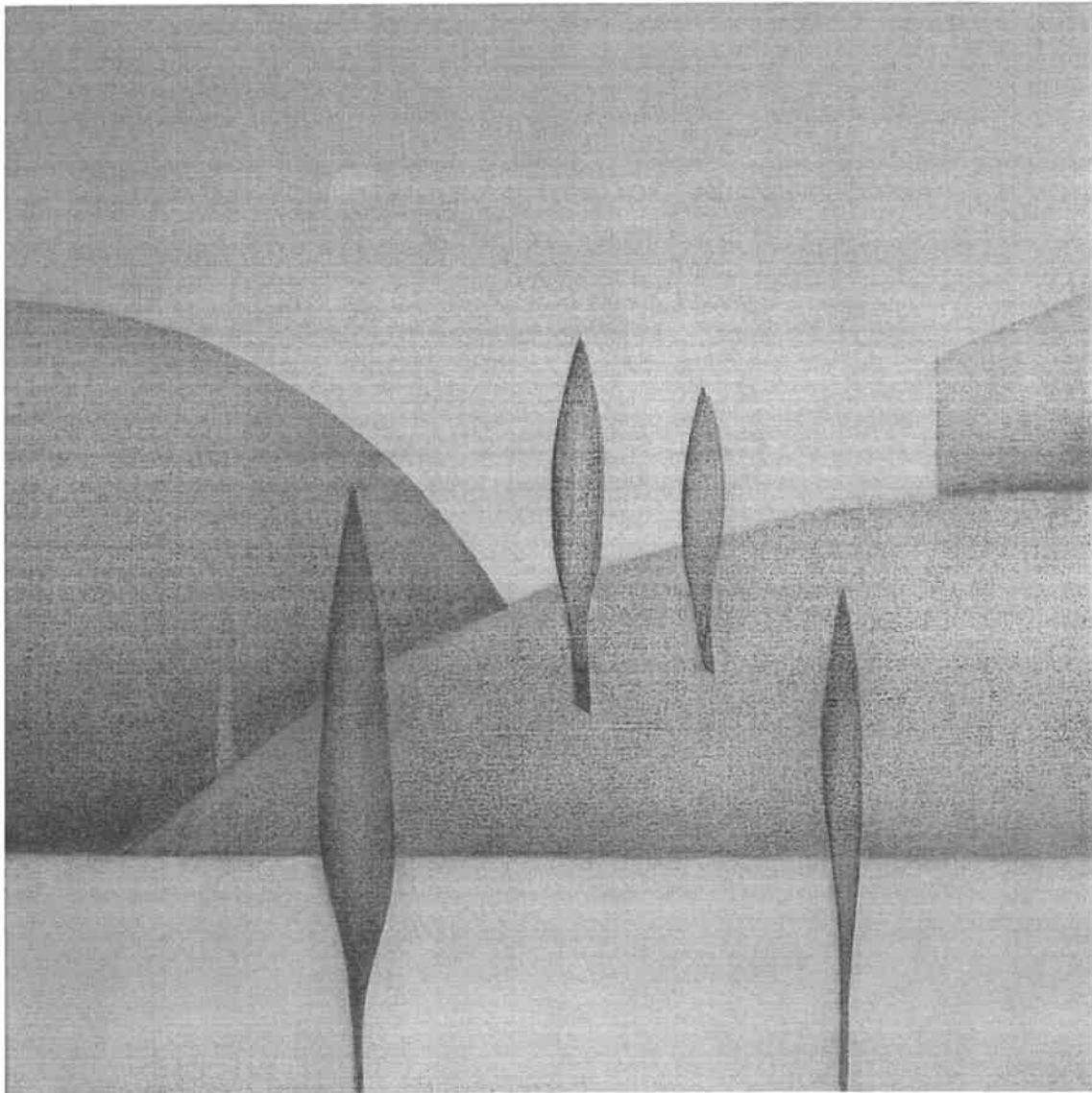


Edina Community Lutheran Church  
**Lent 2024**  
**Come and Find the Quiet Center**



"Sarteano Evening III" by Dan Mason

## GATHERING SONG "O Grant Us, God, a Little Space"

Feb 21 - sing verse 1 only  
 Feb 28 - sing verses 1-2 only  
 Mar 6 - sing verses 1-3 only  
 Mar 13 - sing verses 1-4 only  
 Mar 20 - sing all 5 verses

