

October 25, 2020 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Listen: Hearing That Still, Small Voice and Finding Your Own

WEEK 4: *"Finding Your Mystic:
Listening Behind the Voices"*

Welcome and Announcements ~ Karen Barsy

LISTEN

Music for Settling ~ Leigh Emmett

Evoking the Mystery

Leader

Sung Response

*Come and rest, Come and listen.
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.*

Leader

Sung Response

*Come and rest, Come and listen,
There's a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.*

Moog Contemplation

Leader

Most of us breathe too shallow.
Take a deep breath all the way into the far corners of your lungs...
Fill up your breath...fill your spirit
We spend so much time:
solving,
fixing,
figuring out.

Spend time alone in reflection, on a regular basis if you want to make
friends with yourself.

Examen

Reader: For that which, then, I thought was right...

People: have mercy, God.

Reader: For that which, now, I regret...

People: forgive me, God.

Reader: For that which, hence, I know not what to do...

People: guide me, God.

Leader: Come and rest, come and listen. Know that grace, forgiveness and guidance are available to you at each and every moment that we turn to receive them.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

Come and rest, Come and listen.

Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.

*Hymn #318 ~ “In Christ There Is No East or West”

FIND

Children’s Discovery

The Psalmist’s Prayer (Psalm 107:23-32) ~ *in unison*

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits’ end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Sung Response

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don’t understand.*

Reader: Some of the redeemed had gone out on the ocean in ships, making their living on the high seas. They saw what the Lord had made;

People: they saw God’s wondrous works in the depths of the sea.

Reader: God spoke and stirred up a storm that brought the waves up high. The waves went as high as the sky;

People: they crashed down to the depths.

Reader: The sailors' courage melted at this terrible situation. They staggered and stumbled around like they were drunk. None of their skill was of any help.

People: So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God brought them out safe from their desperate circumstances.

Sung Response

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.*

Reader: God quieted the storm to a whisper; the sea's waves were hushed. So they rejoiced because the waves had calmed down;

People: then God led them to the harbor they were hoping for.

Reader: Let them thank the Lord for this faithful love and God's wondrous works for all people.

People: Let them exalt God in the congregation of the people and praise God in the assembly of the elders.

Sung Response

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Seeking the Word ~ The Rev. Renee Roederer, guest

Scripture ~ Romans 12:2-12

Music for an Inward Journey ~ "Listening" (V. Beeching)

Message

REFLECT

*Hymn Song of Contemplation #724 ~ "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

Appointment with God

Sung Response

Meet me here; find me in my wanderings.

Meet me here, deep within my soul.

Leader

We ask each of you to send your weekly prayer sheet to the church at the end of this series for use in a future service so that we can experience each other's wisdom-keep that in mind when you write on the worksheet.

Sung Response

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Community and Closing Prayers

Leader

PREPARE TO LISTEN IN THE WORLD

*Hymn Song for Moving On #69 ~ "Here I Am, Lord"

Passing of the Peace ~ *Please pass the peace virtually with your neighbors.*

*Sung Benediction ~

We're so thankful that you are still speaking,

You're still speaking, gracious God.

For the sake of the world you are seeking

We are listening, listening now.

[repeat]

Benediction

Music for Going Out

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In memory of Rick Wilkins, October 16, 2020, husband of former St. Paul's member Laurie Anderson.

REMINDER! Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Please set your clocks back one hour. This will be the final Sunday of the Listening Series and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Last call for donations to the annual CROP Walk! Today is the final day for making donations at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/livoniami/Team/View/131807> as we are still working toward that goal set for St. Paul's of \$1,000.00!

And a big THANK YOU to those who donated!

These donations will help people globally through the work of Church World Service and locally right here in our community through the food banks in Livonia, Garden City, Farmington, and Redford, including our partner in ministry, Redford Interfaith Relief.

Highlights from the October 20, 2020 Council Meeting:

- 1) Council would like to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the Rev. Joanne Morgan for stepping up and serving both in Pastoral Care and as Council Moderator during our time of transition at St. Paul's.
- 2) St. Paul's will begin live streaming services from the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1, 2020.
- 3) Sunday, November 22, 2020 is St. Paul's **TENTATIVE** Sunday morning in-person worship service opening date, **DEPENDENT UPON CURRENT STATE RULES. WATCH FOR DETAILS.**
- 4) 2021 Stewardship program will begin on November 8th; please watch your mail!!



Janet Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie, Frank & Nancy Saunders
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Don Potter ~ father of Don; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Thomas Peoples ~ friend of Jeff Graham
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Bob Kortenhoeven ~ brother of a friend of Judy McGregor
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Score

Come and Rest

Gifts of the Dark Wood

Words: Marcia McFee

Music: Chuck Bell and Marcia McFee

$\text{♩} = 70$

Lead

rest. Come and lis-ten. Lay the full-ness of your lives be-fore the

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In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

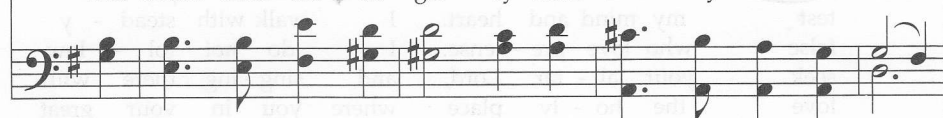
724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



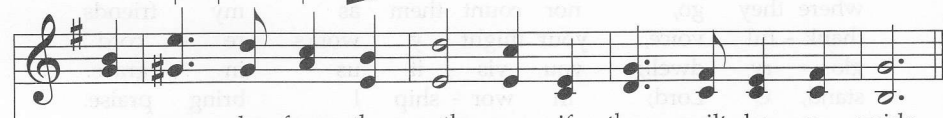
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.



Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

rubato *rit.* Colla Voce

Vocal

Meet me here. Find me in my

Piano

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6 $\text{♩} = 60$

wan - der - ings. Meet me here. Deep with - in my soul.

6

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All G Am D G C G D

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.

