

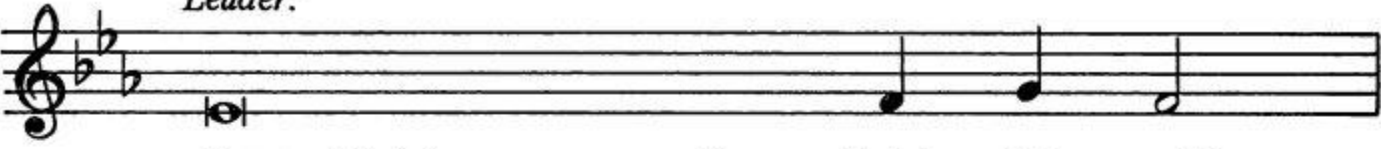
LIVING HOPE : PRESENT



ADVENT MIDWEEK
online worship • Wednesday, December 9, 2020

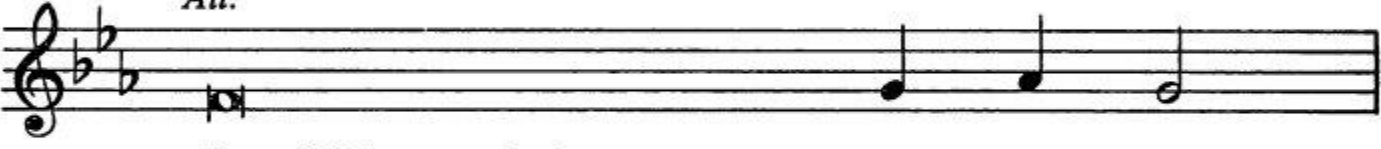
Service of Light

Leader:



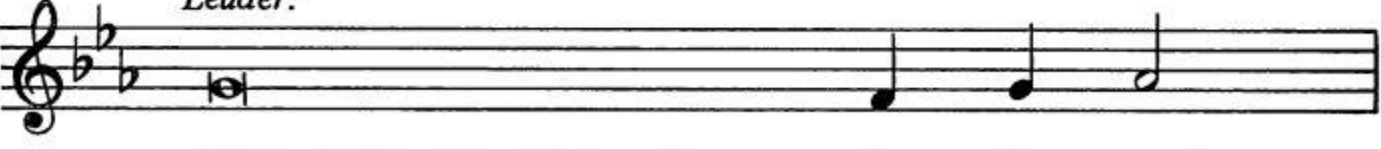
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



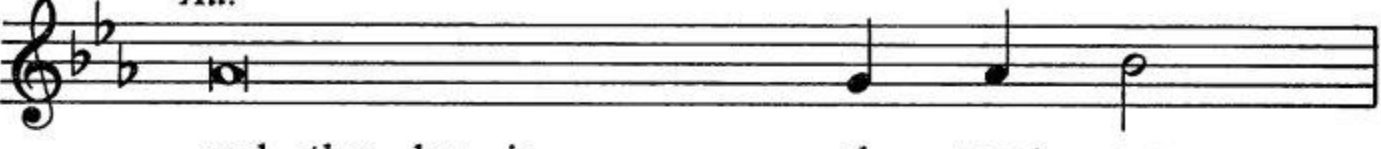
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



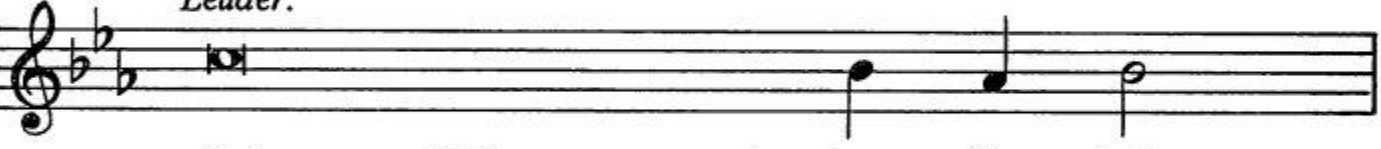
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

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. _____

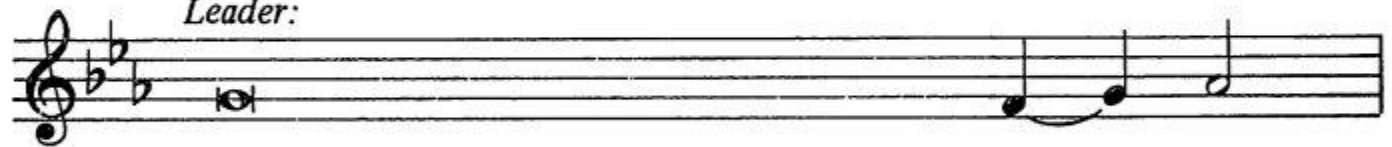
Evening Thanksgiving



Leader:

