

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church
July 31, 2025

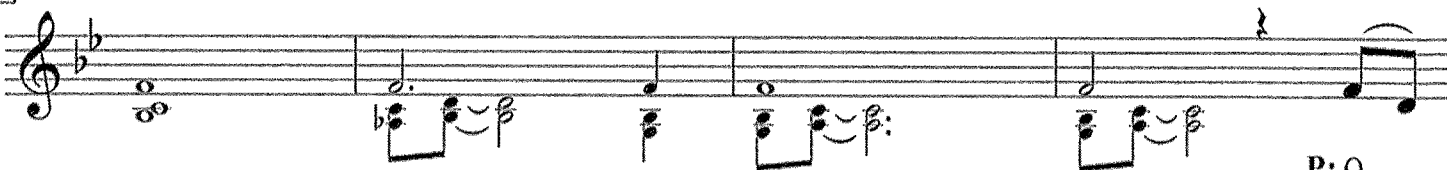


Opening Prayer

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P: O__

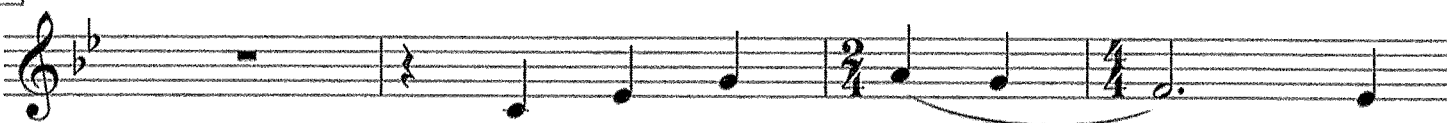
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Lord,

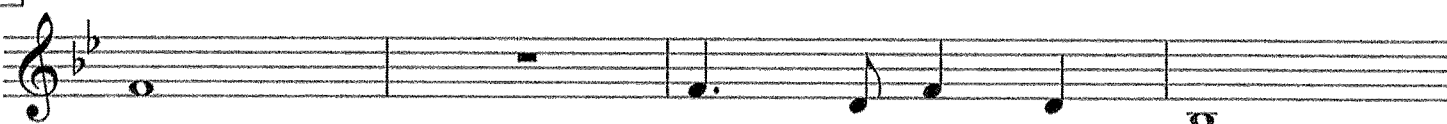
our spi - rits lan - guish

14



All: Lord God we need _____ you

18



here

You have seen our tears

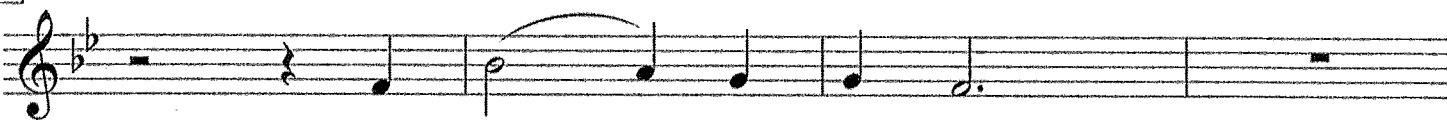
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You have felt our fears.

O__ Lord,

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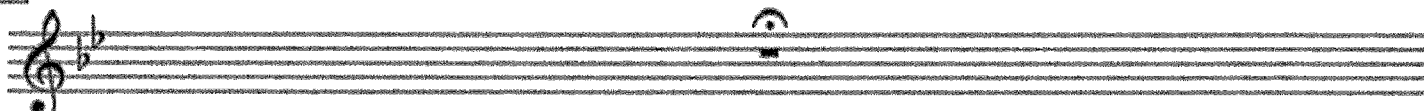
our will _____ is weak - ened.

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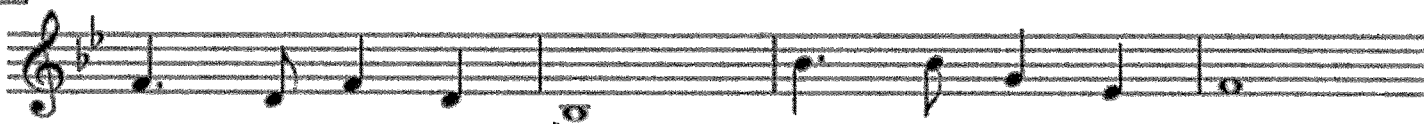
our sins we here and now de - clare.

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(Time for silent prayer)*

36



P: Here we're made a - ware All: Now we're made a - ware.

