

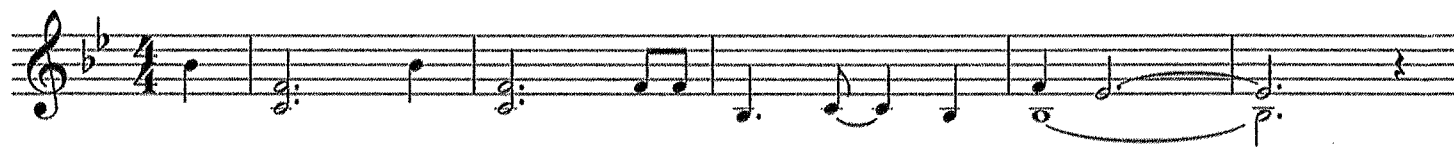
*Candlelight Service*  
*Nelsonville Lutheran Church*

*May 1, 2025*

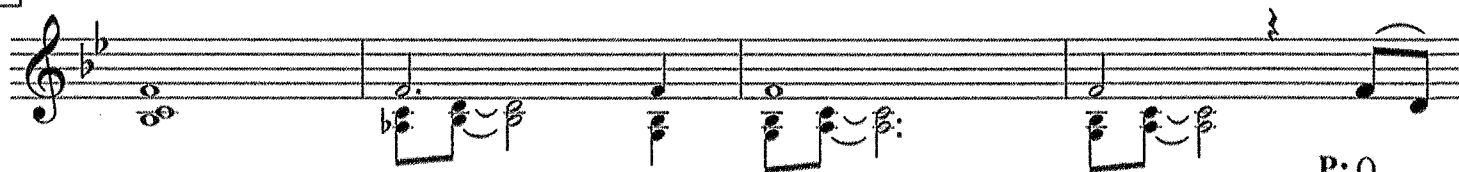


# Opening Prayer

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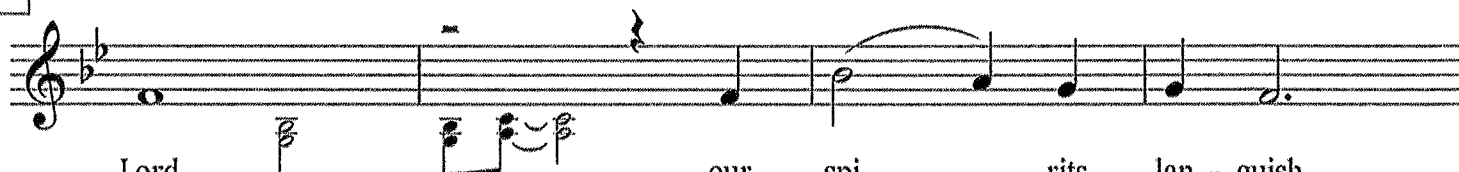


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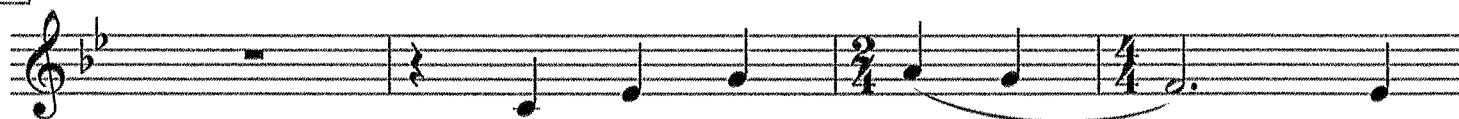
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Lord, our spi - rits lan - guish

14



All: Lord God we need \_\_\_\_\_ you

18



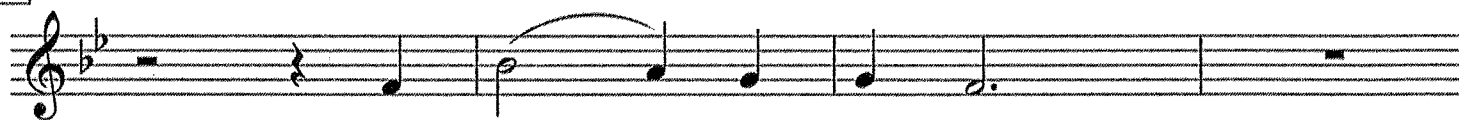
here You have seen our tears

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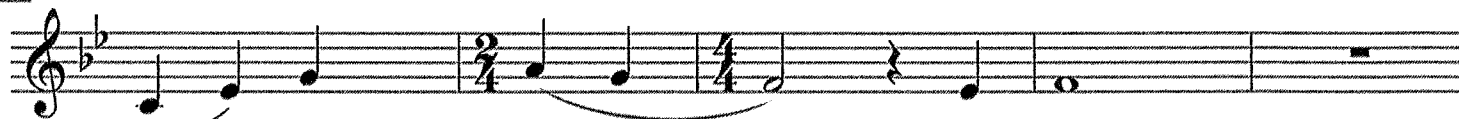
You have felt our fears. O Lord,

