



Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

## *Spring Music Worship Sunday*



*"Music of Creation"*

# Service for the Lord's Day

May 18, 2025

## People's Preparation

"I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor."

- Martin Luther

## Prelude

*Come, Christians Join and Sing!*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

*Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.*

*Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.*

## Bell Introit

*Acclamation on Joyful, Joyful!*

Philip Hayden

Hudson Handbell Ringers

## Call to Worship\*

From Psalm 148; Dottie Burch

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!**

One: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise God, all his host!

**Many: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!**

One: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Many: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created. Praise the Lord!**

## Opening Hymn #410\*

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

**HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

## Children's Music

*O Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)*

Brazilian folk song

Joyful Noise Music

*Glory to God # 637*

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. (3x)

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! (3x)

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

## Congregational Response #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

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### Choral Call to Confession

*I'm a Sinner Man*  
Hudson Men's Chorus

J. Parker; V. Tucker Courtney

Two went down to the church one day  
Lookin' for a quiet place to go and pray.  
One man stood with his face to the sky,  
Said, "Thank you God I'm not like the other guy."  
But the second man bowed and beat his chest,  
"Have mercy on me, Father" was his request.

*Refrain:* I'm a sinner man, Lord, I know it!

I'm a sinner man through and through.

I'm a sinner man, I confess it.

I'm a sinner man, and so are you.

A travelin' man was met by a mob.

They stripped away his clothes,

He was beaten and robbed.

Two righteous men passed right on by.

Way too important to answer his cry.

But a third man filled with compassion and care  
Stopped to lend a hand to the man lying there. (*Refrain*)

Now tell me who's that sinner man, Lord have mercy!

I'm a sinner man through and through.

Who's that sinner man, now confess it.

I'm a sinner man, and so are you.

God have mercy on me, I'm a sinner man!

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Marguerite Serrine

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (*Silence.*)

### Assurance of Pardon

### Gloria Patri #581\*

"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."

## Reception of New Members

### Congregational Response #306\* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Verse 1:

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

### Passing of the Peace\*

Dottie Burch

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

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Youth Handbells

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy with All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Youth Handbells

### First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

NT p. 130, Dottie Burch

### Anthem

*The King of Love*

Hudson Women's Chorus; Lindsey Richards, flute

The king of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

And so, throughout the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever . . .

### Prayer of Illumination

Marguerite Sirrine

### Second Lesson

John 13:31-35

NT p. 108

One: The Word of the Lord,

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Music of Creation*  
Chancel Choir and Hudson Handbell Ringers

S.E. Murray; A.L. Page

For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,  
For your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
Lilt of lullaby and love-song catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet.  
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!  
Let the human heart rejoice!

## Sermon

*What We Do*

Marguerite Sirrinc

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

*Take It to the Lord in Prayer*  
Hudson Handbell Ringers

Sandra Eithun

*I've Got the Joy (Down in My Heart)* arr. V. W. Stephenson  
Hudson Handbell Ringers; Rich Richards, drum

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

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## Doxology #609\*

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“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!”

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dottie Burch

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.

## Closing Hymn #641\*

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

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## Benediction\*

Marguerite Serrine

## Recessional\*

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*  
Combined Choirs

*Glory to God #80*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands...  
While you go out with joy.

## Postlude

*Fanfare*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmons

*\*Rise, in body or spirit*

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# Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

## Welcome to our new members!

Carla Davenport, Justin Dunn, Peter Farrell, Lesley Farrell, James Mason, Stephanie Mason

# Worship Notes

**The Bell Introit**, Phil Hayden's *Acclamation on Joyful, Joyful!*, is dedicated to Susan Grigg: In loving appreciation for decades of Joyful Ringing.

**The Chancel Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara Loehr-Fox's mother, as well as in celebration of Barbara Loehr-Fox for bringing such beautiful music and spirit to HMPC, by the Eichler Family.

**Blue prayer cards** are available in the pew racks. If you are in need of prayer, you may fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

**Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available until 11:45.

**Ushers today** - Wilson Cheeley, Sandy Geiger, Ruth Herpich, Jill Hovis

**Greeters today** - Tony Bedini, Tripp Bradshaw

**Soundboard Operator** - John Oldenburg | **Livestream Operator** - Lucille Nicholas

**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 Children's Bibles given July 2023 by Susan & Tripp Bradshaw, in honor of Ellen Priscilla Palmer; Given by Nancy Brenner, in honor of Brooklyn Lee Malafronte; Given by Holly Burge-Stafford, in honor of Morgan Stafford and Corey Stafford.