40



O Lord, O Lord, O Lord draw us

47

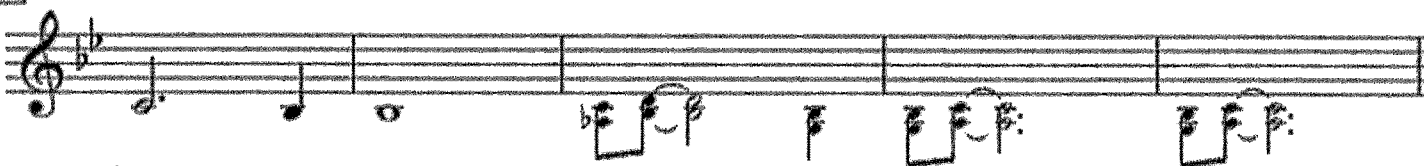
near Your ho - ly spheres Lord
a tempo

51



draw us near let light and

56



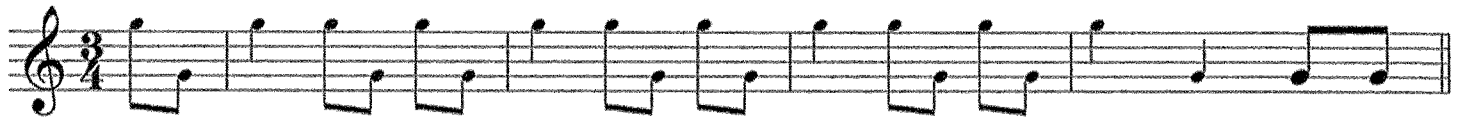
hope ap - pear.

* a suggested prayer for silent reflection and confession:

"Most merciful God, I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not kept your commandments to love you with my whole heart and to love my neighbors as myself. I bring these things to you (), seeking your forgiveness and guiding hand.

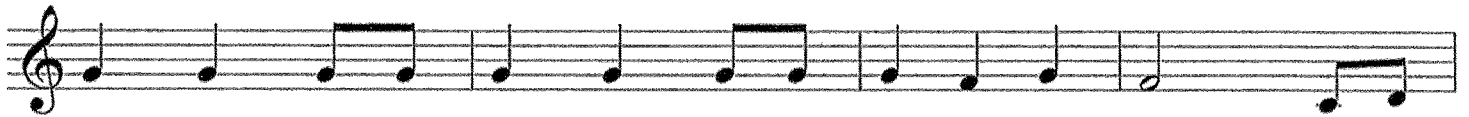
Kyrie

♩=80



All: Lord have

5



9

mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy for all You have



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prom - ised You will hold us And will keep us one and all Lov-ing



17

Shep - herd, Ho - ly Spi - rit You will not let us fall In Your



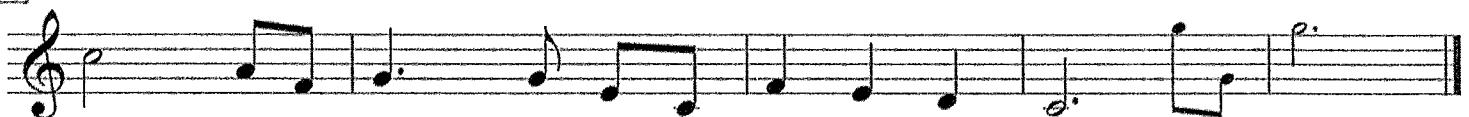
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good - ness You for - give us by Your name we are called. In your



25

arms, we will rest Now for - ev - er we're bless'd All our



hopes all our dreams are now en - fold - ed in you.

Absolution and Promise



P: God is

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here Have no fear Ev - 'ry sin dis - a - pears E - ter - nal

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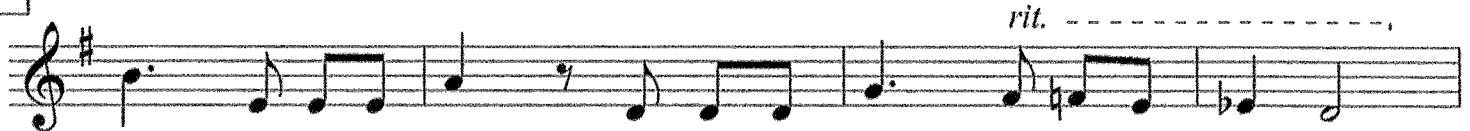
love for the be - loved You are e - ver in safe keep - ing God for

11



you your sins he knew yet with love You've been pur - sued here on

15



earth not just a - bove It's grace that holds you in safe keep - ing

19



All: Now and for - e - ver Not a - part but to - ge - ther

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Held here now.

