

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church

September 4, 2025

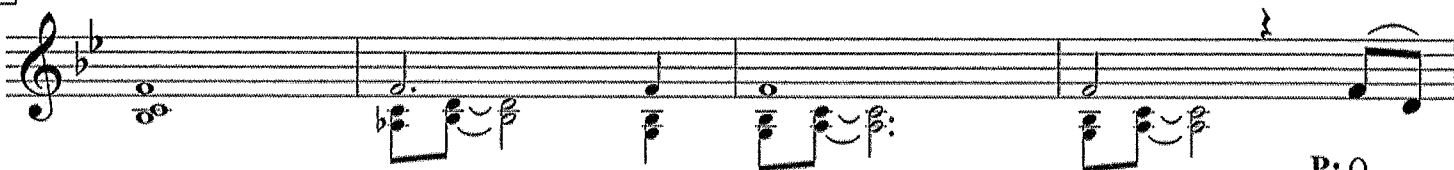


Opening Prayer

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P: O —

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Lord, our spi - rits lan - guish

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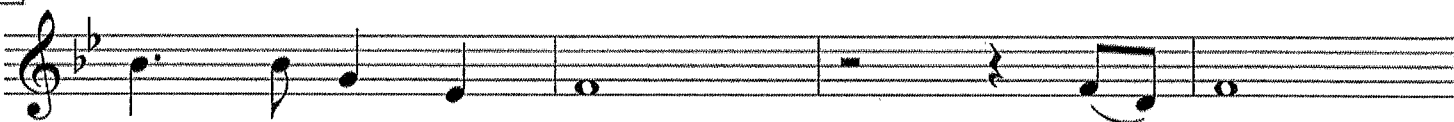
All: Lord God we need — you

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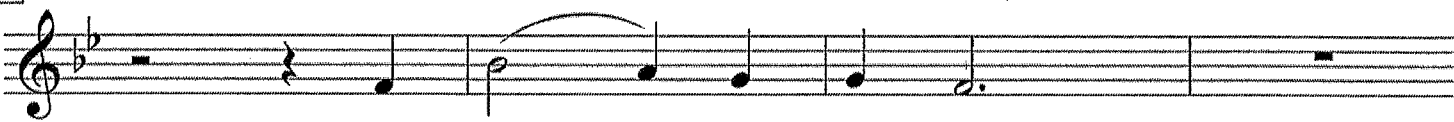
here You have seen our tears

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You have felt our fears. O — Lord,

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our will — is weak - ened.

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our sins we here and now de - clare.

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(Time for silent prayer)*

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P: Here we're made a - ware All: Now we're made a - ware.

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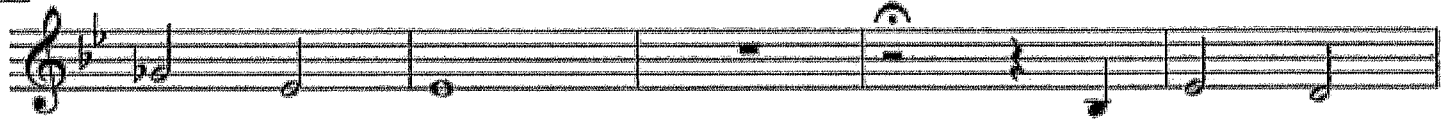


O Lord, O Lord, O Lord draw us

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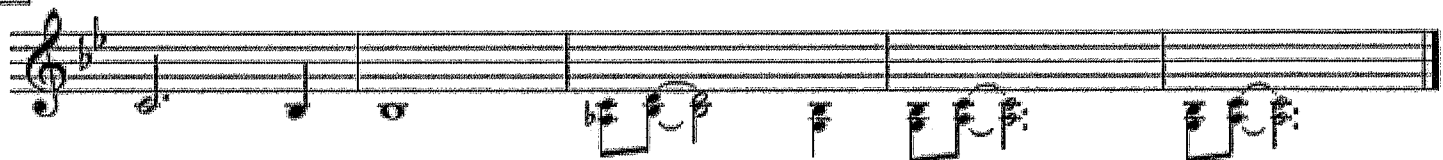
near Your ho - ly spheres Lord
a tempo

51



draw us near let light and

56



hope ap - pear.

