

Candlelight Service

Nelsonville Lutheran Church

November 21, 2024



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

DIALOG

Psalm 139

Pastor & People

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Anderson

7
Pastor: You
(You)
(De) -

12
search me, Lord, and know me. You know when I
know, O Lord, and completely. The words not yet
air - ing dark - ness round me. I hid wish -

17
sit on and rise; my go - ing out and my
night to con - ceal. But a dark - est night will shine -

22
ly - ing down; you are fa - mi - liar with all my ways
hind and be - fore. know - ing ful - ly what's yet in store.
just as bright, for dark - ness is as light to you.

26
Where can I go from your Spi - rit?
You lay your hand upon me.
You, Lord, are a - ted my be - ing.

30
It Where can I flee from your pre - sence?
Kint mat - ters me not to - ge - ther by hand.

34
If Whe - ther the hea - ven's heights or the depths of de -
In my mo - ther's womb where life would

39
spair sea with You me Lord are there. All: Where
sea bloom, my life was planned. Our Where

44
shall we go to - day, dear Lord? We are ga - thered
paths are marked with your gifts, dear Lord? The ea - gle
shall we go to - day, dear Lord? Your spi - rit

49
in scars here your Spi - rit. En - light - ened, called, made
a - rit. The ri - ver, draws the
to guide. We live our life with

1.2.3. 4.

ho - ly and whole To - ge - ther, we shall jour - ney. You
deer in pause Heav - en's blue gift - ed us in love. De
in your grace your Be - ing holds our place.

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

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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

13



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

OPENING HYMN

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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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.

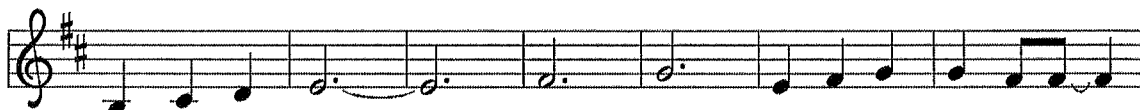
HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

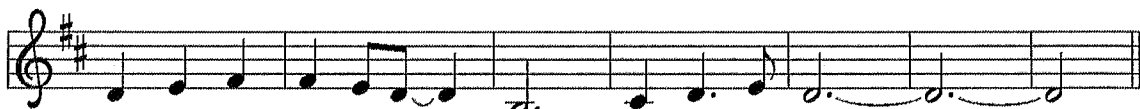
Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



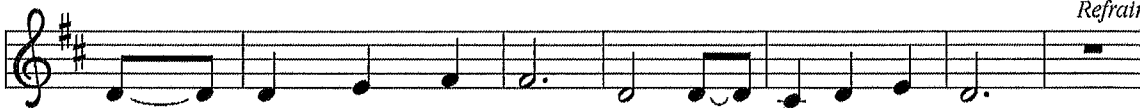
- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

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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.)

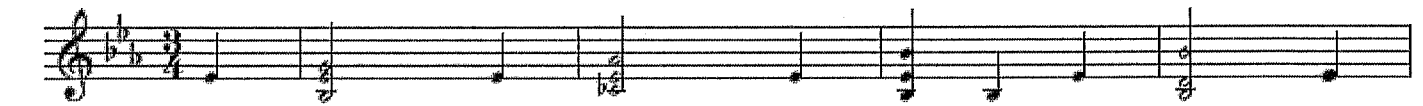
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR ENDS EACH PETITION WITH: MERCIFUL GOD

CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH: WHOSE GOODNESS FAILETH NEVER

Prayers of the Church

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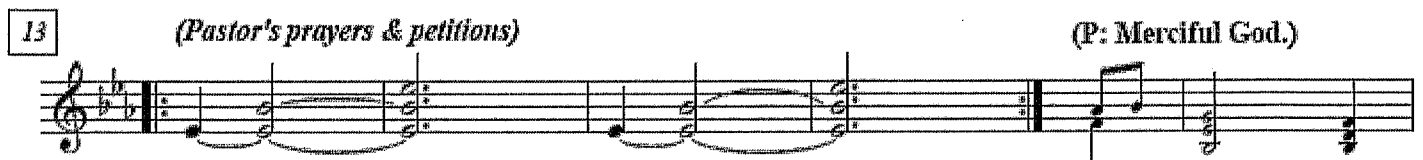
5 Pastor: The



9 King of love my shep - herd is whose
good - ness fail - eth³ ne - ver.



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



19 repeat to m. 13 as necessary

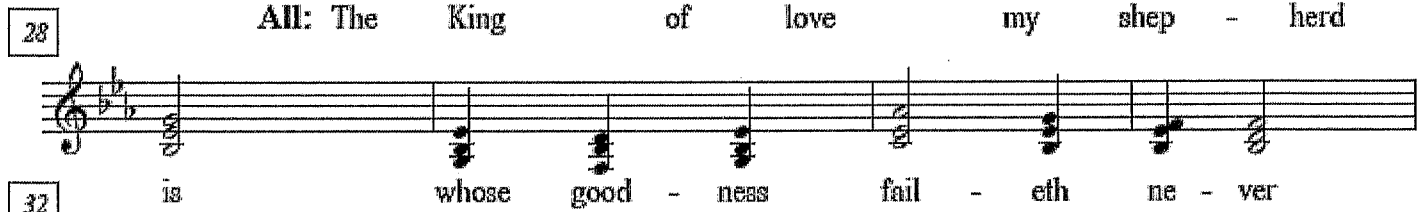


24 All: whose good - ness fail - eth³ ne - ver.

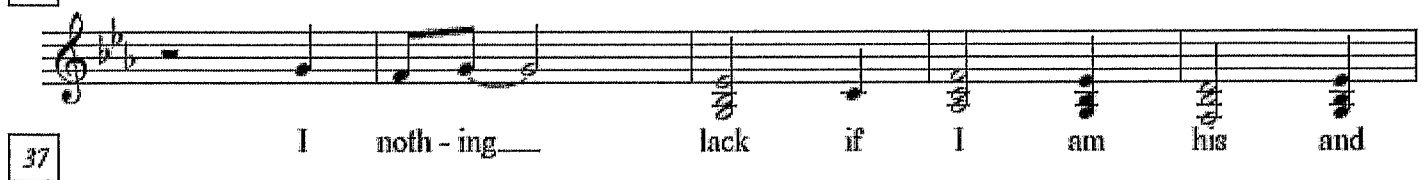
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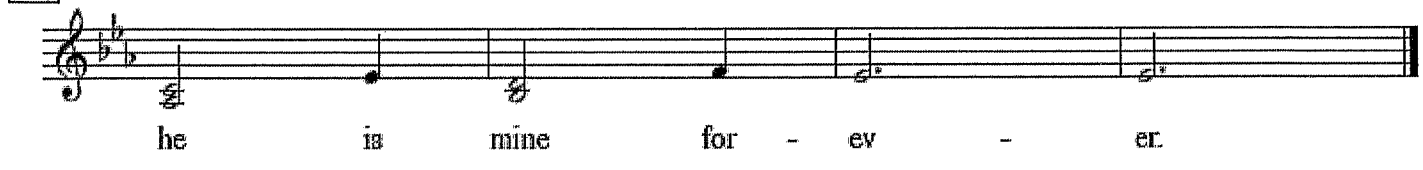
28 All: The King of love my shep - herd
is whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver



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.

Benediction

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

Amen

5

All: A -

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

13 men A - men. A -

men.