

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Prelude "Home" from Winter Songs Ola Gjeilo

***Call to Worship** Thom Schumann

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

People: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

People: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

***Processional Hymn 409** God Is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer Elder Linda Barnes

Call to Confession

*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Steadfast God, our comfortable lives tempt us to believe that following Jesus should also make us comfortable. Our work provides for so many of our wants, that we seldom feel a need for your grace. Our friendships are well-formed, so we side-step the needs of your community. Our unfamiliarity with others' beliefs and cultures makes us hesitate in sharing your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith, proclaiming with our lips, and especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI(GREATOREX)

*Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Cate Birdsall and Bryn Ryan

*(K-4th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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Anthem

Will You Come and Follow Me
Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 1:14-20

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Sermon "Called By God"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 410**

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

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***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

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Call to Offering

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Gary Norian

***Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Recessional Hymn 432**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

***Benediction**

Postlude

No.1 Postlude

Léon Boëllmann

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Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown and Elder and Deacon Vice-Moderator Linda Barnes.

Our ushers this morning are Mike and Nancy Kmiecik, Joslin Ruffle and Story Savage.

Thank you to our tabulators Kent Stevens and Cindy Murphy and our processor Ann Jadro.

Special thanks to Craig, Lisa and Natalie Duke for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 22 - 27

Monday

9:30 am Next Act Brunch, Boles' Home
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg., Zoom
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Welcoming Committee, Zoom
Prayer Shawl, Griswold Parlor

Wednesday

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

4:00 pm Confirmation Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

Annual Meeting

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Annual Meeting & Winter Breakfast, Mulford Hall**

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

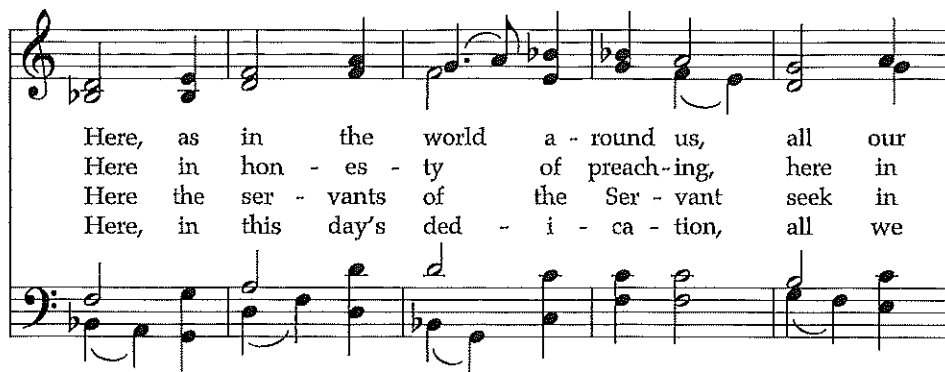
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