* a suggested prayer for silent reflection and confession:

"Most merciful God, I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not kept your commandments to love you with my whole heart and to love my neighbors as myself. I bring these things to you (), seeking your forgiveness and guiding hand.

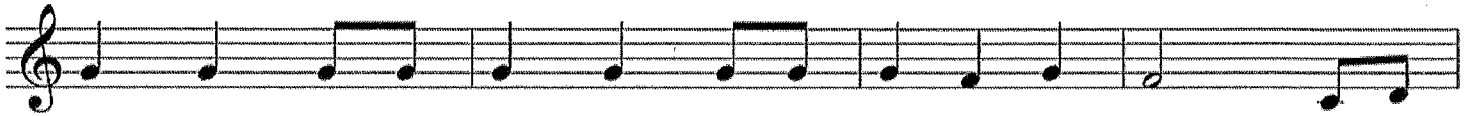
Kyrie

♩=80



All: Lord have

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mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy for all You have

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prom - ised You will hold us And will keep us one and all Lov-ing

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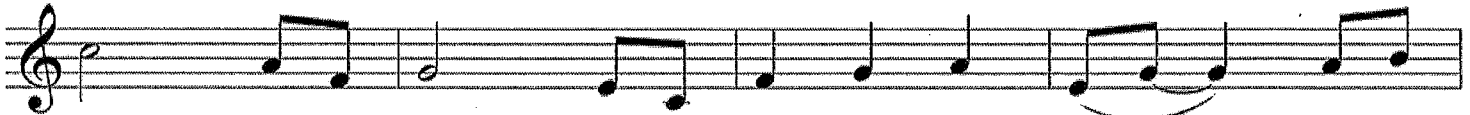
Shep - herd, Ho - ly Spi - rit You will not let us fall In Your

17



good - ness You for - give us by Your name we are called. In your

21



arms, we will rest Now for - ev - er we're bless'd All our

25



hopes all our dreams are now en - fold - ed in you.

Absolution and Promise

P: God is

3

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1.

1.

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2.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.)

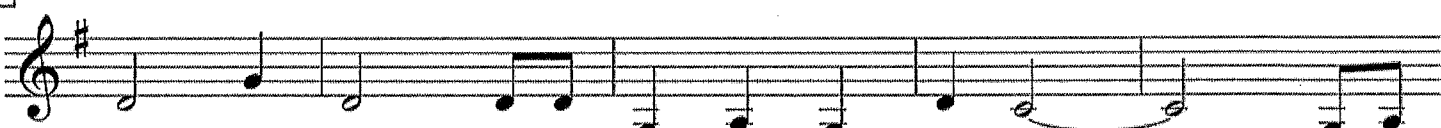
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR ENDS EACH PETITION WITH: We trust you, help us trust you more

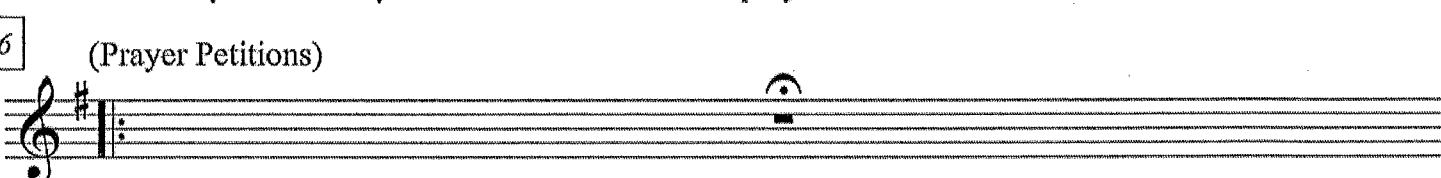
YOUR RESPONSE: And we thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all.


