

for the 125th anniversary of
Bethesda Lutheran Church,
New Haven, Connecticut

OUR MUSIC PLUMBS, THEN LIFTS AND BEARS

Anthem for SATB Choir and Organ*

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Tune: BETHESDA 125TH
Tune and Anthem Setting by
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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 68$

Organ

p

Ped.

STANZA 1

Unison Choir
p sempre espr. e legato

7

Our mu - sic plumbs, then lifts and bears the Spir - it's speech-less, yearn - ing

12

sighs. Our songs are born from word-less prayers as mel - o - dies that fall and rise. They

mp

l.h. *mp*

(Ped.)

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17 17

res - o - nate from soul to soul en - gag - ing that pro - found - er sight of — faith and hope that

22

make us bold to seek and fol - low Christ's trans - form - ing light.

28 **Tenor** *mf*

Bass *mf*

STANZA 2

And through our mu - sic we can hear a sound the world too of - ten dims: God's

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mf

(Ped.)

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33 **Soprano** *mf* 37 *mf*

through pre-ludes, an-thems, psalms and hymns. — They bring a vi sion of re - birth, as

Alto *mf* *mf*

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Tenor

8 heal-ing wa-ters draw-ing near through pre-ludes, an-thems, psalms and hymns. —

Bass

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39

God em-ploys our gifts and skills to — tend this wound-ed, bleed-ing earth with all the love the ris en Christ in -

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8 *mf*

tend this bleed-ing earth — with all the love the ris en Christ — in -

mf

with all the love Christ in -

39



STANZA 3 - Choir a cappella

With flowing motion

warmly

45

non rit.

stills. We wel-come you to join the song, to see the light and hear the

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45

non rit.

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With flowing motion

warmly

Voices alone*

Available at
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*Organist may provide light support if needed.