OPENING HYMN

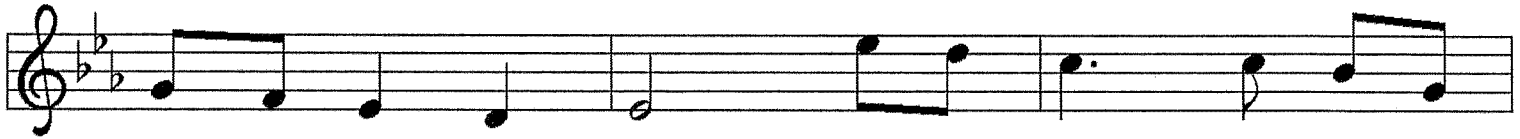
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

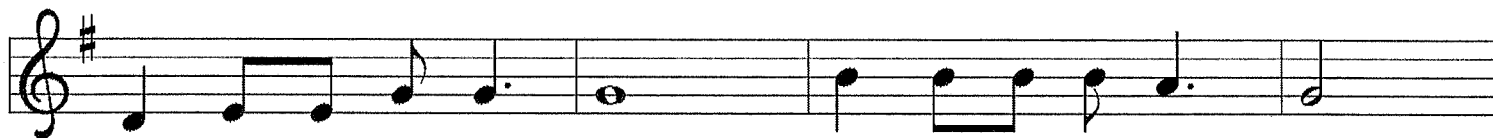
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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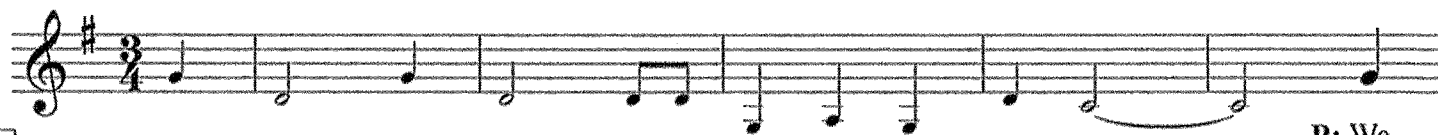
(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection plate is available in the narthex of the church. To support the ministries during this pandemic time and as a response 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: We trust you, help us trust you more

YOUR RESPONSE: And we thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all.

Prayers of the Church



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P: We



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come to You and we trust that You hear us. _____ All: God we



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(Prayer Petitions)



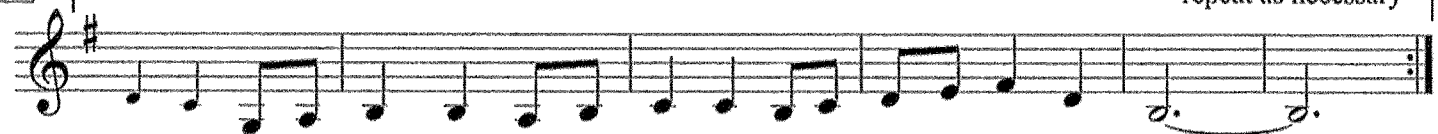
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P: We trust You,
help us trust You more...



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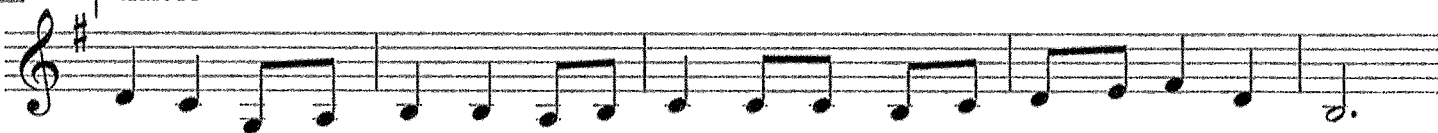
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All: And we thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all. _____

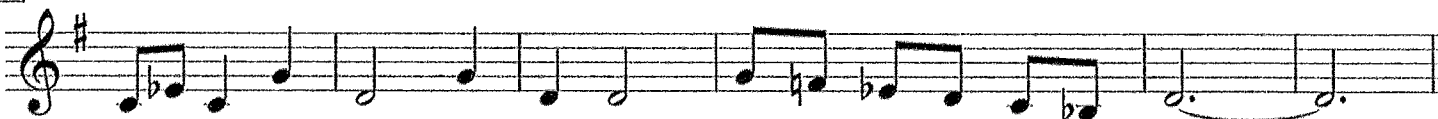
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Last X



All: God we're grate-ful you are faith-ful these cares we place with-in Your hands. _____

30



_____ You kept Your pro-mise gave your self to one and all. _____

HOLY COMMUNION

(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

5 P: The Lord bless - es and keeps you and shines now on you, you're made

10 new here, a bless ing; words made trust-worth-y and true. In your hearts Christ shall

15 dwell there in meas - ure - less love, heav'n ly pow'r, and God's grace, in its

20 lim - it - less - ness. May you now comp-re - hend love that will ne - ver

26 end. You are blessed; we can rest, held with sweet tend - er - ness. God's

30 Spir - it, here with you, dear one. You are blessed.

Dear one love wins, dear one. A -

Amen

33 men! let it be so! A - men! A - men! For it is

4 so!