



A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

*\*Those who wish may stand \* Words in **Bold** are Congregational Responses*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**  
*Alanna Cushing*

*from Southern Harmony  
arranged by Mark Hayes*

## Call to Worship

O God, we want to be more than happy; we want to be joyful.

**O God, we want to be more than healthy; we want to be whole.**

O God, we want to be more than alive; we want to be radiant.

**O God, we want to be more than adequate, we want to be triumphant.**

With all these hopes and intentions before us, let us worship God.

## **\* Hymn No. 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"**

1. God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.

Flash of lightning, crash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

2. God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.

Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

3. God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.

Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

## **Call to Confession**

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, who brooded over the world when it was created and broods now over your children until we are shaped in the image of Christ, we confess our daily sins: the word sharply spoken, the praise withheld, the embrace not given, the hurt disguised, the envy felt, the self indulged, the need neglected. Receive us now broken, penitent, wishing it were otherwise. Enfold us in the arms of love and forgiveness and restore a new spirit within us. Make us one with ourselves, with each other, with the world, with time and all the saints. Let your name be magnified, let Christ be glorified, let the Holy Spirit be intensified, in each heart and on all our lips, this day and forever.**

(time for silent reflection and confession of sin)

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, god's son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

## **Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

**Anthem**

**"I Am the Gate"**

**Michel Guimont**

**Scripture:**

**John 10:1-10**

**Sermon:**

**"I am the Gate"**

**Rev. Sharon Bell**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

O God, whose life is our peace and whose love is our hope, we wait before you in quietness and humility. Let your mantle fall upon us like a gossamer veil, touching us in all our needs. Lift the burdens of the tired. Still the hearts of the fearful. Encourage the desperate. Enable the weak. Give vision to those whose lives are dull, and joy to those who dwell in sadness. Let the sick receive healing and the eager find wisdom. Let the Spirit of Christ abide with us to reveal the true nature of things; the fickleness of popularity, the worthlessness of riches, the value of authenticity, and the pricelessness of love. Grant us the power to live in the world without loving it more than we love you, and to live in you while loving your little ones. Make us willing servants of the poor, the very young, and the very old, and let us walk among them as Christ did, bringing hope and dignity to their lives. Teach us to see the abundance of what you have given us and the little we need for daily living; and let the surplus become yours for sharing with the world. Through him who loves us and gave himself for us in pain and sacrifice, Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

**\*Hymn No. 634 "To God Be the Glory"**

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

**\*Benediction**

***Liturqists***  
**July**—Carla Lapelle  
**August**—Marcia Aullick

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