

Announcements

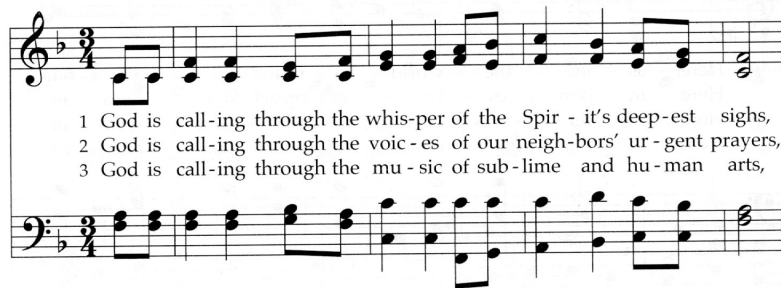
Prelude – “When Morning Gilds the Skies” - Jason Payne

Invocation

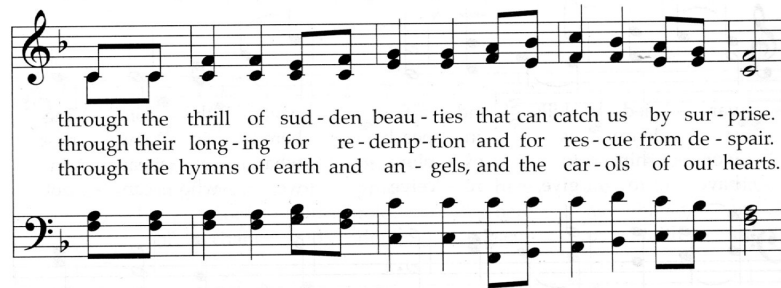
Hymn: #410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”.

GATHERING

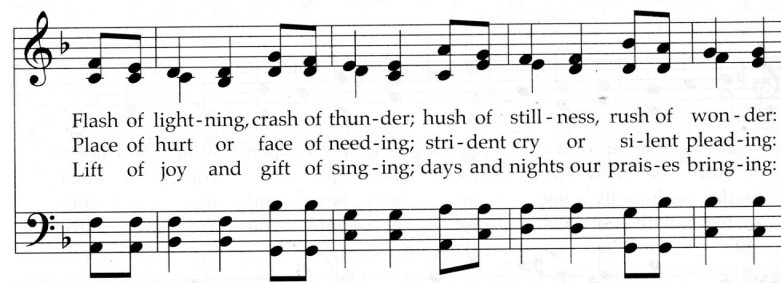
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem – “He Leadeth Me” – Jason Payne

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”— solo by Karen Homsher.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow my ran-somed
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for-ev-er.
pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10

Sermon: “**Life in the Shadows**”

Affirmation of Faith—the 23rd Psalm (King James version)

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Peace

Offering

*Hymn: #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
round you:
fore you:

Benediction

Postlude – *Voluntary on 'Ein Feste Burg'* – Gordon Young