

Candlelight Service Nelsonville Lutheran Church

November 20, 2025



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

Invocation

Church Bell (opt.) Handbell ♩ = c. 72

3 [L] Lord God You are near, You meet us

10 here.

16 [L] We come to this place how sweet - ly bound one to a -

21 noth - er yet free. [C] You build us to - geth - er Your

spi - rit will dwell with - in us for e - ter - ni - ty.

rit.

Kyrie

♩ = c. 72

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The score includes a tempo marking of c. 72. The music is divided into measures, with some measures containing a 3/4 time signature change. The lyrics are written below the notes, and some measures are marked with a box containing a letter (C, P, A). The score includes a ritardando (rit.) section and a tempo section.

5 *rit.* *a tempo*

8 [C] Lord have mer - cy Christ have

12 mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us all. You have

16 mer - cy You gift mer - cy You are mer - cy for us all [P] A -

ma - zing Grace for us!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who comes to whisper peace and
who leads us into the light of grace.

All: Amen.

P. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: God of all time,

All: We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We find ourselves bound by fear and sin. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Absolution

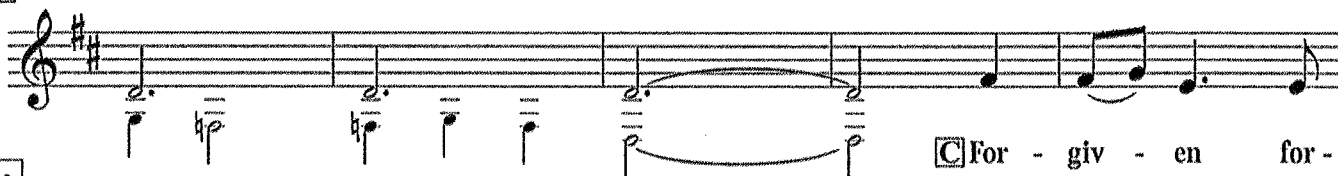
P: For Jesus' sake, and with his authority alone, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins..

...past... present... and future...



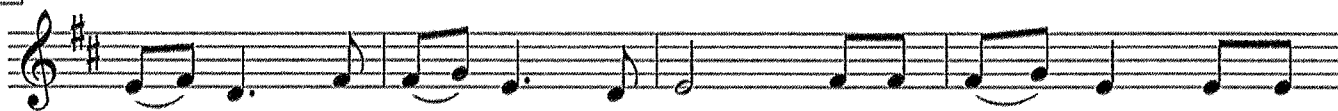
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God's grace will lead us home.



13

For - giv - en for -



17

giv - en for - giv - en it all. I'm for - giv - en You're for -



giv - en we're for - giv en it all.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. May we receive these gifts as the glorious riches that they are. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION

Pastor Dwight 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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

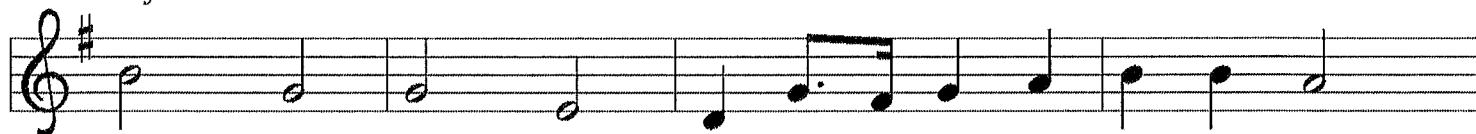


last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

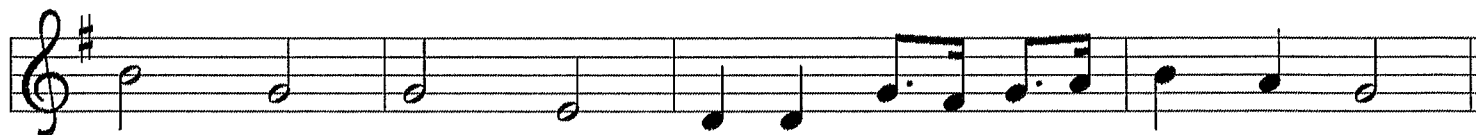


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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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 our ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: PETITION... LORD HAVE MERCY

C: YOUR GRACE OUR HOPE SECURES

Prayers of the Church

P: ...Lord in your mercy.



