

October 4, 2020 ~ World Communion Sunday

Listen:  
Hearing That Still, Small Voice and Finding Your Own

WEEK 1

*“Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces; Finding Your Life: Listening Deeply”*

Welcome and Announcements ~ Karen Barsy

**\*LISTEN\***

Music for Settling ~ Leigh Emmett

Evoking the Mystery

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

Listen past the din and noise...  
Take the most adventurous trip of your life...  
The one inside yourself.  
Move into practices of listening...  
The reverberations at the end of the music,  
The spaces between the bird's call,  
The lull after the wind whips through the trees  
...the spaces 'in between.'

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**

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Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.*

\*Hymn #688 ~ “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*”

**\*FIND\***

**Children’s Discovery**

**The Psalmist’s Prayer** (Psalm 5:3-7)~ *in unison*

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you. The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

**Sung Response**

*Listen to the still small voice; listen to the still small voice;  
listen to the still small voice; listen, God is singing, God is singing.*

Reader: Lord, in the morning you hear my voice.

In the morning I lay it all out before you.

People: Then I wait expectantly.

Reader: Because you aren’t a God who enjoys wickedness;

People: evil doesn’t live with you.

**Sung Response**

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listen to the still small voice; listen, God is singing, God is singing.*

Reader: But me? I will enter your house because of your abundant, faithful love;

People: I will bow down at your holy temple, honoring you.

**Sung Response**

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Seeking the Word ~ The Rev. Renee Roederer, guest

Scripture ~ 1 Kings 19:11-12; Mark 1:9-14

Music for an Inward Journey ~ "Communion Prayer" (A. Pote) ~ Singers

Message

**\*REFLECT\***

\*Hymn Song of Contemplation #169 ~ "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Communion

Sung Response

*Meet me here; find me in my wanderings.*

*Meet me here, deep within my soul.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Words of Institution

God's Faithful Love through Bread and Cup

Appointment with God

Sung Response

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*Meet me here, deep within my soul.*

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.

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Community and Closing Prayers

## \*PREPARE TO LISTEN IN THE WORLD\*

\*Hymn Song for Moving On #410 ~ “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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 Camilla White ~ October 1, 2020*

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers-at all time in all ways. This offering will be received today.

A **Meeting of the Congregation** is called for Sunday, October 11, in the Google Meet format, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of Ruling Elders on the Council from 9 members to 7 members as well as the number of members of the Board of Deacons from 9 members to 7 members.

For information purposes only, not for vote, the Council is seeking funding from the St. Paul's Foundation in the amount of \$5,013.77 for technical equipment upgrades.

The **VIRTUAL CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 11.**

This means walkers from all participating congregations will **NOT** meet together to walk. Instead, you can still be a part of our St. Paul's team and walk by yourself, or with your family, choosing your own distance as well as where you are comfortable - around your living room, around your block, or around your neighborhood!

We are raising funds to help families who are struggling because of hunger. It's been a hard year for everyone, but especially for those who don't have the safety nets and protections surrounding many of us. If you want to join and help families who aren't getting enough healthy food to eat, please donate to and/ or join our team at

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/livoniamiami/Team/View/131807> . Thanks so much for caring.

Online donations are encouraged because for every group of 5 or more who register from St. Paul's and if St. Paul's raises collectively at least \$250.00 in online donations, a matching gift of \$250.00 will be given! 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, Redford, and Farmington. Walk. Give. Change the world!

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 

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  
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Thomas Peeples ~ 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. There's a wisdom deep within that calls us

closer Come and rest. Come and lis - ten. There's a

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Score

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## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.



# 169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 \*Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
 above, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low \* thee.  
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

\*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

*rubato* *rit.* Colla Voce

Vocal

Meet me here. Find me in my

Piano

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6  $\text{♩} = 60$

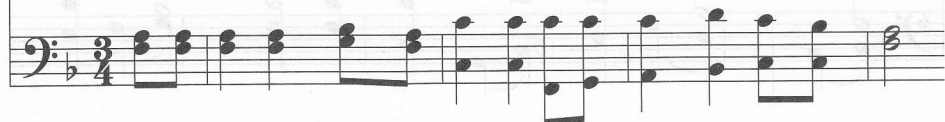
wan - der - ings. Meet me here. Deep with - in my soul.

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## 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



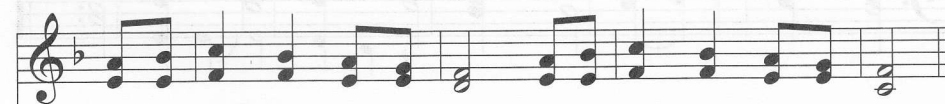
- 1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



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.

