



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

Spring Worship with Music

"Let the World in Concert Sing!"



May 17, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music." - J. S. Bach

Prelude

To God Be The Glory
Dan Vig and Hunter Cox, piano 4-hands

Doane; arr. Hayes

Welcome

Marguerite Serrine

Introit

Followers of the Lamb
Hudson Women's Chorus

Trad. Shaker, arr. Rentz

O sisters, ain't you happy? O sisters, ain't you happy?
O sisters, ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?

Refrain: Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb! (*repeated*)

O brethren, ain't you happy? O brethren, ain't you happy?
O brethren, ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?

I'm glad I am a Christian, I'm glad I am a Christian,
I'm glad I am a Christian, a follower of the lamb. (*Refrain*)

Call to Worship*

From Psalm 68

One: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

Many: **Lift up a song to the Lord who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before God.**

All: **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord!**

Opening Hymn #410*

God is Calling Through A Whisper

HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT.

Children's Music

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands
Joyful Noise Music; Sarah Bedini, Interim Children's Music Director

Cropper, arr. Page

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good for all.
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
Washing tired feet, and lifting those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you.
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.

Let me watch you, Jesus, 'til I'm gentle, too,
'Til my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Marguerite Sirrinc

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world.
Amen. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

GLORIA PATRI

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.

Passing of the Peace*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

Youth Music

*Waltz in C
Petit Rondeau*

Sandra Eithun
Michael W. Joy

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

NT p. 118

Anthem

Steal Away
Hudson Men's Chorus

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Dennard

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me. He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me. He calls me by the lightning
The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away . . .

Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

NT p. 235

Sermon

"Keeping On"

Marguerite Serrine

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Unison)*

I 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. I 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.

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing
Chancel Choir and Hudson Handbell Ensemble

Watts, Lowry, Page

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Alleluia!

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

A Festival of Joy!
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
Hudson Handbell Ringers

Beethoven; arr. Larson
Spiritual; arr. Arnold

To make an online offering to HMPC, we invite you to use this QR code:



Doxology #609*

LAAST UNS ERFRUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #641*

When in Our Music God is Glorified

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Benediction*

Marguerite Serrine

Choral Response*

Let the World in Concert Sing
Combined Choirs

Let the world in concert sing, praises to our glorious King.

Refrain: Alleluia to our King.

Of his power and glory tell: All his work he does so well. (*refrain*)

Come, behold what he has done: Deeds of wonder every one. (*refrain*)

O ye fearful ones, draw near. Praise the God who holds you dear. (*refrain*)

Let us now in concert sing, praises to our glorious King. (*refrain*)

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today! Following the worship service, join us for a reception in Westminster Hall celebrating our musicians, hosted by Presbyterian Women.

If you are a guest, we invite you to stop at one of the entryway tables for a gift bag and information about the church.

Worship Notes

Chancel flowers today are given by the Eichler family in honor of Barbara Loehr-Fox, in gratitude for the beautiful gift of music she shares with Hudson.

Ushers today - Anne Brown, Cary Dickerson, Marsha Flueckinger, Linda Ornt

Greeters today - Keto Komono, Mary and Glenn Schindo

Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg | **Livestream Operator** - Trevor Boone

Deacon on Call (DOC) for May is Jeffrey Coonse. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

The Memory Book today is open to Memorials given June 3, 2024: In memory of Bill Bigger by Tom & Mary Mac Bradshaw, Mary Elizabeth Coley, Melinda Dickinson, William Dixon, and Kitty Grubbs.

Bulletin cover - *Let the World in Concert Sing*, Lesley Ash Jacobsen

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Children & Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC! The comfort and security of children are our highest priority.

- **Nursery for children up to 5 years old** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15-11:45 today. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals.
- **Our Children's Worship area** is open to children 1st grade and under. Children 2nd grade and older are asked to sit with their parents until the Children's Time. While your child is in the Children's Worship Area, parents should sit in nearby pews to supervise their children.

