

**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 20, 2022**

*\* Please stand, as able.*  
*Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Prelude**

***“Jesus, Lead Thou On”***

**Paul Manz**

**\* Call to Worship**

We come, those who seek to trust in God.

**We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.**

We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

**We would not worry, but open ourselves to God’s heart.**

We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

**We will be still, listening for God’s words of hope, of peace.**

**\* HYMN Insert**

***“Here in This Place”***

**GATHER US IN**

**Call to Confession**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have misconstrued justice for punishment. We want others to feel deeply the way we have felt deeply. We want others to hurt the way we’ve been hurt. O God, help us to unclench our fists, loosen our jaws, and lower our shoulders. Remind us to breathe in Your Spirit, breathe out Your peace. Help us to remember that all of us have fallen short and yet You love us so much. Remind us that our woundedness is not who we are. Bind our broken hearts, and call us to love one another. Teach us how to reach out in repentance, to do the work of justice and reparation, to restore the world for Your reign, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

*(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus calls us into a life of repentance and forgiveness for where we’ve gone wrong, and to forgive one another as God has forgiven us, whenever possible. Take courage, and know God is with you in this journey of forgiveness, restoration, and healing. Go and love one another with the love of God. Amen.

**\* Gloria – Hymn No. 567 – “Glory to the Father” — (Gloria Patri)**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

### **Children's Message**

*(Following the Children's Message, children third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.**

### **First Reading — Janet Simon**

Our first lesson is from the 45<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis, beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse. Listen as I read God's Word:

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\* HYMN Insert**

***"God Is Calling through the Whisper"***

**W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY**

### **Epistle – Janet Simon**

Our second reading is taken from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, beginning in verse 35. Listen as I read God's Word:

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Gospel Reading – Pastor Ashley**

Our Gospel reading is from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, beginning in the 27<sup>th</sup> verse. Listen as I read God's Word:

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

**\* HYMN #391**

**“Take My Life”**

**HENDON**

### ***Litany of Pastoral Release***

**Leader:** For six years, Ashley Rossi has served as our associate pastor. She has offered her gifts and has worked diligently for the upbuilding of the church in this place. By the grace of God, she has served us well.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Leader:** We have contributed to Ashley's ministry, supporting and encouraging her, responding to her leadership and helping her to develop and strengthen her skills as a pastor. By the grace of God, we have blessed Ashley in her ministry among us.

**Pastor:** I am grateful for your care and encouragement, and for your partnership in the Gospel.

**Leader:** For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to pluck up what has been planted; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to let go.

**Pastor:** I thank you, the members and friends of Carmel Presbyterian Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

**Pastor:**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

**Leader:** May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**All: Amen.**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns –**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession & The Lord’s Prayer (using ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’) –**

**Invitation to the Offering –**

*(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)*

We give because we have been blessed. We loved because we are first love. We gather our offerings now in recognition of the grace that has overflowed in our lives.

**Offertory**

**“A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester”**      **L.J. White (b. 1910)**  
David Campbell, tenor soloist      Alan Bullard lower parts  
Sanctuary Choir

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.*

**\* Doxology No 592 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (DOXOLOGY)**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

You pour out grace upon us, Loving God, not so we might be filled, but we might empty ourselves for others. Take these gifts we offer in these moments and use them to bring new life and hope to all around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\* HYMN #369**

**“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

**I’M GONNA LIVE**

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)**

**Postlude**

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”**

**Charles Callahan**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY.** We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship (currently suspended due to the pandemic)! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

**THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** this morning are in loving memory of Christopher, son of Gary and Carol Moll.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** – Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation of Carmel Presbyterian Church today immediately following the 10:00 am worship to act on Pastor Ashley's Rossi's request to dissolve her pastoral relationship. Following the meeting you are invited to stay for a celebration and appreciation of Pastor Ashley's ministry to be followed by a reception in Carmel Hall.

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS** of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children's Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for **Nursery Care** and Melissa MacFarland for **Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, **please call the Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

**CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES:** **Refuge** will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets designated Sundays, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Loft.

**ADULT WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP STUDY LED BY PASTOR PETER** – Pastor Peter's **Adult Group Study** is now **Wednesday evenings: 7:30-9:00 pm on ZOOM**. During Wednesdays in February, we continue the short study: **Practice Joy** from the **Follow Me** PC(USA) curriculum. We usually think of joy as a feeling, a response to something we experience. Scripture, however, invites us to experience joy as more than a passive response; instead, **we practice joy as a faithful choice**. Joy is something that we experience, something we savor, and something that is gifted to us by a loving and merciful God. While we experience joy individually, it is **also** a communal practice, one that is experienced in different ways by all God's people. We will use the **Practice Joy** discussion to explore this faithful choice in greater detail together. Pick up your **Adult Reflection Booklet** in the Church Office.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT** – Participate in a special Lenten six-week adult group study **Practice Spiritual Disciplines**. It begins the First Wednesday in Lent, March 2 on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make the Season of

Lent more meaningful; prepare for **Holy Week** and Easter's new life! God's central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ's image. **Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices** are ways in which we do that. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer, meditation, study, and service. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. As with **Practice Joy**, an Adult Reflection Booklet **Practice Spiritual Disciplines** will be available in the Church Office as we approach Lent. Join in both group discussions Wednesday evenings!

**WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at [www.presbycarmel.org](http://www.presbycarmel.org). Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!** **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE** are available from the Ushers.

**SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE** several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

**WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19** – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities.