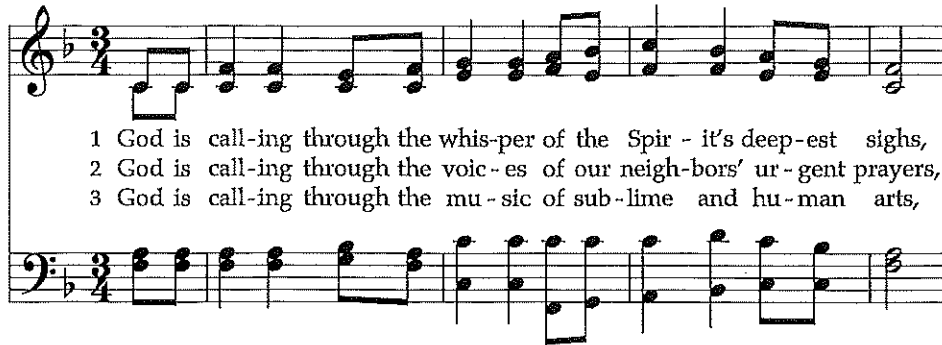


var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

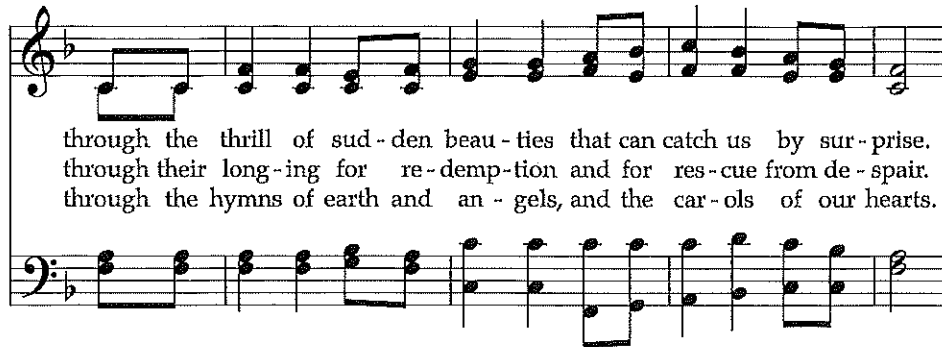


of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

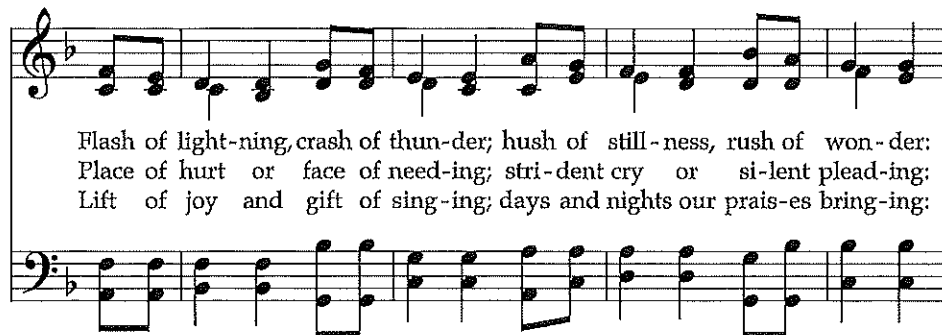
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958

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(this tune in a higher key, 128)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21, 2024

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT CHURCH

9:15 & 11:00 am	Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am	Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and with special thanks and gratitude to Pastor Tom and the office staff, by Anonymous.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 28, in Mulford Hall

Please join us for our Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 28. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, the Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor, and the approval of By-Laws as amended. We'll also review the 2024 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2023.



2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged in our Sharing Our Bounty Stewardship campaign for 2024. We're currently short of our \$750,000 goal, which is vital for our programs and services. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. For those who have, any additional support you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Every contribution brings us closer to our goal. Pledge cards are available in the Upper Lounge, in the Church Office or you may scan the QR code or go to our website to pledge online.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Sunday, February 4

The Ordination and Installation Service will take place on Sunday, February 4 during worship. Please join us as we welcome our new elders and deacons into the ministry of the church.

USHER CAPTAINS & USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few usher team captains and more ushers for 2024. Easy instructions are provided. Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested or have any questions.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Many dates in January and February are open!

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. Your continued support allows us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by delivering flowers to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation, celebration, or concern on behalf of the church. To place a dedication for 2024, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact **Gloria** or call the church office at 973-635-2340.

SAVE THE DATE:

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Worship

February 14, 6:30 pm, Mulford Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship and worship as we move into the season of Lent.

A main entrée will be provided, with a kid-friendly option available.

Please bring a salad, side-dish or dessert to share.

A brief, reflective worship service with communion will follow the shared meal.

RSVP's requested but not required. Additional details and a sign-up to follow.

VIRTUAL COMMENT BOX

We're glad that you are here worshipping with us! Please share your worship experience with us today and every time that you attend worship. You may submit feedback via the QR code at any time! Thank you.

Managed by the Worship & Music Committee

