



God is calling through the whisper...

Grove Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service

*Third Sunday in Lent
March 20th, 2022 10:15 AM*

We invite you to sing and read the bold text and stand when you see an asterisk (). Please wear a mask when inside.*

Gathering Music **“Meditation on Ukrainian Song ‘Homeland’”**
arranged by Vidas Pinkevicius (2022)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *arranged by James Koerts* **“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel*)

One: God calls us here to worship.

All: We are here, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

One: God calls us here to worship.

All: We are here, ready to listen to God’s Word, sometimes surprising and unexpected, sometimes a whisper in our heart.

One: God calls us here to worship.

All: We are here, ready to listen to the Holy Spirit as God speaks to us.

One: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *see insert*

“Here I Am To Worship”

Prayer of Confession (*Teri Peterson*)

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and telling us your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren’t sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are too busy, you still call. We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help. Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice. Help us to listen to what you have to say, and then help us to follow wherever you lead.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Thank you, God, for hearing us, and for speaking to us. Remind us of your love and forgiveness and give us strength to be faithful to you. **Amen.**

*Hymn #455 **“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”** (2 times)

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #410 **“God Is Calling Through the Whisper”**

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:7–13a

New Testament Reading Mark 1:35–39

Sermon **“The Sound of Silence”**

Musical Offering **“Every Promise”**

Moment of Reflection.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

*Hymn #339 **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;

Beneath his wings of love abide. God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through all the day,

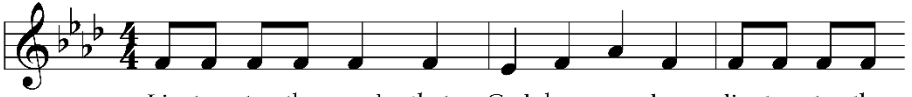
O’er all the way; He will take care of you,

God will take care of you.

Postlude *arranged by Frank Milholland* **“God Will Take Care of You”**

Participants in today’s service: Karen Tinstman (worship leader); Kim Stamm, Scott Romberger (deacons); Eric Deeter (children’s sermon); Cathy Sanders, Senior Choir (music); Scott Lawvere (audio/video); Joy Christian (organist); Rev. Jason Clapper

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der-stand.

May be sung as a round, successive voices entering ad lib.

Like "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (see no. 453), this short song from Canada is an encouragement to pay attention to what God is saying. The significance of the text is enhanced by singing this piece as a round, allowing the overlapping phrases to yield a single message.

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.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



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in honor of her sister Melinda's birthday and her own.**

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