26



our will \_\_\_\_\_ is weak - ened.

30



our sins we here and now de - clare.

35



(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



13

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



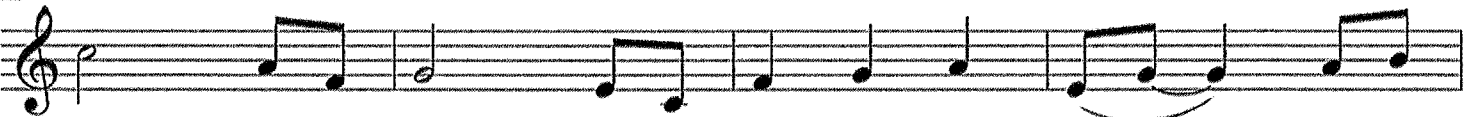
17

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



21

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

3

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: D4 (quarter), E4-F#4 (eighth notes), G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth notes), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), and F#5 (quarter).

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

7

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

11

*a tempo*

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a sequence of notes: a quarter note (F#), an eighth note (G), a quarter note (A), a quarter note (B), a half note (C), a quarter note (D), a quarter note (E), a quarter note (F#), a half note (G), a quarter note (A), a quarter note (B), a half note (C), a quarter note (D), a quarter note (E), a quarter note (F#), and a half note (G).

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

*a tempo*

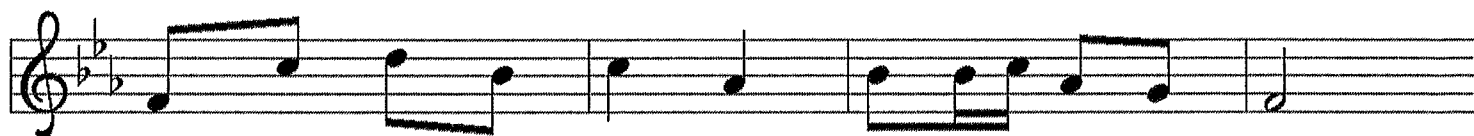
**All:** Now and for - e - ver Not a - part but to - ge - ther

23

Held here now.

## OPENING HYMN

### Now the Green Blade Rises



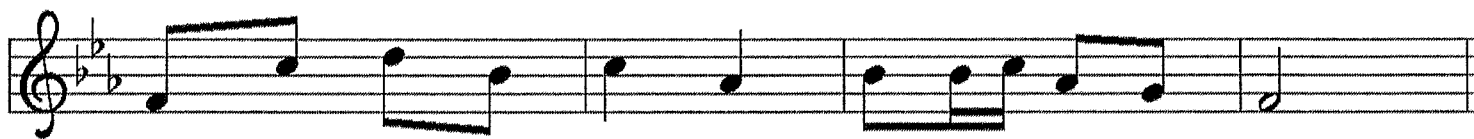
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ALL:** Almighty God, as we gather this day, we recognize that Your Word is like a seed, a powerful force for growth and change. We open our hearts to receive this precious seed, that it may take root and flourish, bearing fruit that pleases You. Grant us the grace to be good soil, nurturing Your Word in our lives, that we may grow in faith, love, and service to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

### ***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***

*Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

*Lord, let my heart be good soil  
Open to the seed of your word  
Lord, let my heart be good soil  
A space where faith and hope takes root and grows  
When a need is known roll away the stone.  
When my faith's mislaid be my Guide and Aide.  
When another's need must overtake my own,  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart  
Lord, let my heart become soil.*

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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](http://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

6  P: We

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


 thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all.

16 (Prayer Petitions)



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



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

25 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

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

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.\_\_\_\_ You are blessed. A -

# Amen

34 men!\_\_\_\_ let it be so!\_\_\_\_ A - men! A - men! For it is

5 so!