

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church
January 9, 2025



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

Opening Prayer of Praise (Psalm 8)

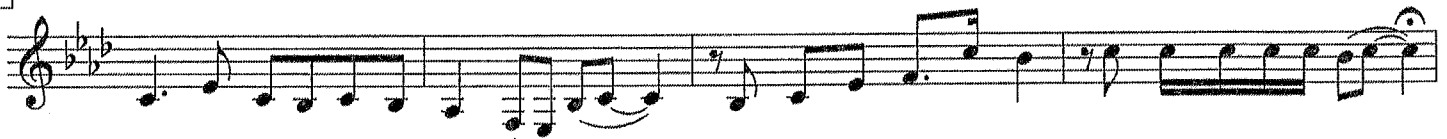
Tempo Rubato

[Leader]



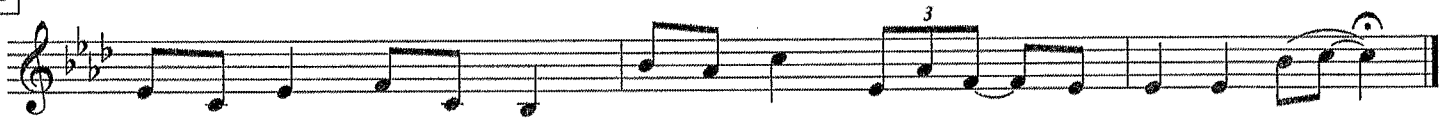
Lord, our Lord Lord, our Lord How ma-jest-ic is your name In the earth and the seas

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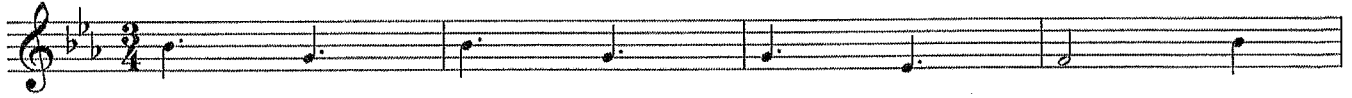
You have set all these things in their place utt-er-ings of joy and praise!

Text: GA

Music: Mongolian Folk Tune; arr. Mathew Buchman

Hentii Ondor Uul

Kyrie



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[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 dwel-ling 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

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

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

13 *rit. - - - - a tempo*

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

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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

Love Has Come

*Light has come, A force in the darkness
Light has come as/for our Christ has drawn near
See our hope that from shadows is lifting
Hope will arise, God's love is gifting
Light Light. Light from the Son arises..
Light Light. Light, everlasting Life.*

*Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

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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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1 will be solo



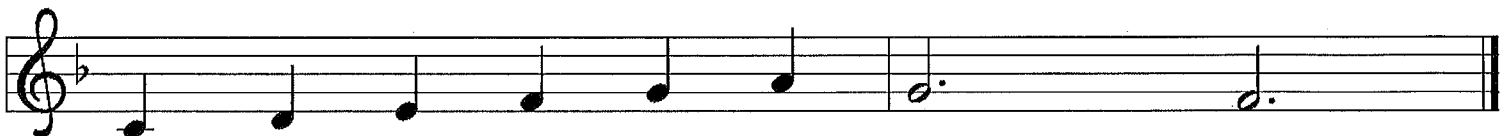
SOLO Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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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.)

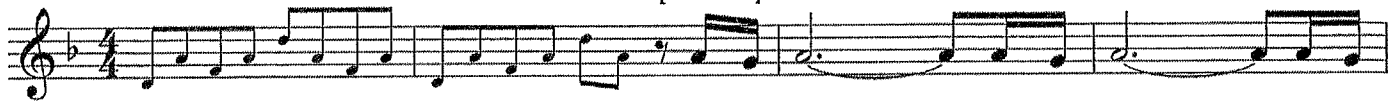
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

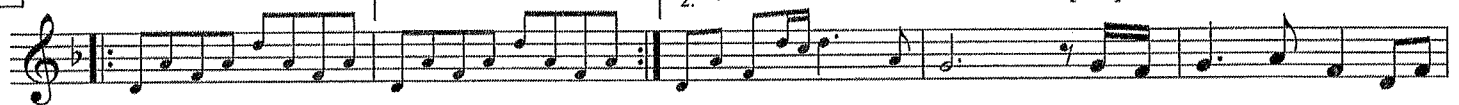
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(Pastor's prayers and petitions)

Open

2. (P: Merciful God.)

[All]



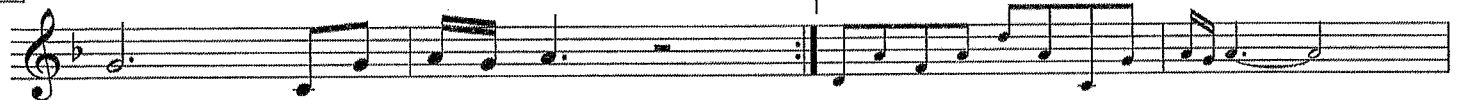
All our long - ings and our

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repeat to m.10 as necessary

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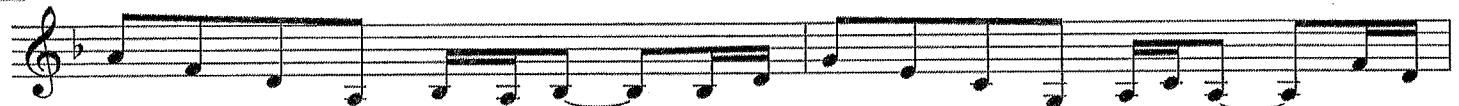
(P: Merciful God.)



loss Felt with - in your heart

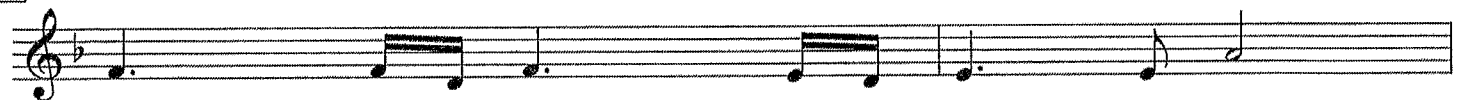
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[All]



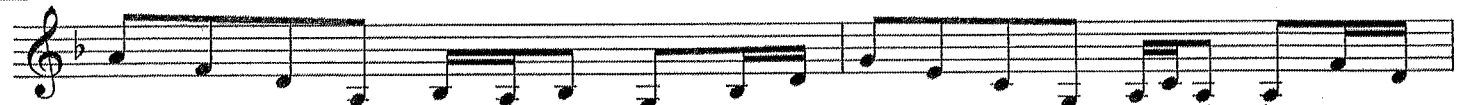
May we know the height and depth _____ and the broad-ness of your love _____ We shall

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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

♩=60

rit. [Leader]
The Lord bless

6

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

11

rit. // *slower*
light will shine on you like the sun through you in you on you.

Text: GA
Music: Buyambasaren Sharav

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