MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Taize' Service



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The "Taizé Style" of Worship

What makes a Taizé service unique? It is a "contemplative liturgy." It does not rely on a sermon to teach; instead, it relies on the Holy Spirit to speak through silence and song.

1. Repetitive Chant
Taizé songs are short, simple phrases from Scripture (like "Jesus, remember me" or "Bless the Lord, my soul") sung over and over again.

- **Why repetition?** As the words are repeated, the mind can relax. The song drops from the head into the heart, becoming a container for inner stillness.

Why simple? The chants are designed so that anyone can sing them instantly, without needing a hymnal.

2. Deep Silence
At the center of every Taizé service is a long period of silence (usually 5–10 minutes).
The purpose: In a culture that fears silence, this is a radical act of trust. It is a time to let the words of the chants take root and to listen for the "still, small voice" of God.

3. Icons and Candlelight
Visuals play a huge role. Services are often lit by hundreds of candles, symbolizing the light of Christ. Icons (especially the **Cross of Taizé**) are placed centrally as a focal point for the gaze (a form of *Visio Divina*).

Worship Leaders November 15, Traditional Service

Assisting Minister:	Brad Bresee
Lector/Reader:	Laurie Hecht
Video:	Brad Bresee
Counter:	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild:	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee
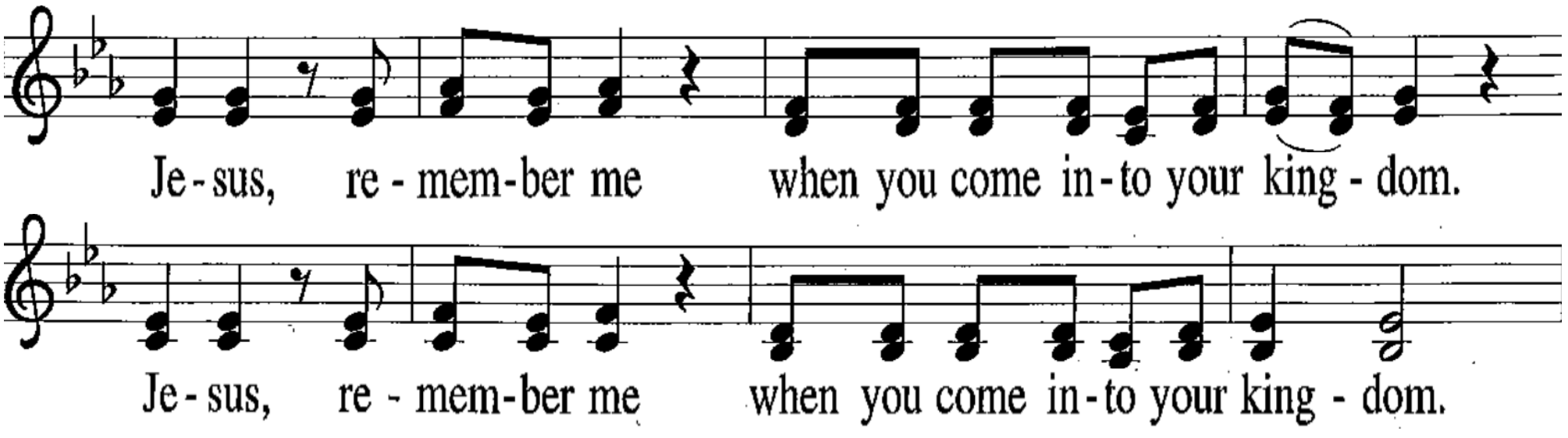
Worship Leaders November 15, The Gathering Service

Assisting Minister	Blaine Waters
Lector/Reader	Jean Parker
Acolyte	TBD
Usher	Arnold Conner
Audio/Video	JJ Conner
Counters	Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee

