

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church

March 20, 2025



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad!

You are set free and restored to life through the death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Absolution

MB/GA



Pastor: God has

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set you free **All:** we are free in - deed He has

9



paid the price for ³ us all. _____ God has

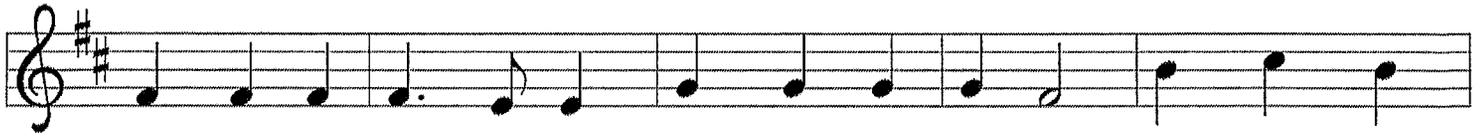
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set us free we are free in - deed. A - men! _____

OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

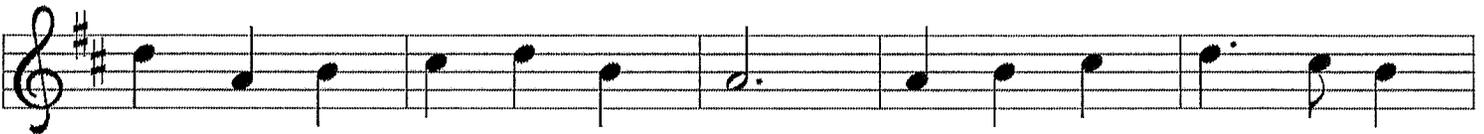


pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Lord, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself. Through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us to seek the wisdom that comes only 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

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



- 1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
- 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
- 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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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.)

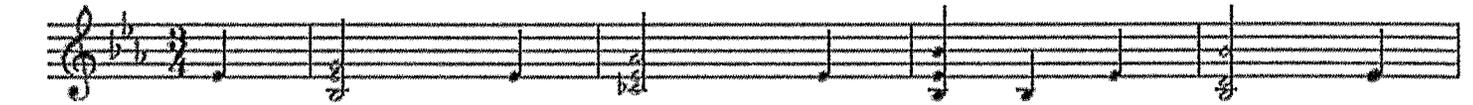
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR ENDS EACH PETITION WITH: MERCIFUL GOD

CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH: WHOSE GOODNESS FAILETH NEVER

Prayers of the Church

MB/GA



5 Pastor: The

9 King of love my shep - herd is whose
good - ness fail - eth ³ ne - ver.

13 (Pastor's prayers & petitions) (P: Merciful God.)

19 repeat to m. 13 as necessary

24 Last X

28 All: The King of love my shep - herd
is whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver

32 I noth - ing lack if I am his and

37 he is mine for - ev - er.

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

Lamb of God

7 All: Lamb of God you take a -
11 way the sin of the world have mer -
15 cy u - pon us. Lamb of God you
19 take a - way the sin of the world
— you grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: '7 All: Lamb of God you take a -', '11 way the sin of the world have mer -', '15 cy u - pon us. Lamb of God you', '19 take a - way the sin of the world', and '— you grant us peace.' There are bar lines and repeat signs throughout the score. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the third staff.

Benediction

6 Pastor: God bless - es
10 — and keeps you. See the bless - ings
14 — be - side you. God lifts up your
head and now smiles on you.

The musical score for 'Benediction' is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: '6 Pastor: God bless - es', '10 — and keeps you. See the bless - ings', '14 — be - side you. God lifts up your', and 'head and now smiles on you.' There are bar lines and repeat signs throughout the score. A 'rit.' (ritardando) marking is present above the first staff of the final line.

Amen

5 All: A -

9 men A - men A - men A - men A -

13 men A - men. A -

men.

Detailed description: The score is for the hymn 'Amen' in 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is the piano accompaniment, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The melody begins on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The second staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody begins on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'men A - men A - men A - men A -' are written below the notes. The third staff continues the vocal line with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'men A - men.' are written below the notes. The fourth staff continues the vocal line with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics 'men.' are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