May & June Special Offering - Shelter Ministries

For May and June, our Special Offering will support the Shelter Ministries fund. This fund covers our contribution to the annual Habitat Build, the Avery County Adult Mission Trip, and maintains reserves to send aid when disaster strikes, as we saw most recently with Hurricane Helene in Western NC. You can give by placing your donation in the offering plate (designated to "Shelter Ministries"), or giving online (go to hmpc.org or scan the QR code).



Contribute to Our Congregational Art Show!

To go along with our summer worship theme ("Make it this Summer!") we will be having an art show for all the visual artists and craftspeople of the church (of all ages) who would like to share their work. There is a submission form you can find by scanning the QR code to the left, clicking the link in the Weekly Window, or filling out a paper form at the Sanctuary entrances. You can submit the form from now until May 28. You will need to drop off your artwork to the Karl Hudson Room or Room 103 between now and May 31. Contact Lesley Ash Jacobsen with questions.



Upcoming at Hudson

Sunday, May 31 - Adult Summer Series begins - 9:30am

Sunday, May 31 - Graduation/Senior Sunday - 10:30am - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 7 - Summer Sing begins - 9:30am Sundays - Choir loft
No robes, easier songs - All singers welcome. Come when you can!

Sunday, June 7 - Summer Art Show opens - Westminster Hall
See details in the Weekly Window.

Wednesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12 - Summer Suppers - 6:00pm - WH North

June 17 - 19th - Arts Camp for Children - 5:30-7:30pm - HMPC Campus
Registration now open! Sign up by going to hmpc.org/signup

Saturday, June 27 - Fellowship Fun: Beat the Heat Indoor Movie Night - 4:30pm

Friday, July 31 - Fellowship Friday: BINGO - 6:30pm in Westminster Hall

August 3rd - 7th - Vacation Bible School - HMPC Campus

Friday, August 21 - Fellowship Friday: Live Music Event - Hudson's back yard

Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

We seek to welcome with the love of Christ, trust in the grace of Christ, and grow with the help of Christ.

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Marguerite Serrine, Moderator

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Barry Cobb
Jay Cummins
John James
Elizabeth Peeler

Deacons

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks, Moderator
Mary Schindo

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

Class of 2028

Jenn Autry
Nancy Eyre
Joanna Hulsey
Hope Parangi
Iva Stowe

HMPC Staff

Marguerite Serrine..... Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Aleta Ash Minister of Visitation
Hunter Cox..... Organist
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children & Family Ministries
Erica Hairston..... Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen..... Communications Manager
Merritt Liebman..... Director of Youth Ministry
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi Church Hostess
Dorothy Roche Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock..... Administrative Coordinator



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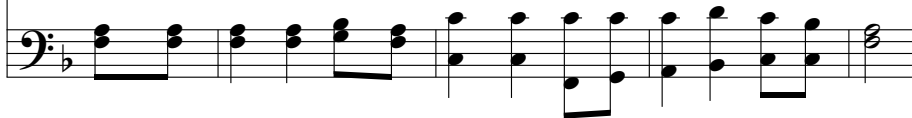
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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:



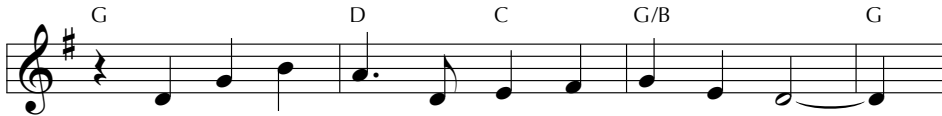
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!



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.

ADORATION

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



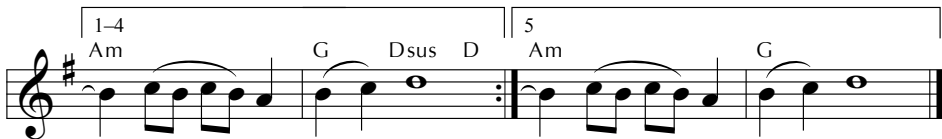
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.