

Candlelight Service

Nelsonville Lutheran Church

December 5, 2024



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

Opening Prayer of Praise (Psalm 8)

Tempo Rubato

[Leader]



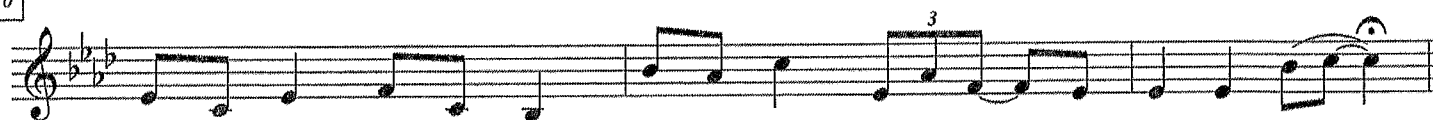
Lord, our Lord Lord, our Lord How ma-jest-ic is your name In the earth and the seas

6



Lord your glo-ry fills the world fills me. — The flocks the herds, the moon the stars and ev-en me. —

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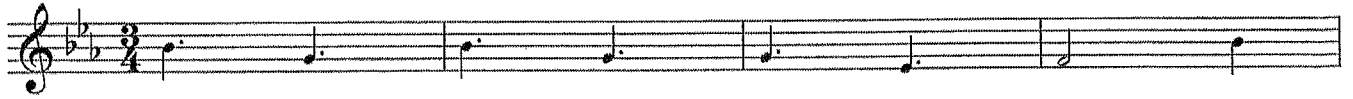
You have set all these things in their place utt-er-ings of joy and praise!

Text: GA

Music: Mongolian Folk Tune; arr. Mathew Buchman

Hentii Ondor Uul

Kyrie



5 [All]
 Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Christ is mer - cy Christ is mer - cy.

13 [Solo]
 Wrapped in God's love, we are held in a sweet em-brace. Faith, hope and love be-ing held in God's tend-er-ness.

21 [All] Wrapped in God's love, we are held in a sweet em-brace. Faith, hope and love be-ing held in God's tend-er-ness.
 [Solo] Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Christ is mer - cy Christ is mer - cy.

29 [All] Built up in love, as a dwell-ing for God's be-loved Once scatt-ered flock with its Sheph-erd now gath-ered to -
 [Solo] Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy

37
 geth - er in love, in love.

Text: GA
 Music: Mongolian Folk Tune

Buvie

Confession and Grace

4

[All] 1. Lord _____ fill our dreams _____ Lord _____ fill our heart
 2. Lord _____ hear our prayer _____ Our _____ cares you bear

4

[Solo] 2. Hear us Lord _____ You are near Take our fear
 2nd X^o

13

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We wait on you. You'll not part _____ Our shared lives connect us as we
 We turn to you. Draw us near _____ All our hopes and dreams are borne with-

God _____ of Love We draw near your hopes our dreams

21

rit.

pray to you oh Lord from near and far.
 in your heart dear Lord One in whole and part.

you give to us One in whole and part.

Text: GA
 Music: Mongolian Folk Tune; arr. Natsanjiin Jantsannorov

Setgeld Shingesen Govi

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Everlasting God,

All: we confess we are bound by sin and cannot be unbound but by your grace and love. Look upon us with mercy. You who loved us first, turn our hearts to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world.

Amen.

Pastor: Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon all.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

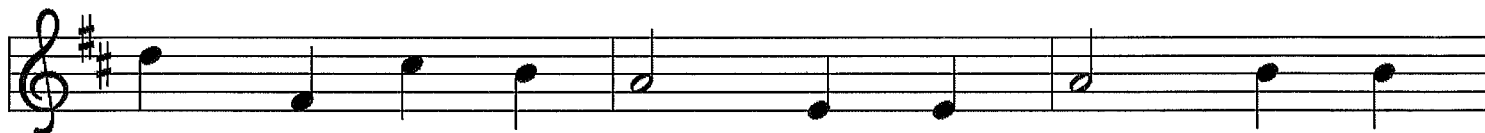
As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
 2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
 3 As the moon re - flects the sun
 4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
 be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
 un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
 en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
 see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
 heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
 stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
 wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: LUCENT, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers that surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTION**Pastor Gretchen Anderson**

(Two minutes of silence)

A bell will mark the beginning, the middle and the end of this time.

May God guide your thoughts and bless your meditations.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lost in the Night



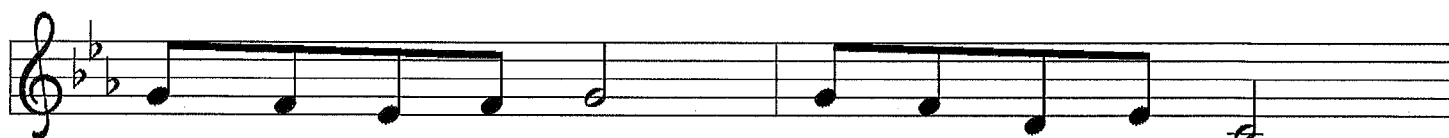
1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,
 2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?
 3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,
 4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;



long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,
 Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,
 dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,
 riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,



plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.
 giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?
 death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling.
 bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.