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***Participating in Worship this Morning***

*Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor*

*Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor*

*James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music*

*Janet Simon, Worship Leader*

*The Sanctuary Choir*

*Margie White and Linda MacFarland, Shepherds*

*Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member*

*Gary Moll, Stefanie O'Gara, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators*

***Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)***

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>  
**Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409  
**“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.**

**Signup to Help with Worship!**

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here:  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

**For those Participating and Facilitating in Worship**

*By attending in-person worship at Carmel Presbyterian Church you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and variants and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and its variants may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Carmel Presbyterian Church and church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.*

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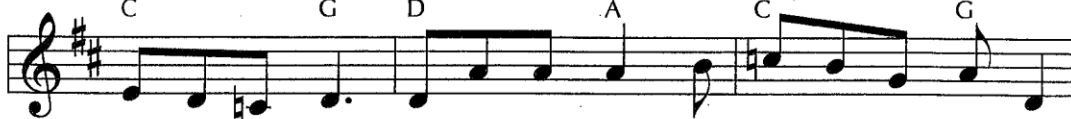
## Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



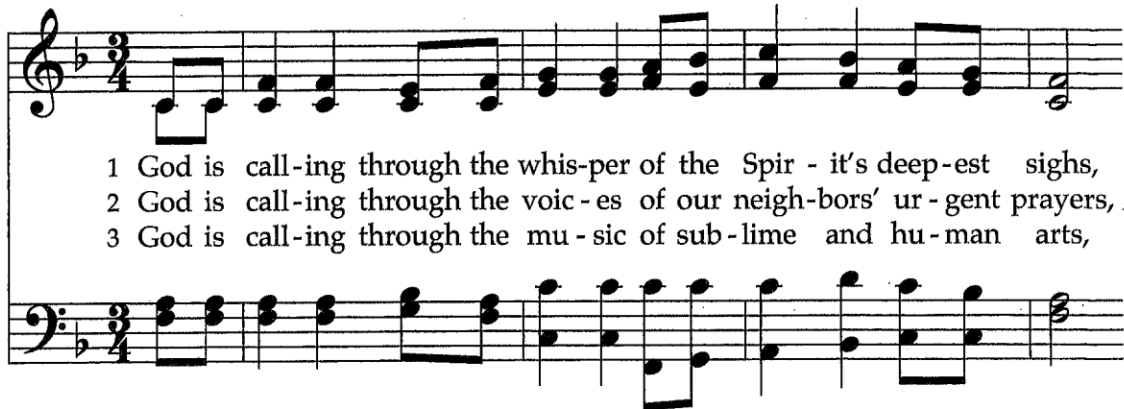
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

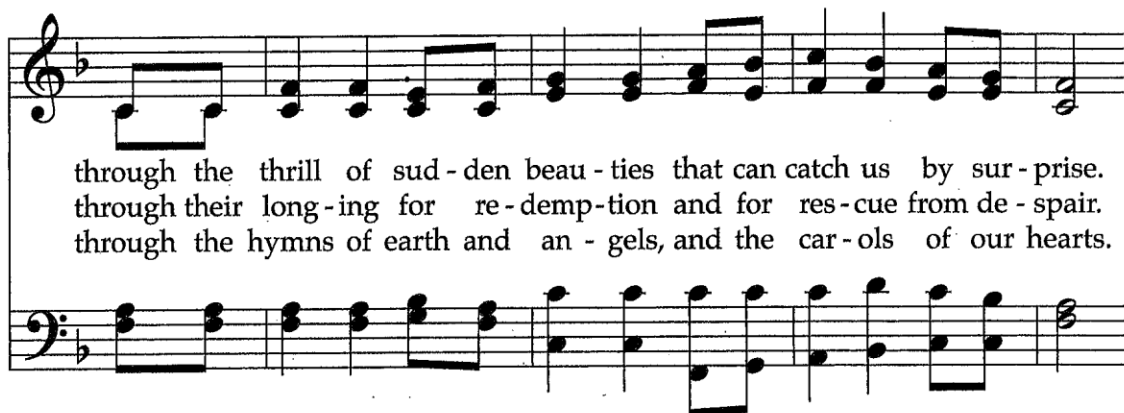




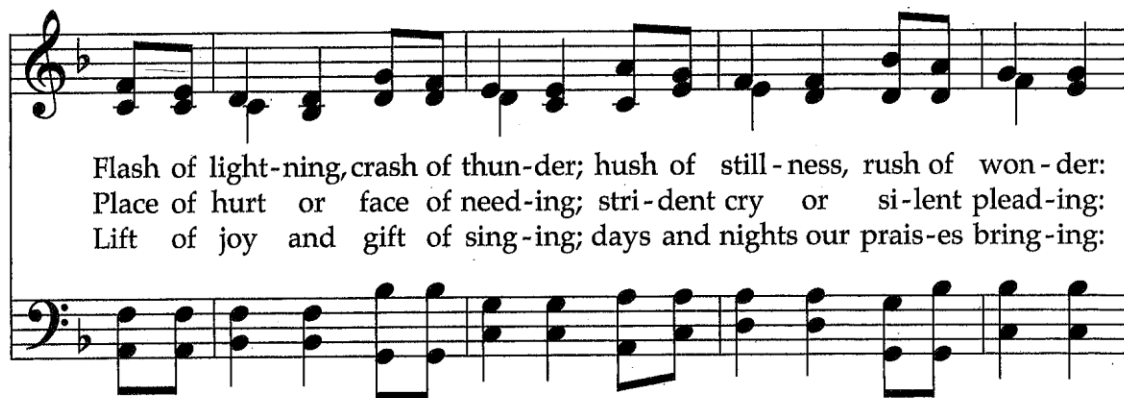
## 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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.

SERVICE MUSIC

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise \*Him, all creatures

here below; Praise \*Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Or "God."

## Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in  
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -  
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.  
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

# 369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual  
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

an - y - time!

I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)