

Candlelight Service Nelsonville Lutheran Church

October 30, 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

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!

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a tempo marking of approximately 72 beats per minute. The score includes measures 5 through 16. Measure 5 is marked 'rit.' (ritardando) and measure 6 is marked 'a tempo'. The lyrics are: 'Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on us all. You have mercy You gift mercy You are mercy for us all. Amazing Grace for us!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

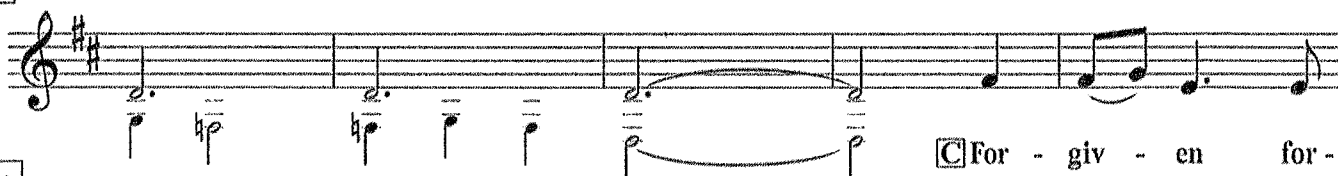
P: For Jesus' sake, and with his authority alone, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins..

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



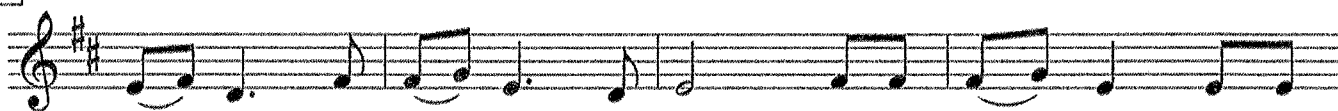
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God's grace will lead us home.



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For - giv - en for -



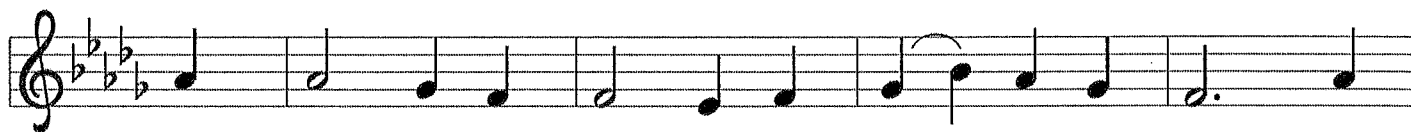
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giv - en for - giv - en it all. I'm for - giv - en You're for -



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

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



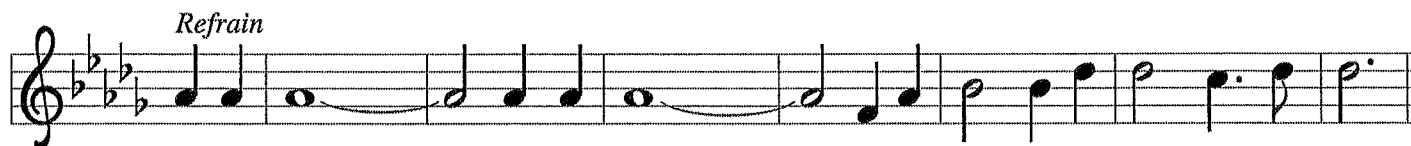
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876 © Public Domain

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

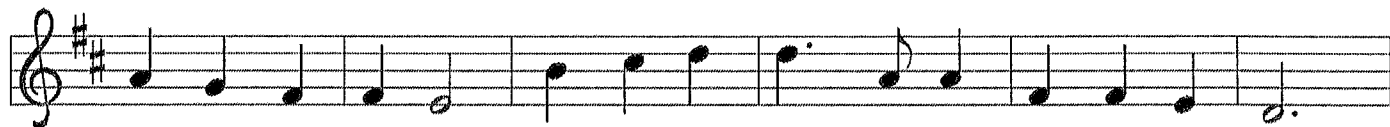
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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

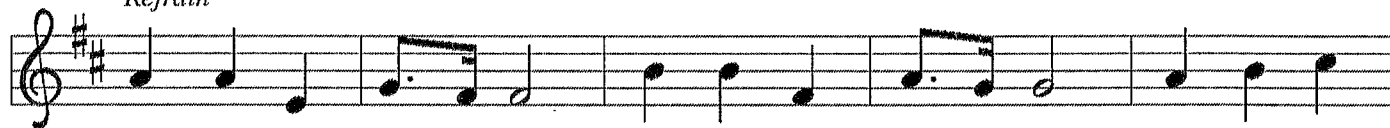


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



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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(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

$\text{♩} = 100$



☐ Lamb of God You take a - way the__

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sin__ of the__ world__ Lamb of God You take a -

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way the__ sin__ of the world.____ Lamb of

12



world.

BENEDICTION

Amen



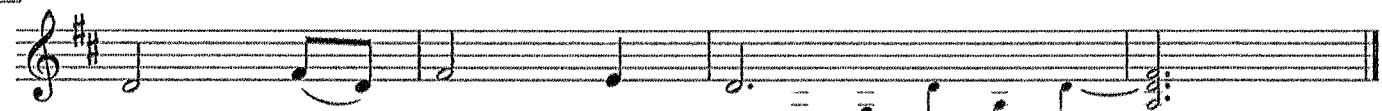
☐ A - men A -

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men A - men A - men A -

7



men A - men A - men!