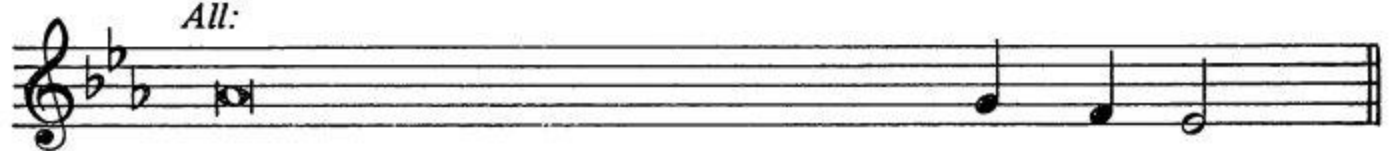
All:

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



Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to — God,



All:

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.



All:

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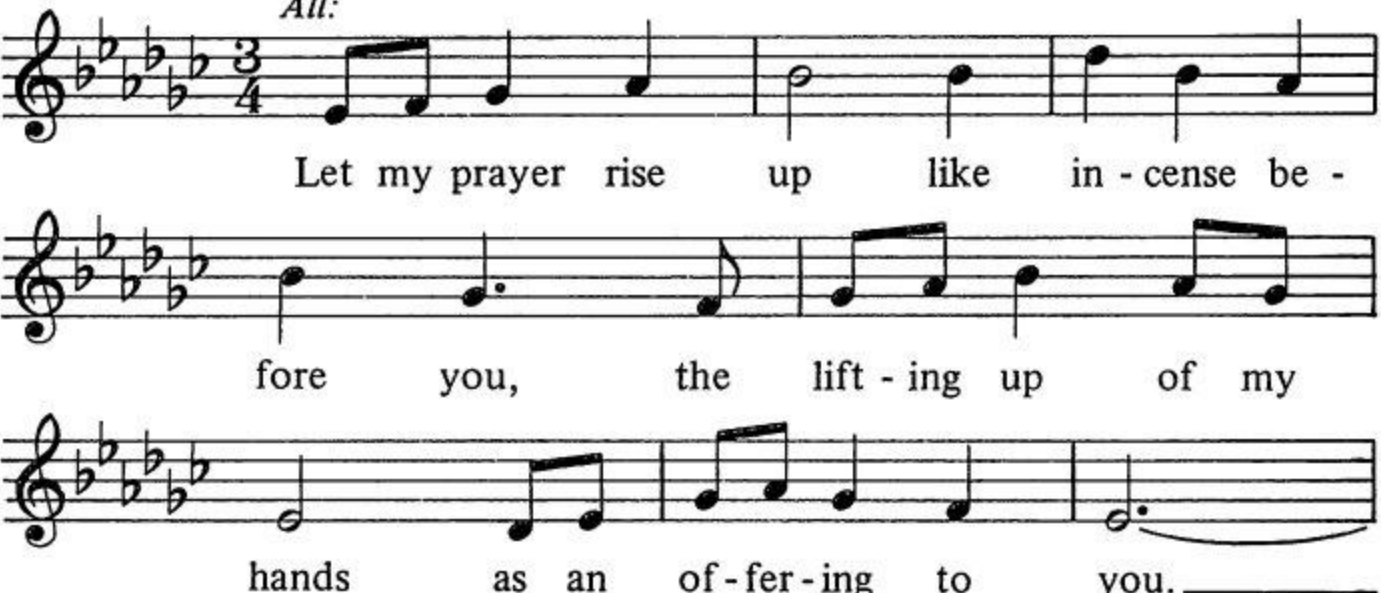
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men.

Psalm 141

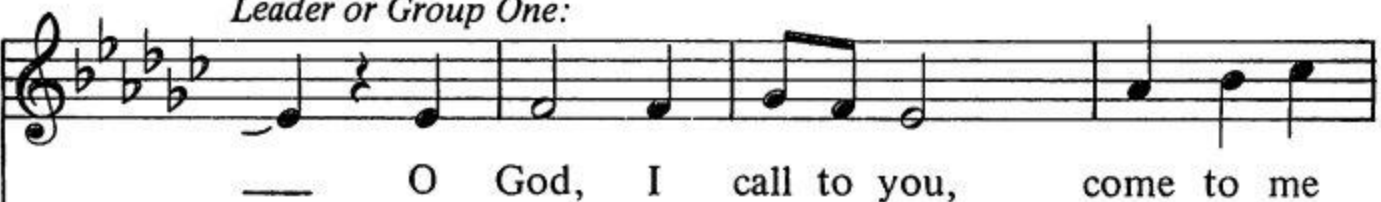
*The leader sings Group One lines. **The congregation is invited to sing either Group One or Group Two lines.***

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. _____

Leader or Group One:



— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

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

burn - ing bright. _____ Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

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

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

Spir - it of love. ————— Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

you. —————
of - fer - ing to you.

