



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
February 28, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Ave Verum Corpus* W.A. Mozart

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment

Hymn #414 *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

GATHERING

414 Be Still and Know That I Am God

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)
E C#m E7 C#m
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Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)
A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

**May be sung as a canon.*

In many situations, simplicity is more challenging than embellishment. The spiritual life is no exception, as these eight stark monosyllables from Psalm 46:10a make clear. The musical setting is similarly spare, using only five notes to create a sense of melodic spaciousness.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1989
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PSALM 46
Irregular

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Listening God,

*Take what is closed in us and open it.
Take what is distracted in us and settle it.
Take what is hurting in us and hold it.*

*Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.
For we are like Peter, O God.
We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.
And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.*

*So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.
We long to hear your more clearly.
We long to know you more fully.*

*With hope we pray,
And with gratitude we confess.
Amen.*

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 *We Are Forgiven*

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and half notes. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.'

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

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 Psalm 22:23-31

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-9:8

Sermon *Again & Again, We are Called to Listen*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*
Handbell Choir

Affirmation of Faith

We believe.

Sometimes our belief is confident,
Like a child on a dance floor -
Unashamed and wildly genuine.

We believe.

***Sometimes our belief is distant,
Flickering and calling out to us
Like a lighthouse on the sea.***

We believe.

Sometimes our belief shows up as passion,
Guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.

We believe.

***Sometimes our belief is like a shadow -
Faith stitched to our heels, unmoveable, unloseable,
A gift for winding journeys.***

We believe.

Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains.
We step forward. We fall back.
But again and again,
Jesus invites us to listen,
To grow, and to take another step.

***So again and again,
We speak these truths out loud:
We believe.***

We believe.

Again and again, we believe.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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.

Hymn #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Pastoral Prayer & 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

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Hymn #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!

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Be Thou My Vision*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

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