



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 12, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

God of mystery,

You called Ananias by name, and he responded,

"Here I am."

You called Paul to the work of your Church, and he responded

By giving his life to your Word.

Similarly, you call us into community and faith,

So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.

We respond with worship.

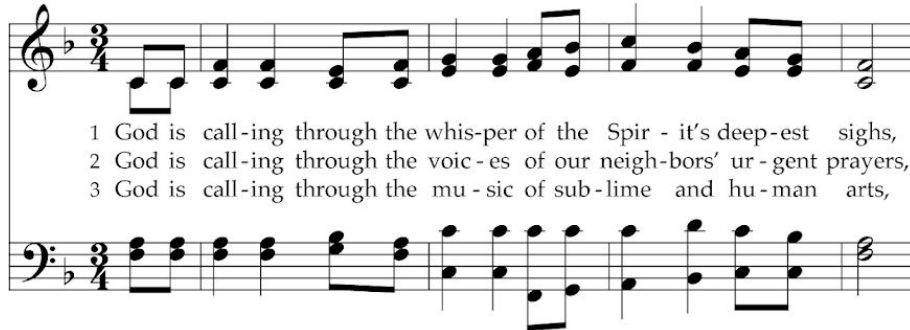
Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

Amen.

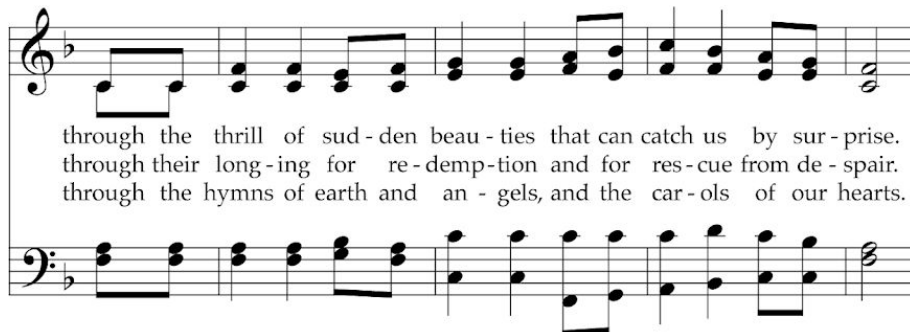
Hymn #410 *God is Calling through the Whisper*

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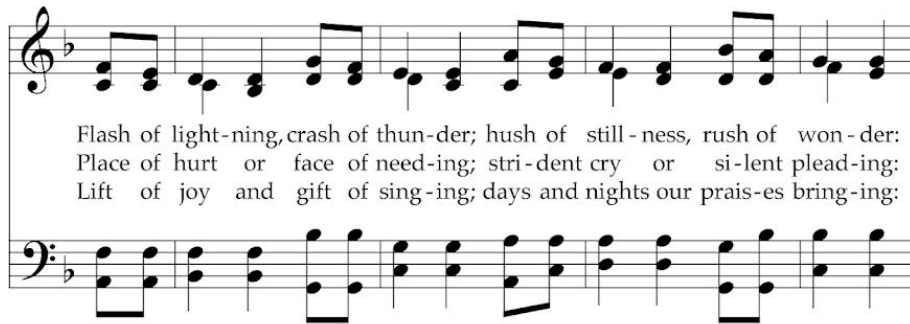
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,



through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
Place of hurt or face of need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing;
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing;



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003
MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958
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8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7
(this tune in a higher key, 128)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of new life,

What would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?

Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.

Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.

However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace.

Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who's in and who's out.

We see the "other," faster than we see our "neighbor," and refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes.

Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to.

Humbly we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *Acts 9:1-20*

Sermon *Highway Accident*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Saul Left for Damascus*

A Hymn Inspired by Acts 9:1-20

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: ST. DENIO

Meter: 11.11.11.11

Music: Welsh Folk Melody; arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

Piano

Saul left for Da - mas - cus, his ord - ers were clear:
 A bright light from hea - ven! Saul fell to the ground!
 His friends had to lead him for now he was blind.
 No more would Saul mur - der; he grew in God's grace.

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to send folks to pri - son and leave them in fear.
 A voice boomed a - round him, a voice most pro - found:
 They came to Da - mas - cus by God's own de - sign.
 In all he would serve he would see Je - sus' face.

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He searched for the peo - ple who fol - lowed the Way,
 "Saul, why do you mur - der and per - se - cute me?"
 God sent A - na - ni - as to tell Saul God's plan.
 Lord, help us to fol - low with hearts that are brave,

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but found some - one else when he vent - ured that day.
 Saul saw on - ly dark - ness; his eyes could not see.
 Saul's sight was re - stored and he was a new man!
 and wor - ship our sa - vior who rose from the grave.

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Affirmation of Faith (by A Sanctified Art)

I believe in God, the Great Sewer -

Who weaves us together in community,

Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit -

Who hems us in before and behind,

Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

***And I believe in Jesus Christ -
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to
disregard anyone as scrap.***

***I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.***

***I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.***

***I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.***

***And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.***

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/ Pastoral Prayer

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to <http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/>

Hymn #69 *Here I Am, Lord*

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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HERE I AM (Schutte)
 7.7.7.4.D with refrain

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Liturgists: Lucas Stroble, Sara Weeden, Sam O'Neill

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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