Prayer

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense,
and may your presence surround and fill us,
so that in union with all creation,
we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Zephaniah.

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from First Peter.

1 Peter 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Mike Greenwalt.

Silence for meditation.

The Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth
to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus,
the Chosen One of God Most High.”

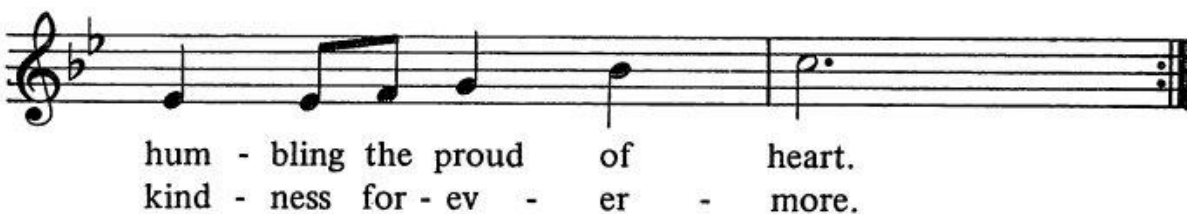
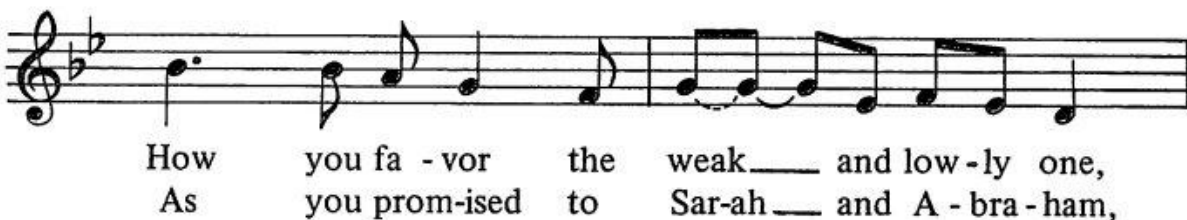
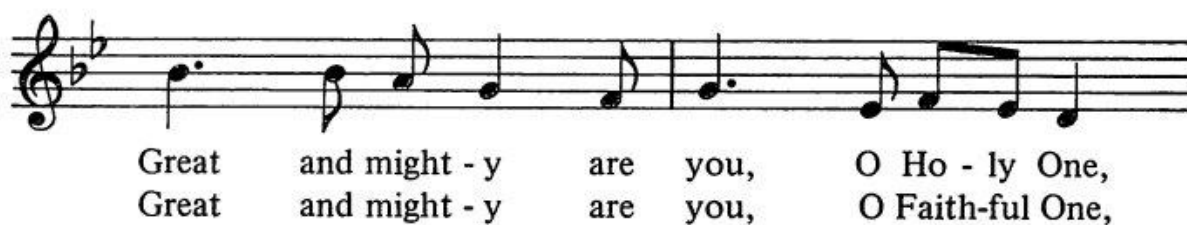
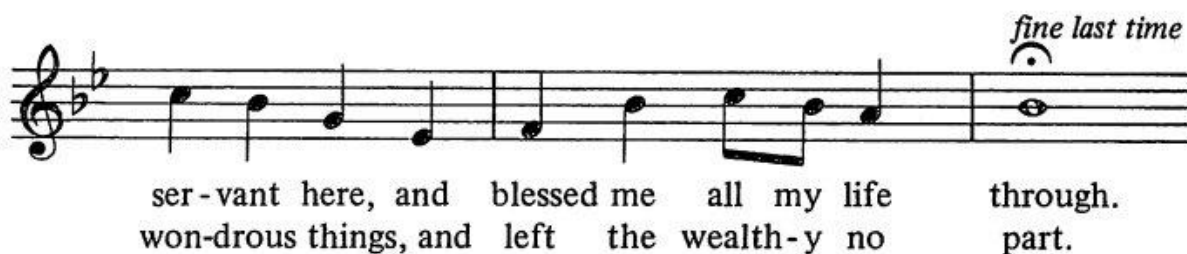
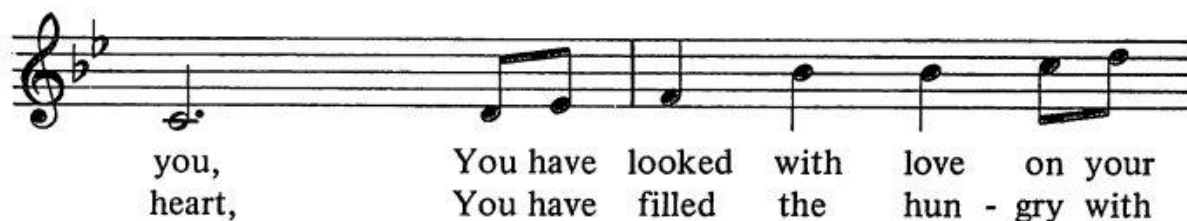
And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

