

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church
October 9, 2025



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

Master Rhythm

Invocation

Rev. 8/3/24

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Church Bell 3X Handbell Handbell

P: Lord God you are near, You meet us here.

9

14

We come to this place how sweet - ly bound one to a -

20

noth - er yet free. All: You build us to - geth - er Your

25

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

rit.

Kyrie

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5

rit.

8 All: Lord have mer - cy Christ have

12 mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us (A - maz - ing grace) All: You have

16 mer - cy You gift mer - cy You are mer - cy for us all Pastor: A

ma - zing Grace for all!

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It includes measure numbers 5, 8, 12, and 16 in boxes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across measures. A 'rit.' (ritardando) marking is placed above the staff at measure 5. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

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

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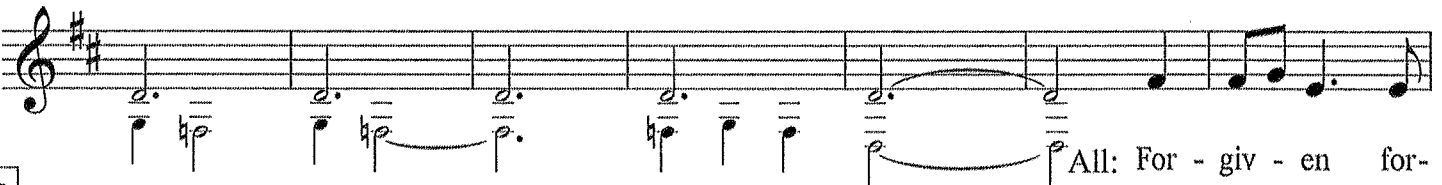
P: For Jesus' sake, and on/with his authority alone, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins..

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



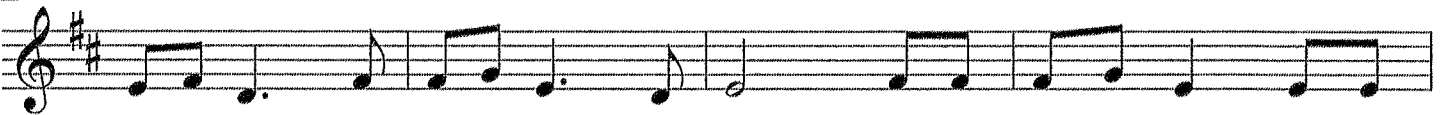
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Pastor: God's grace will lead us home.



15

All: For - giv - en for -



19

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

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

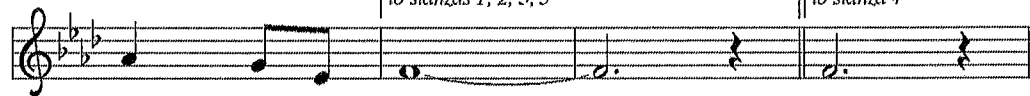
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

to stanza 4

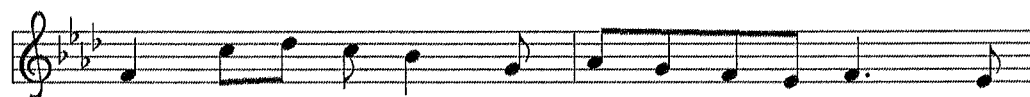


death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2 Gent-ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan-der the val-ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith-ful-ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e-vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui-et wa-ters of peace.
spir-it shall sing the mu-sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain

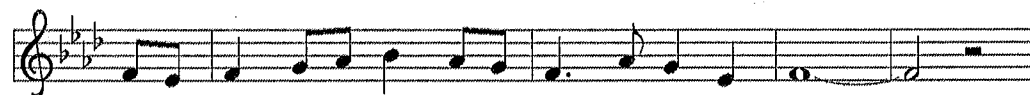


ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



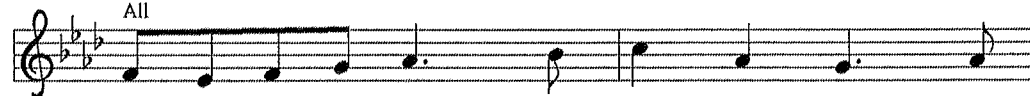
5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev-er - more.

Final refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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

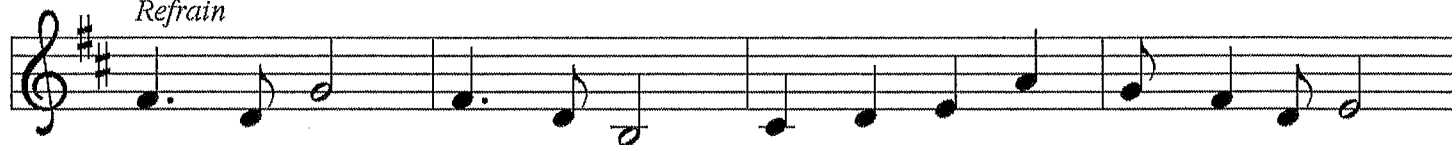
Pastor Gretchen Anderson

(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.

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dian, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

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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

Amazing Grace Version

Rev. 11/29/22

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P: Lord in your mercy.

All: Your grace our hope se - cures.

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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5 All: Lamb of God You take a - way the

8 sin of the world Lamb of God You take a -

12 way the sin of the world. Lamb of world.

BENEDICTION

Amen

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4 All: A - men A -

7 men A - men A - men A -

men A - men A - men!