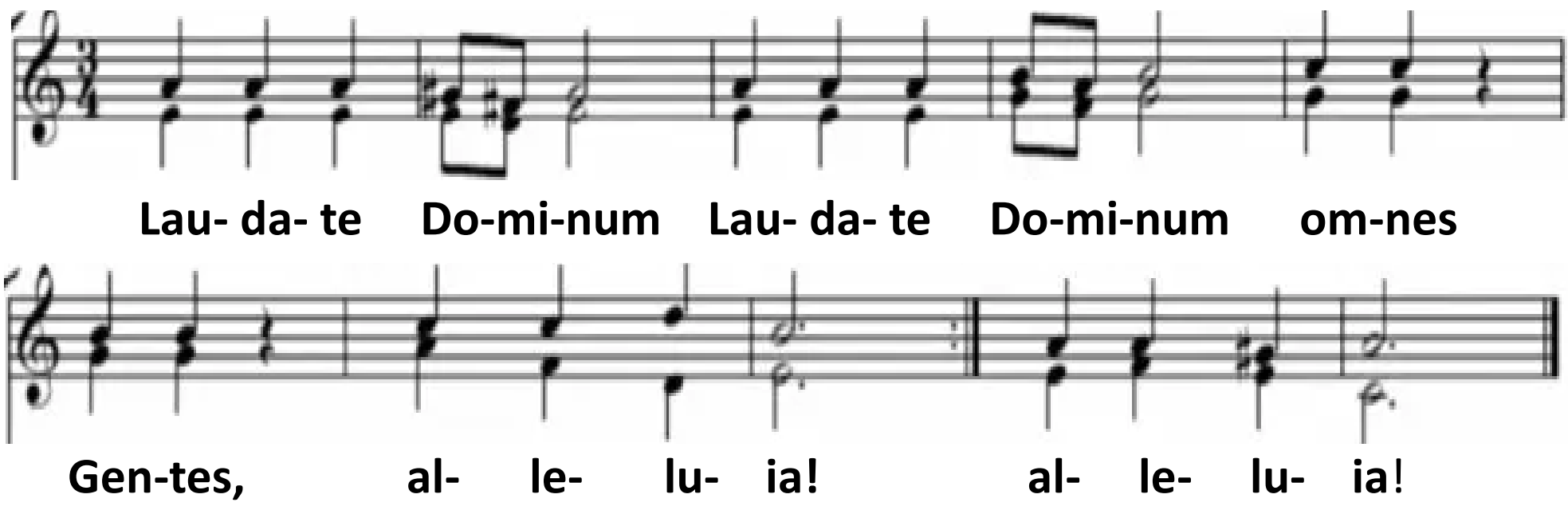
Welcome to Taize Contemplative Worship

Quiet Gathering Music

Jesus, Remember Me—ELW 616



Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord) - page 54



Psalm 34
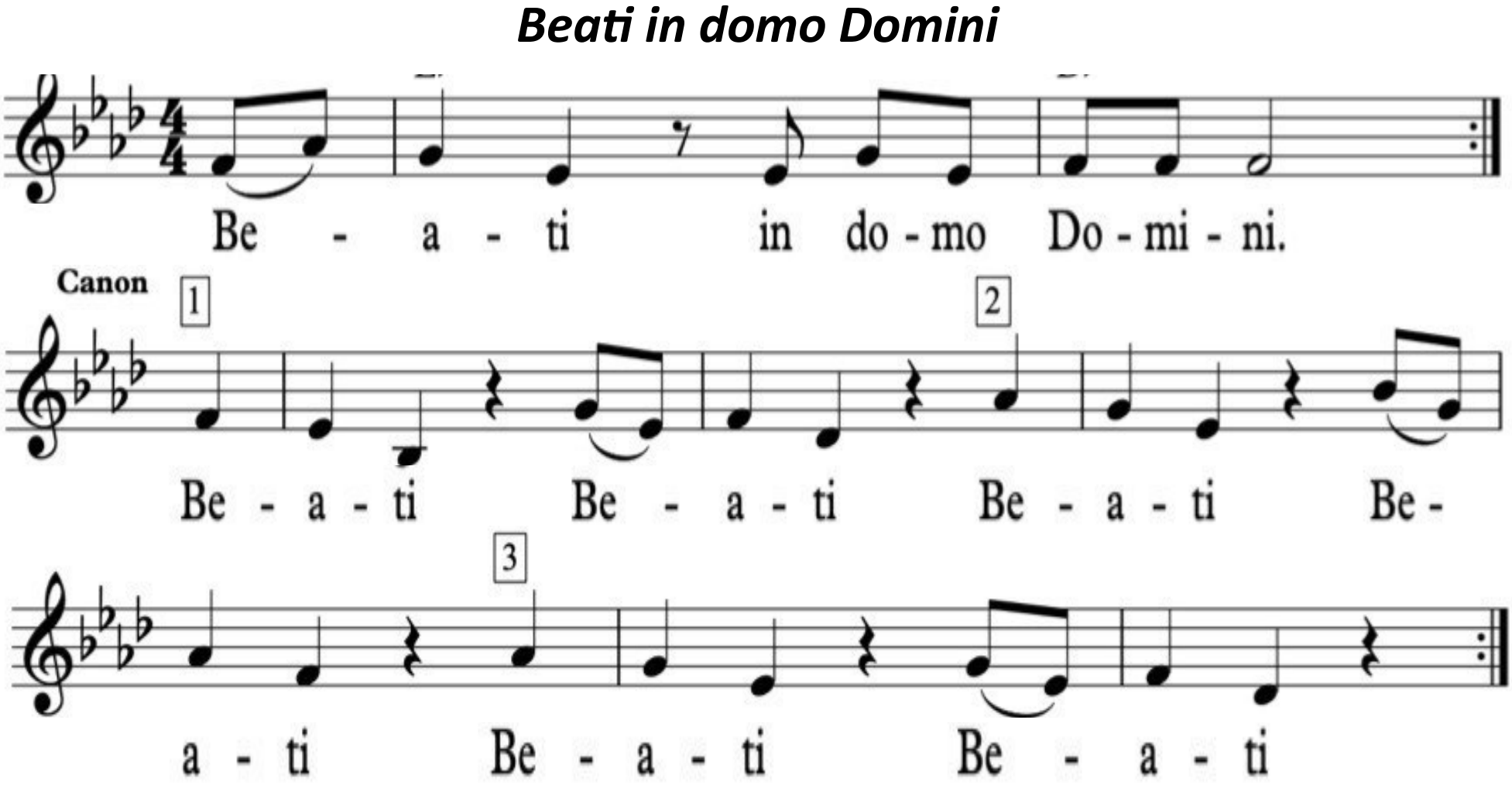
Alleluia! I will bless the Lord at all times, on my lips, the sound of his praise,
Alleluia! Give glory, my soul, to the Lord, all the humble, hear and rejoice.
Alleluia! Come, let us worship the Lord, with one voice give glory to God.
Alleluia! I cried to the Lord, he replied, he freed me when I was afraid.
Alleluia! With God is the fullness of joys, turn to him, you will not be deceived;
Alleluia! When the poor cry out, he gives heed, he is close to all in distress. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