1. O grant us, God, a lit - tle space from  
 2. A - round us, rolls the cease - less tide of  
 3. Yet this is not the on - ly place your  
 4. Yours are the work - place, home, and mart, the  
 5. Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as

dai - ly tasks set free. We meet with - in this  
 busi - ness, toil, and care, And scarce - ly can we  
 pres - ence may be found; On dai - ly work you  
 wealth of sea and land; The worlds of sci - ence  
 you would have it done; And prayer, by you in -

ho - ly place and find se - cu - ri - ty.  
 turn a - side for one brief hour of prayer.  
 shed your grace, and bless - ings all a - round.  
 and of art are fash - ioned by your hand.  
 spired and taught, shall then with work be one.

O Grant Us, God, a Little Space  
 Text: John Ellerton  
 Music: Melissa Bergstrom

Cover Artist's Note: In my work as an artist, I often seek to bring order out of chaos, striving for images that convey and promote a sense of peace. "Sarteano Evening III" is one of a series inspired by the quiet, peaceful Italian countryside. Dan Mason

## Gathering Litany from Unfailing Light

*Assisting Minister*



O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

*All*



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*



From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

*All*



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister*



You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

*All*



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

*Assisting Minister* *All*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

## Evening Hymn

*All: a tempo*



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

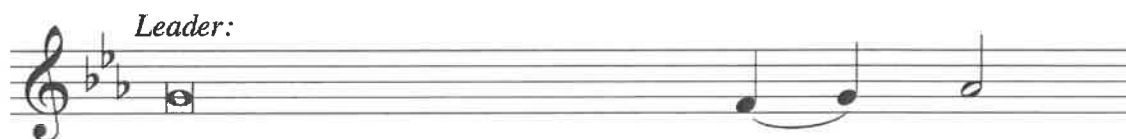


light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
 free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
 on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

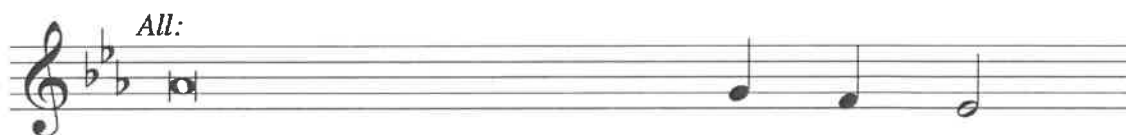
## Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

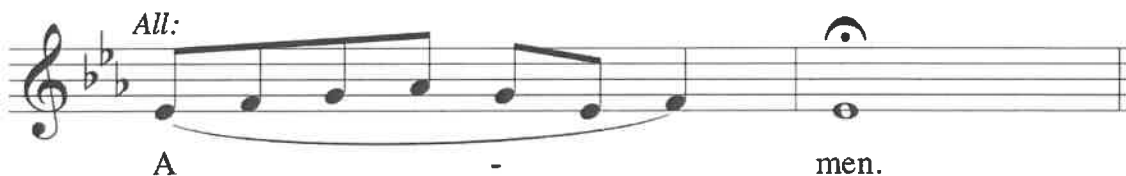


Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



A

men.

# PSALM 141

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
lift-ing up of my hands as an of - fer-ing to you.

High Voices

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my  
O God, I call to you, come to me

Low Voices

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like  
now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of - fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
hands as an of - fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -  
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of  
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

## GREETING

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER

L: Nurturing God, as the world swirls around us, open our hearts to your transforming presence. Surround us and fill us in the darkness of this night, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

C: **Amen.**

## READINGS & REFLECTION "COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER"

February 21	Psalm 46:1-6, 10a Reflection by Kelsey Rohde "Come and Find the Quiet Center" pg. 9
February 28	Psalm 91:1-6, 9, 15-16 Reflection by John Byom "Thy Holy Wings" pg. 10
March 6	Psalm 65:5-12 Reflection by Dave Irwin "How Deep the Silence of the Soul" pg. 11
March 13	Psalm 16:1-2, 7-11 Reflection by Steph Rollag Yoon "In Deepest Night" pg. 12
March 20	Psalm 23 Reflection by Susan Peterson "In Solitude" pg. 13



## "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we lead,  
 2 Si-lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth-er's pain,

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:  
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch-es base,  
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
 mak-ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,  
 there's a place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care,

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim-ply be.  
 rais-ing cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare!

