

Composed for and dedicated to the saints of  
Centenary United Methodist Church in Granville, Ohio,  
on the celebration of their bicentennial

# Our Roots Run Deep

Performance time:  
approximately 4:00

An anthem for SATB and piano

Music and Words by  
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**Gently, but strongly** (♩=77) *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

Soprano  
Alto

Piano

Like a

S A

tree planted by a stream of liv-ing wa-ters, our roots run deep.

T B

Like a

Pno.

5 6 7 8

S A

We will

T B

tree yield-ing forth its fruit in sea-son, our roots run deep. We will

Pno.

9 10 11 12

# Our Roots Run Deep

S A  
not fear the temp-est; we will not fear the drought; we will not fear the fires\_ that

T B

Pno. *mf*

13 14 15

S A  
rav-age the land; for our roots\_ run\_ deep, \_ our roots\_ run\_ deep.

T B

Pno.

16 17 18 19 20

S A  
He who came, bear-ing Light, plant-ed deep\_ the seed of

T B

Pno. *mp*

21 22 23 24

# Our Roots Run Deep

*Altos* *All*

S A Life. Tak-ing root, grew a tree of faith, branch-ing out grow-ing

T B *Tenors*

Pno.

25 26 27 28

*allargando*

S A tall. Through the years, grow-ing strong, though there be storms of earth-ly

T B

Pno. *cresc.* *allargando*

29 30 31 32

*a tempo*

S A strife, Still grows the tree, bear-ing Life, that there might be life for

T B

Pno. *a tempo* *mp*

33 34 35 36

# Our Roots Run Deep

*poco rit.* **mf** *a tempo*

S A  
all. Like a tree planted by a stream of liv-ing wa-ters, our

T B **mf**

Pno. *poco rit.* *a tempo* **mf**

37 38 39 40

S A  
roots \_\_\_\_\_ run \_\_\_\_\_ deep. \_\_\_\_\_ Like a tree yeild-ing forth its

T B

Pno.

41 42 43

S A *Sopranos* *Altos*  
fruit in \_\_\_\_\_ season, our roots \_\_\_\_\_ run \_\_\_\_\_ deep. \_\_\_\_\_ We will not fear the tempest, We will

T B *Tenors* *Basses*

Pno.

44 45 46 47

# Our Roots Run Deep

*All*

S A  
not fear the drought, We will not fear the fires— that rav-age the land, for our

T B

Pno.

48 49 50

S A  
roots— run— deep, our roots— run— deep. He who

T B

Pno.

51 52 53 54

S A  
comes, bear-ing Light, bids us plant the seed of

T B

Pno.

55 56 57

# Our Roots Run Deep

S A Sopranos Altos  
Life; Shade the weak; feed the hun - gry child;  
T B Tenors Basses (Shade the weak;) (feed the) child;

Pno.

58 59 60

S A All  
grow in faith; \_\_\_\_\_ build up love. \_\_\_\_\_ Till He re - turns \_\_\_\_\_ to claim His  
T B

Pno.

61 62 63

S A *poco rit.* *a tempo*  
own, May we be found \_\_\_\_\_ filled with  
T B may we still stand, strong and true! \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

64 65 66 67

# Our Roots Run Deep

S A  
T B  
Pno.

faith, bearing fruit for God above. Like a

68 69 70 71

S A  
T B  
Pno.

tree planted in the house of the Almighty, our roots run deep. Like a

72 73 74 75

S A  
T B  
Pno.

tree bringing forth the fruit of Life in season, our roots run deep. We will

76 77 78 79

# Our Roots Run Deep

S A  
grow toward the heav-ens, We will reach toward the Light; We will spread out with new life and

T B

Pno.

80 81 82

S A  
love with all our might, for our roots\_ run deep,\_\_\_ our roots\_\_\_ run\_\_\_ deep.

T B

Pno.

83 84 85 86 87

*rit.*

S A  
Our roots run deep.\_\_\_\_\_

T B

Pno.

88 89 90 91 92

*a tempo* *rit.*

*mp* *pp*