The Magnificat

All:

1.3. My ——— soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



Litany and Prayers

All:
Repeat continuously

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(Hmmm)

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: A B



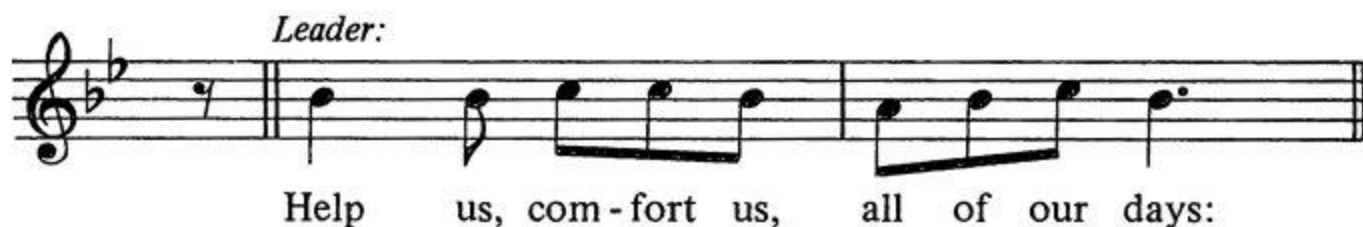
1. In peace, in peace, we pray_ to you:

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

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3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:



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 Lord.

Amen.

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven.

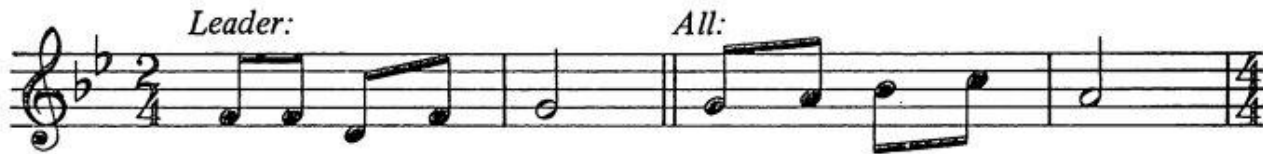
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Final Blessing



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



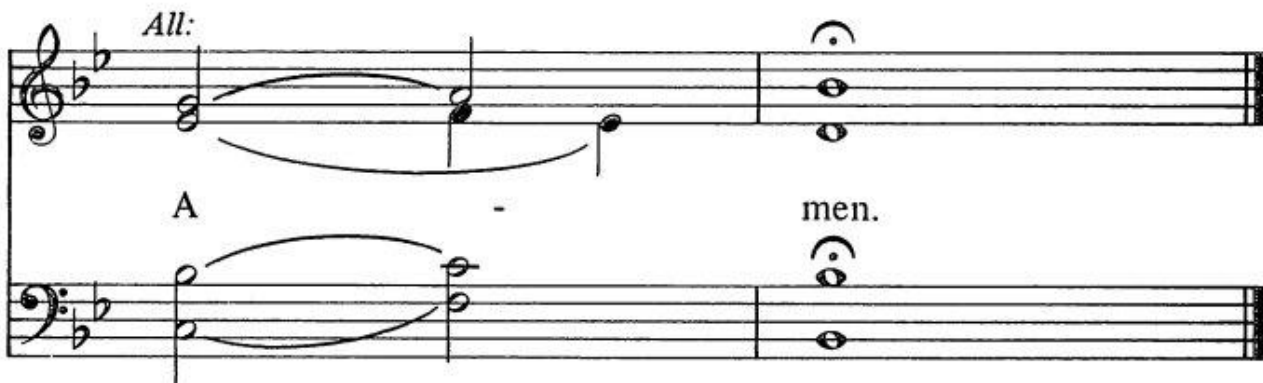
Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____



Sending

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

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Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
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- ⌋ In God’s covenant with Abraham and Sarah, God promises them: “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. So shall your descendants be.” (Genesis 15:5) We can be reminded of such living hope when we walk beneath the same stars a few thousand years later and stare up into the immensity of God’s creation.

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