P O Lord, I cry to you for help.
C **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**
P Let my mouth be full of your praise
C **and your glory all the day long.**
P Every day will I bless you,
C **and praise your name forever and ever.**
P Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
C **O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**
P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**
P You redeem my life from the grave,
C **and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.**
P Lord, hear my prayer,
C **and let my cry come before you.**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

Beati in domo Domini



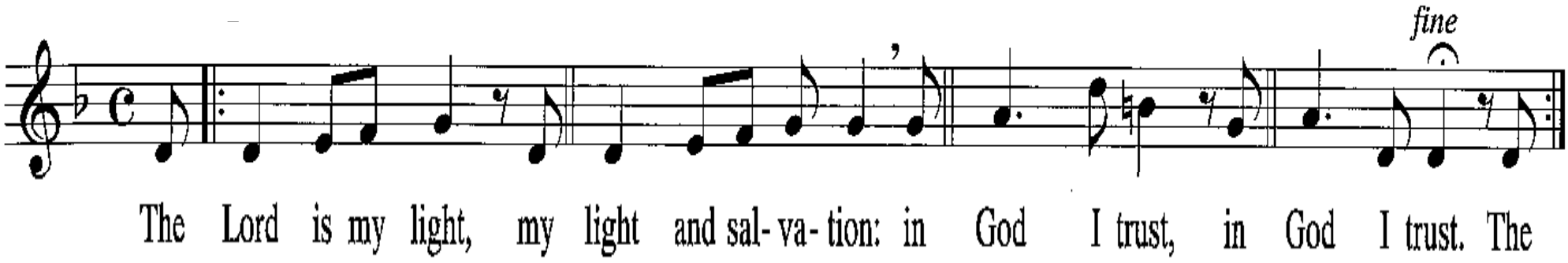
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First Bible Reading **Philippians 2:1-9**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