Come and Find the Quiet Center  
 Text: Shirley Erena Murray  
 Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844

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1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten-der care.  
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Thy Holy Wings  
 Text: Carolina Sandell Berg  
 Music: Swedish folk tune

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## MARCH 6

### "How Deep the Silence of the Soul"



1. How deep the si - lence of the soul that lives with - in your grace, —  
2. What rich se - ren - i - ty is found, what cour - age and re - lease —  
3. Like un - seen chimes on mov - ing air, like warm and morn - ing sun, —  
4. Such is your pres - ence in our lives, you touch with - out a trace, —



- How full the grat - i - tude of heart in your a - bid - ing place.  
— when wis - dom teach - es us to seek the gen - tle path to peace.  
— Like glad - dening, green - ing, grow - ing things, like trees with blooms be - gun.  
— un - til we turn and find our - selves held fast in your em - brace.

How Deep the Silence of the Soul

Text: Sylvia Dunstan

Music: Hugh Wilson

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# MARCH 13

## "In Deepest Night"



1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are  
 2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus  
 3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us



hung, no songs we raise, when si - lence must  
 wept, God was be - reaved; so with us in  
 pain, a - round us death: deep calls to deep,



suf - fice as praise, yet sound-ing in us qui - et - ly  
 our grief God grieves, and round a - bout us mourn-ful - ly  
 a sav - ing breath, and found be - side us faith - ful - ly



there is the song of God.  
 there are the tears of God.  
 there is the love of God.

In Deepest Night  
 Text: Susan Palo Chervien  
 Music: Thomas Pavlechko

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# MARCH 20

## "In Solitude"



1. In sol - i - tude, in sol - i - tude, I  
 2. When - e'er the world is troub - ling me, and  
 3. In sea - sons of per - plex - i - ty, in  
 4. And when my heart is bur - dened down with  
 5. With psalms and hymns and songs of praise be -

come to God in prayer, In si - lence and sim -  
 stress is all a - round, I seek the pres - ence  
 times of deep de - spair, I light a can - dle  
 cares for those I love, too deep for words, with  
 fore my God I'll come, till death it - self is

plic - i - ty, my spir - it blos - soms there.  
 of my God, and heal - ing light is found.  
 in the night and turn to God in prayer.  
 groans and sighs, de - scends the ho - ly dove.  
 past and gone, and I ar - rive at home.

In Solitude  
 Text: Ruth Duck  
 Music: Irish folk tune

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## PRAYERS

from New Zealand Prayer Book

L: It is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God.

*Time for silence after each petition*

L: It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done. Let it be.

L: The night is mysterious. Let our fears of the troubles of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

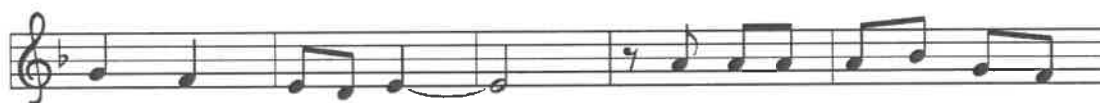
L: The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

L: The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



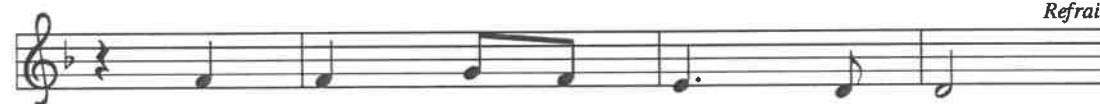
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain*

L Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life,  
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will  
to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

L: Remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**C: Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer from The New Zealand Prayer Book

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

first time through **L:** O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the  
second time through **C:**

4 end, By paths never yet taken, Through perils unknown.

9 Give us good courage Not knowing where we go, To

13 know that your hand is leading us Wherever we might go.

17 A - - - men.

## BLESSING

**L:** May God bless us  
in our sleep with rest,  
in our dreams with vision,  
in our waking with a calm mind,  
in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit  
this night and every night.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*You may share a sign of peace with one another as you depart.*

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