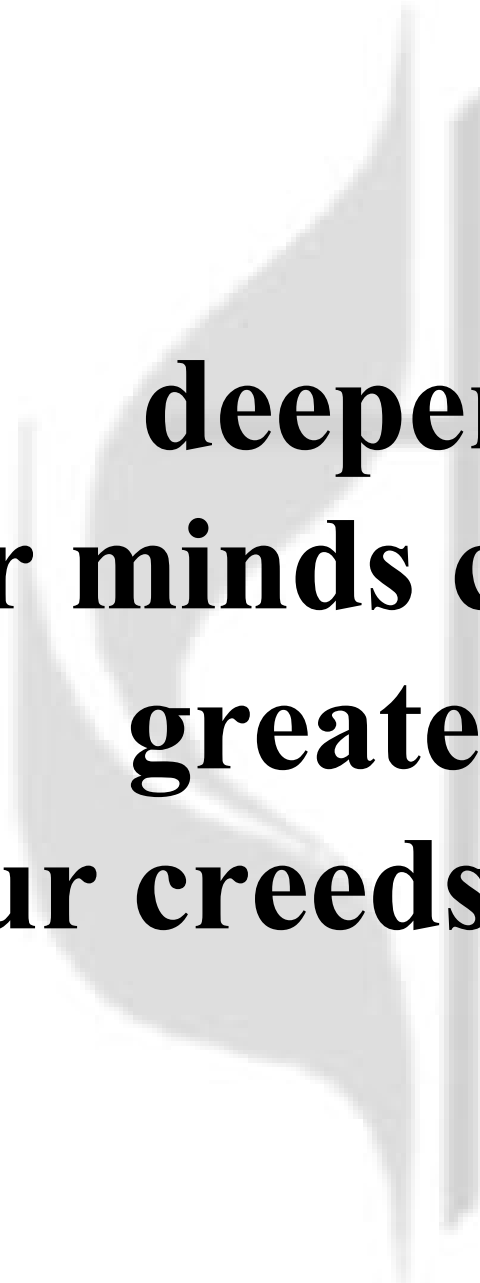
**as you know
our strength and weakness,
so may those
the church exalts**



**oversee her
life steadfastly
yet not overlook
her faults.**



**4. Triune God,
mysterious being,
undivided and diverse,**



**deeper than
our minds can fathom,
greater than
our creeds rehearse:**



**help us in
our varied callings
your full image
to proclaim,**



**that our ministries uniting
may give glory
to your name.**