P The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

The Lord is My Light



Second Bible Reading ***Isaiah 56:1, 6-8***

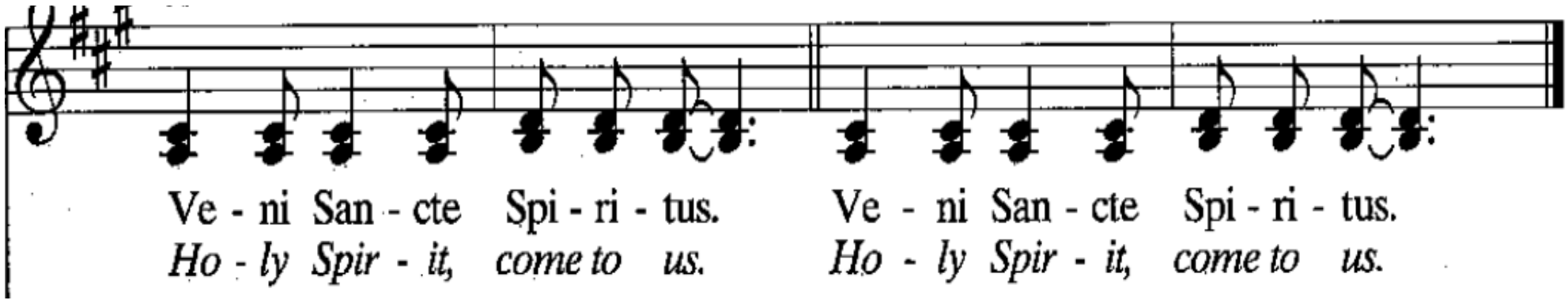
Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

P The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

Song: **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

(Holy Spirit, Come to Us)

As we sing, we take turns lighting candles and personally pray to honor our loved ones



Prayer

Silence *(three minutes)*

Prayer of Intercession (or Adoration)

For those who are far from home, immigrants, exiles, victims of oppression, Lord, we pray.

For those who are going through trials, who need help and compassion, Lord, we pray.

For all of us gathered here, that we may remain attentive to those entrusted to us, Lord, we pray.

That we may be delivered from all anxiety, Lord, we pray.

That we may learn to share more fairly the resources of our planet among all, Lord, we pray.
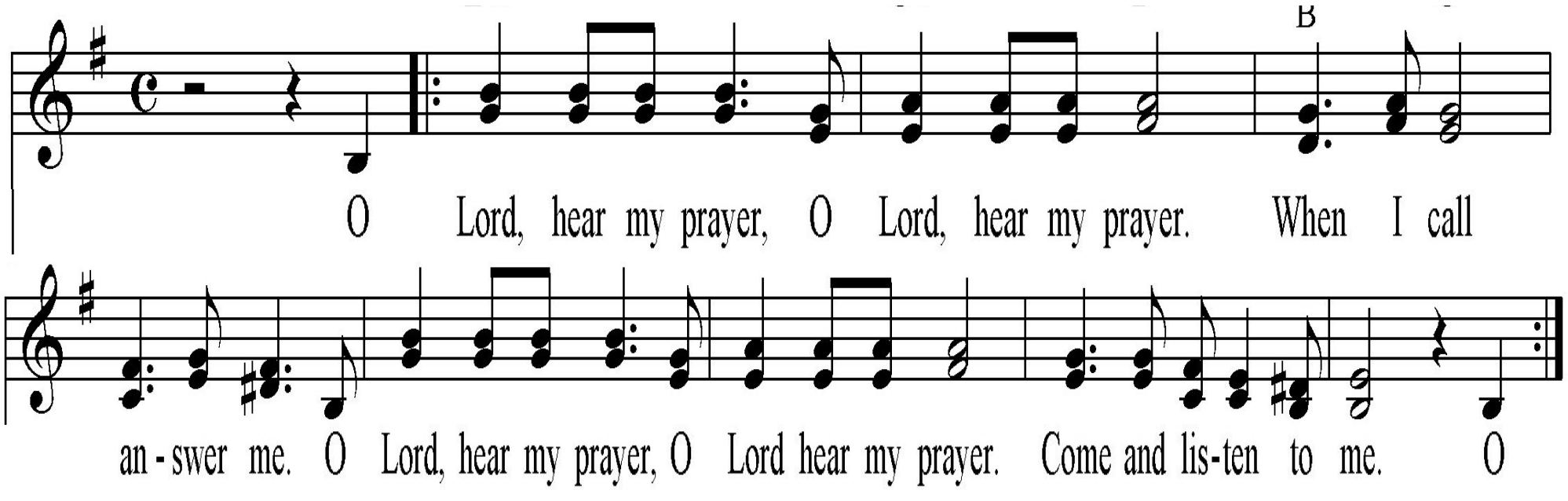
That a sense of wonder at the beauty of creation may remain alive in us, Lord, we pray.