Will not day come soon?	Will not day come soon?
Will you help us soon?	Will you help us soon?
Christ is com - ing soon!	Christ is com - ing soon!
Come and save us soon!	Come and save us soon!

Text: Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee, 1859–1943, alt.

Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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OFFERING

(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection plate is available in the narthex of the church. To support the ministries during this pandemic time and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)

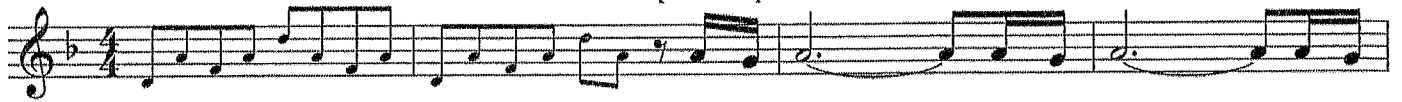
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR ENDS EACH PETITION WITH: MERCIFUL GOD

**CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH: ALL OUR LONGINGS AND OUR LOSS
FELT WITHIN YOUR HEART**

Prayers of the Church

[Leader]



Here us Lord _____ Hear our prayer _____ All our

5



sighs are known to you All our long - ings and our loss Felt with - in your heart

10

(Pastor's prayers and petitions)

Open

2. (P: Merciful God.)

[All]



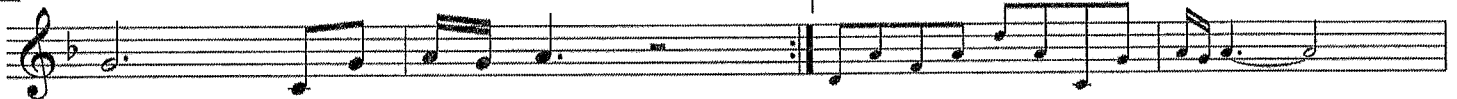
All our long - ings and our

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repeat to m.10 as necessary

Last X

(P: Merciful God.)



loss Felt with - in your heart

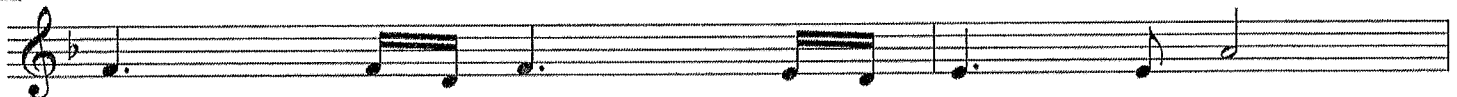
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[All]



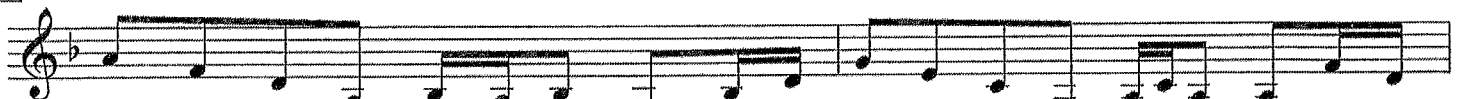
May we know the height and depth _____ and the broad-ness of your love _____ We shall

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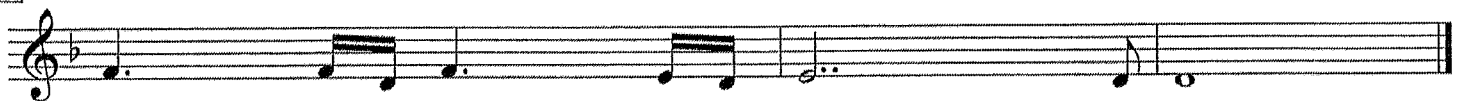
know that this gift is from you Your love.

23



You shall be im - meas-urab - ly more than the lim - its of our thoughts _____ Here, your

25



pow'r is at work with - in us Your Love.

Text: GA

Music: Buyambasuren Sharav

I Want to Go to the Bright Horizon

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Tonight we affirm and proclaim in the words of institution the truth ... One body. One cup. One Body of Christ. Please look for those responses within the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(A note about Holy Communion: Communion will be distributed to you where you sit. There is one cup divided with a small wafer on one end and the wine on the other. Instructions will be provided for each step.)

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

All: One body.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

All: One cup.

P: Holy God, reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world, equipped to embody justice, peace and love.

All: One Body.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 those who 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PASTOR: Remove the foil and receive ... the Body of Christ for you
Remove the foil and receive ... the Blood of Christ for you

Benediction

$\text{♩} = 60$

rit. [Leader]

The Lord bless

6 *a tempo* Dm Bb Gm F A7 Dm Eb6 D7

you. Bless - es you and keep you Lift up your head for His

11 Gm Bb Asus A7 Dm *rit.* // *slower*

light will shine on you like the sun through you in you on you.

Text: GA
Music: Buyambasaren Sharav

Setgeliin Egshig