HOLY COMMUNION

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.

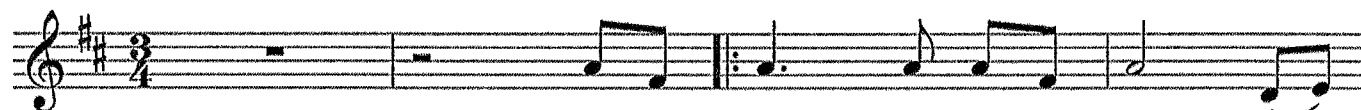
All: One Body.

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.

Lamb of God

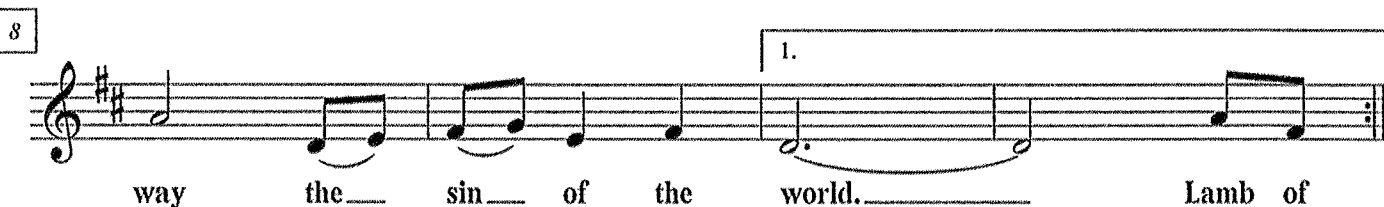
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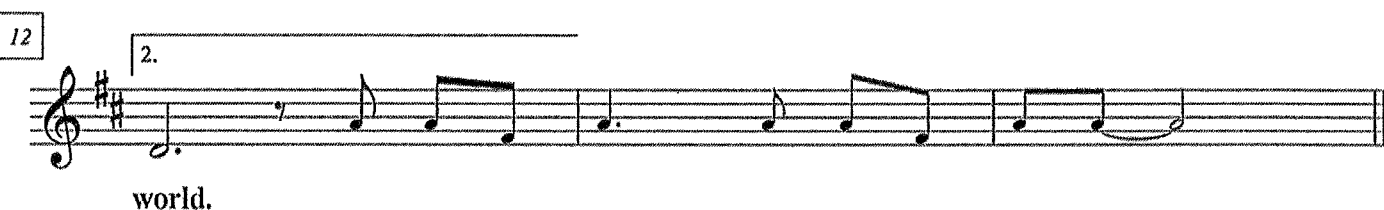
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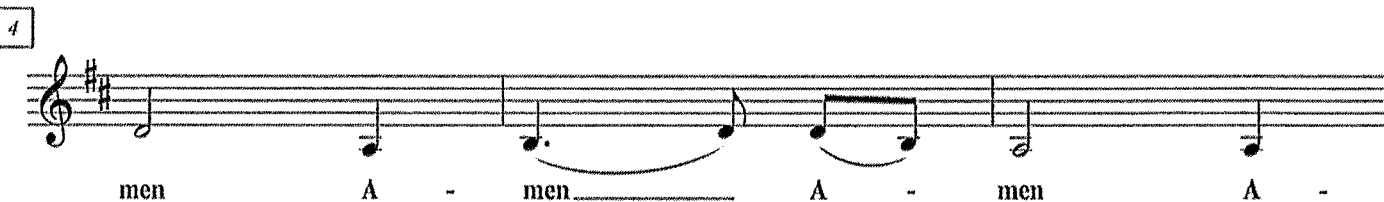
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BENEDICTION

Amen



☐ A - men A -



men A - men A - men A -



men A - men A - men!