That we may find light and courage in the mystery of communion that is the Church, Lord, we pray.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Meditative Song



Closing Prayer

P Let us pray together.
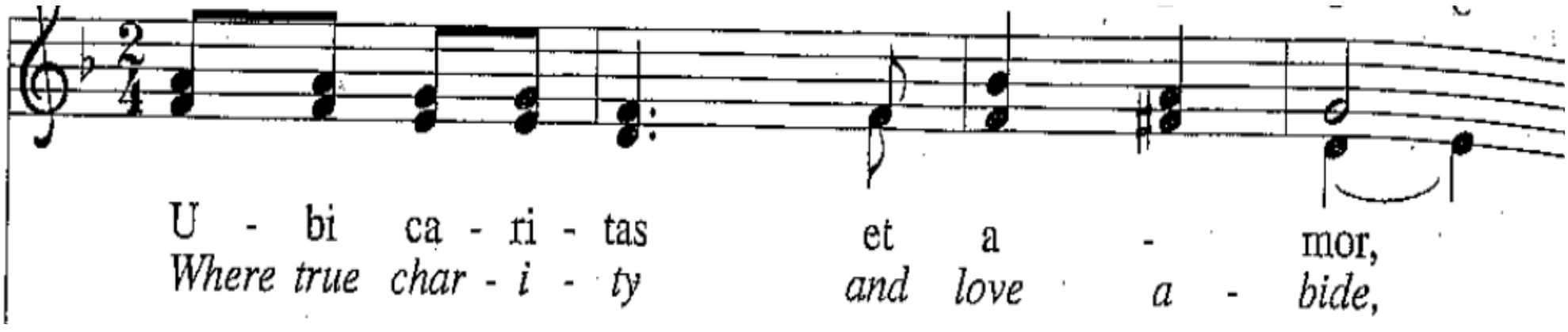
C **Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;**
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed to the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not to seek for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen
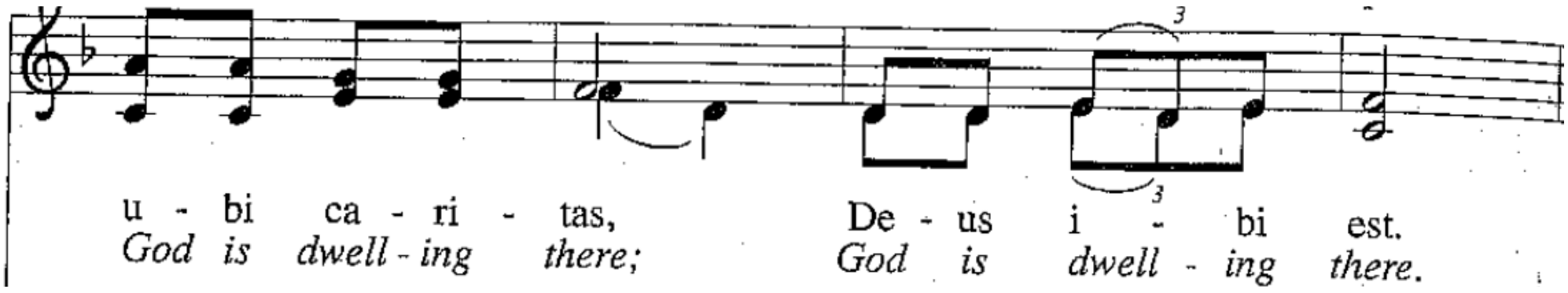
Benediction

P O Risen Christ, you go down to the lowest depths of our human condition, and you burden yourself with what burdens us.
Still more, you even went to the grave,
To those who have died. And even when within us,
We hear no whisper of your presence, You are there.
Through your Holy Spirit you remain with us.

C **Amen.**

Ubi Caritas (Where True Charity and Love Abide) - pg 66





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Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

You may remain in the sanctuary for prayer or leave in silence.
Peace be with you this day and always.

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A Ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church

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We are a congregation dedicated to bringing opportunities for spiritual connections with our Lord.

We are offering a series of alternative worship experiences for our faith community each quarter.

Each month, we will offer one of the following: Sound Bath, Taize Worship, Lectio Divina and more to come.

Keep checking on our Facebook page, our websites and subscribe to our newsletter for the latest worshiping opportunities.

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **November** the ***Christmas Needy Fund*** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Bible Study: Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

Veterans Miracle Network Drive: through November 15 We will be collecting personal care items and monetary donations. Pick up a wish list off the Narthex counter.

OWLs: Sunday, November 15, 2:00-4:00 pm. Going to the play "Over the Tavern" at the Erie Playhouse.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Prayer Service: Saturday, November 21, 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex or contact the Church Office by ***November 8*** if you plan to attend and indicate what food item you will be providing for the dinner. **Please remember to bring your prepared food item to the dinner.**

Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, November 22, 5:00 pm. The Wesleyville Community Thanksgiving Service is at Hope and Faith Chapel, 2313 Bird Dr.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

November 9 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.
November 16 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.
November 17 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

Sunday 11/8		***Taize Sunday***
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Taize Service (no communion)
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
Sunday 11/15		***25th Sunday after Pentecost***
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study

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