Prayers of the Church


6  P: We

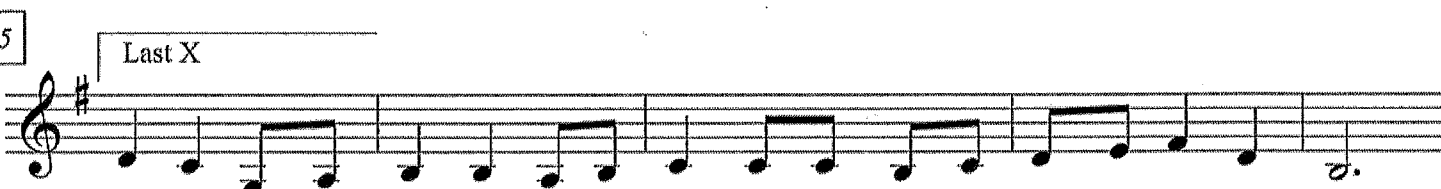
11  come to You and we trust that You hear us. _____ All: God we

 thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all.

16 (Prayer Petitions) 

17 P: We trust You,
help us trust You more... 

19  repeat as necessary
All: And we thank you that you hear us as we pray for one and all. _____

25 Last X  All: God we're grate-ful you are faith-ful these cares we place with-in Your hands. _____

30  _____ You kept Your pro-mise gave your self to one and all. _____

HOLY COMMUNION

(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

Benediction



P: The Lord bless - es and keeps you and shines now on you, you're made

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new here, a bless ing; words made trust-worth-y and true. In your hearts Christ shall

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dwell there in meas - ure - less love, heav'n ly pow'r, and God's grace, in its

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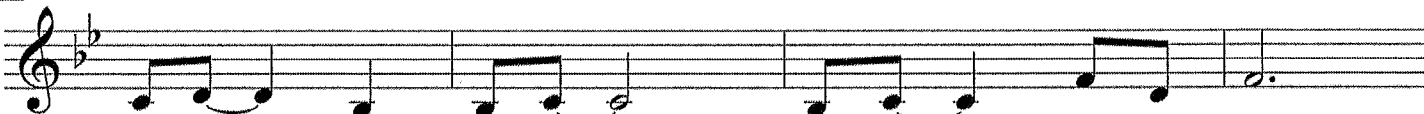
lim - it - less - ness. May you now comp-re - hend love that will ne - ver

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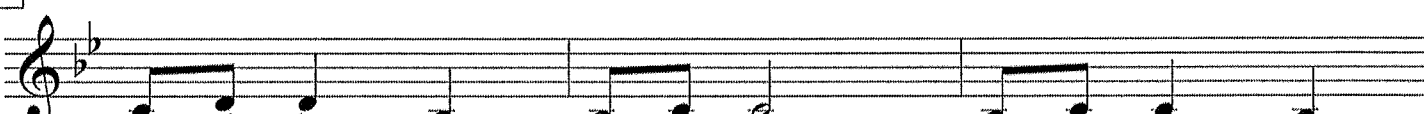
end. — You are blessed; we can rest, held with sweet tend - er - ness. God's

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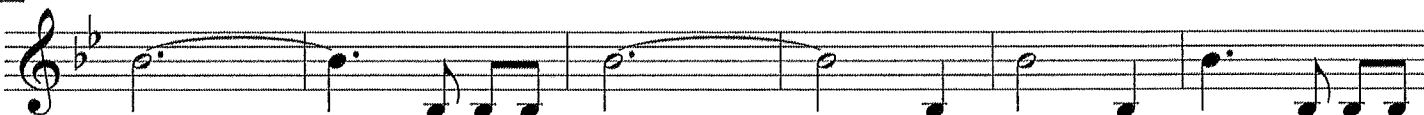
Spir - it, — here with you, dear one. — You are blessed.

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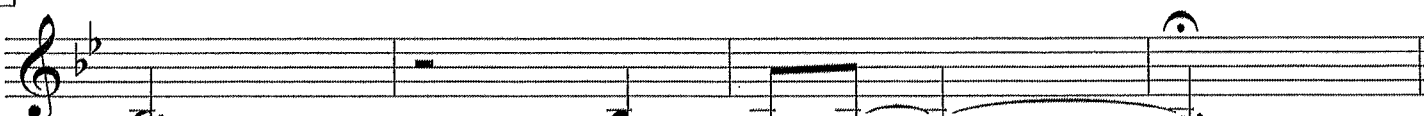
Dear one — love wins, — dear one. — A -

Amen



men! — let it be so! — A - men! A - men! For it is

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so!

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