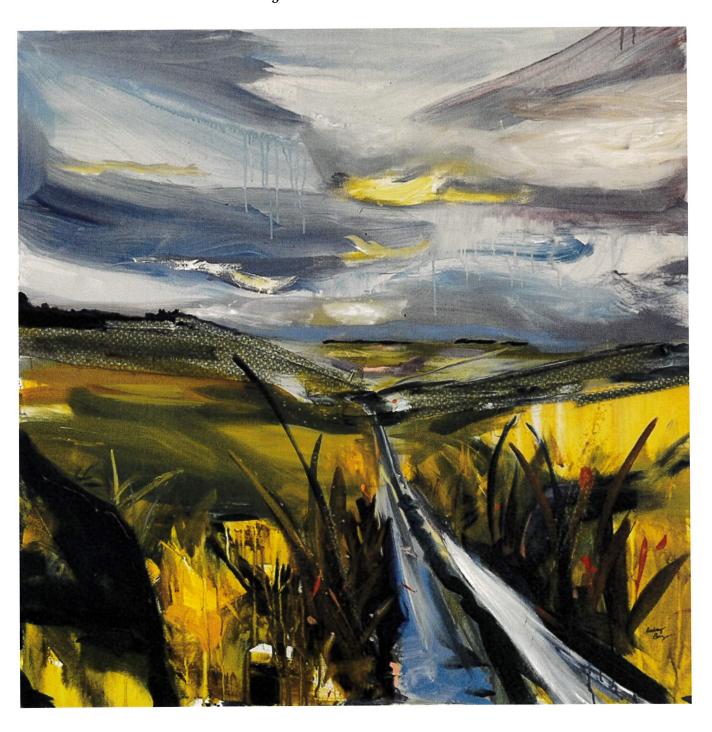
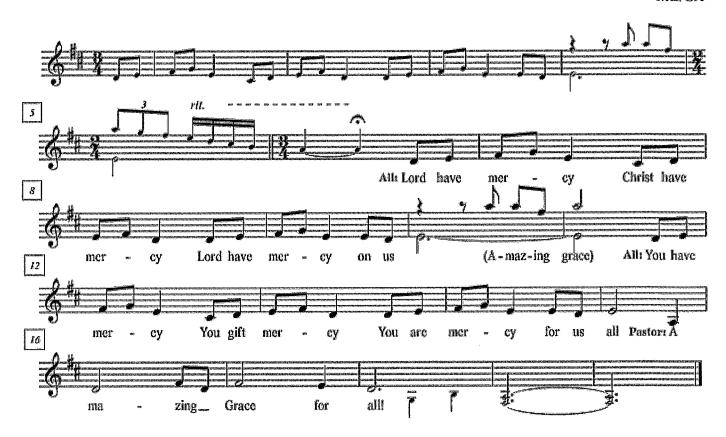
Candlelight Service Nelsonville Lutheran Church

September 19, 2024



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION





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,

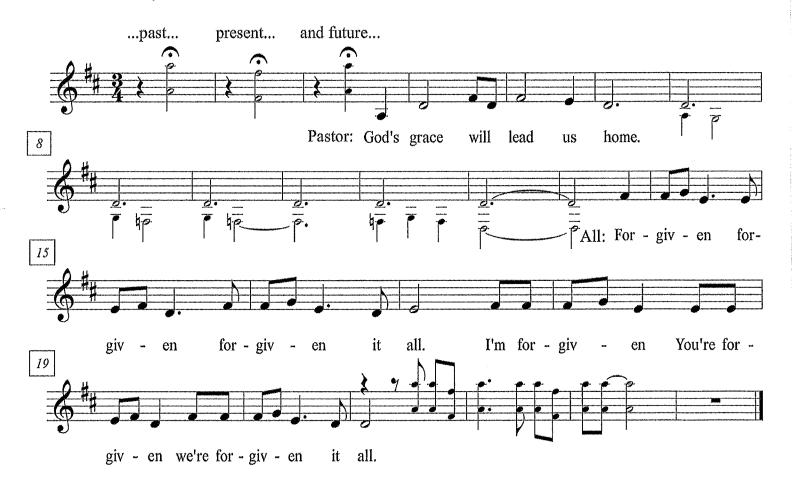
All: We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We find ourselves bound by fear and sin. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until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

Absolution

Rev. 8/3/24

MB/GA

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



Thy Holy Wings



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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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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.

I'll Fly Away

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away To a home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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

MB/GA

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.

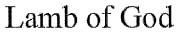
All: One cup.

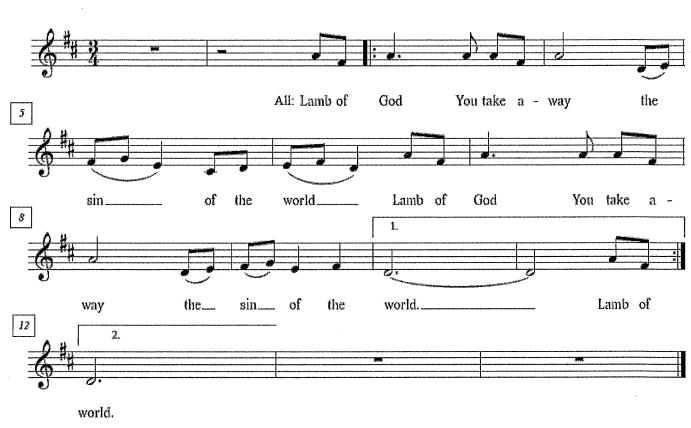
P: Holy God, reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world, equipped to embody justice, peace and love.

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.





BENEDICTION