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## May Special Offering: Shelter Ministry

Your gifts this month to the Shelter Ministry Special Offering will go first to fulfill our commitment to the 2025 Interfaith Habitat Build — We currently have \$4,500 toward this year's project and are currently \$2,000 away from reaching the goal of \$6,500. Habitat works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online \(QR code to left\)](#), or text to give. Text donation amount with the word "Shelter" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Shelter).

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## Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Our Vision

*A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God*

## Our Core Values

*Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude*

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## Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Marguerite Sirrine, Moderator

### Class of 2025

Dottie Burch  
Carol Cox  
Jay Cummins  
Melinda Dickinson

### Class of 2026

Ken Krause  
Caroline Smart  
Dan Vig  
John Williams

### Class of 2027

Harry Bowles  
Steve Guy  
Don Haydon  
Grace Hutchinson

## Deacons

### Class of 2025

Billy Branch  
Ruth Herpich  
Joanna Hulsey  
Gretchen McDuffie  
Carolyn Scott, Moderator

### Class of 2026

Winter Fox  
Judie Greenawalt  
Jill Hovis  
Linda Meeks  
Mary Schindo

### Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse  
Gil Graybill  
Caroline Rohs  
Lisa Williams  
Fred Woodward

## HMPC Staff

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



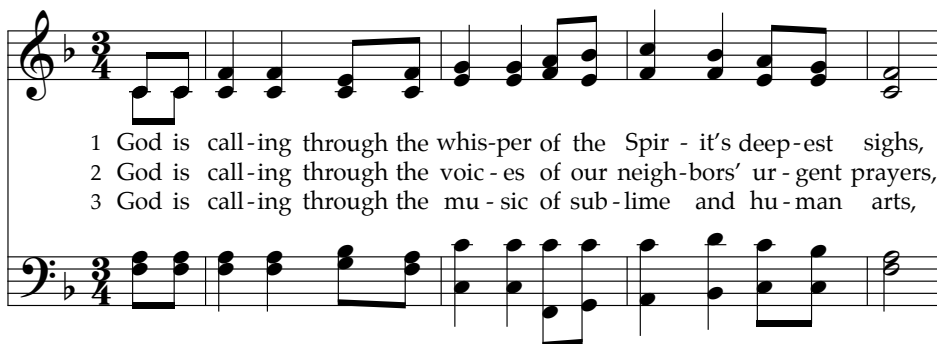
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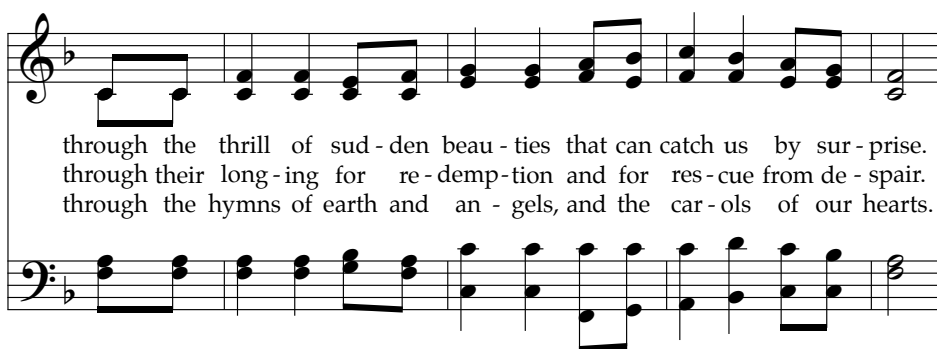




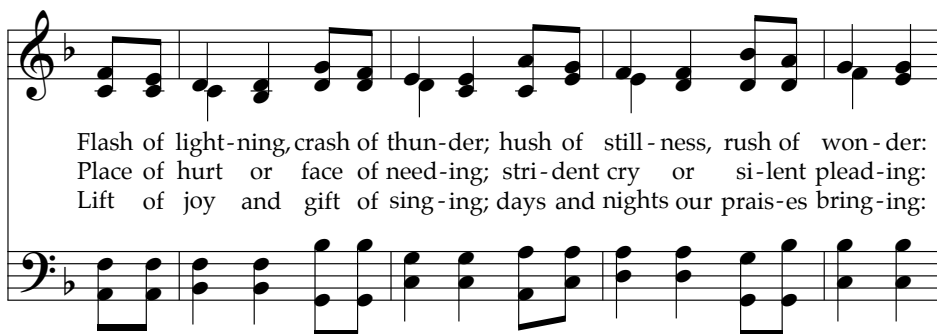
## 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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!

# 188

## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

### Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

ADORATION

# 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



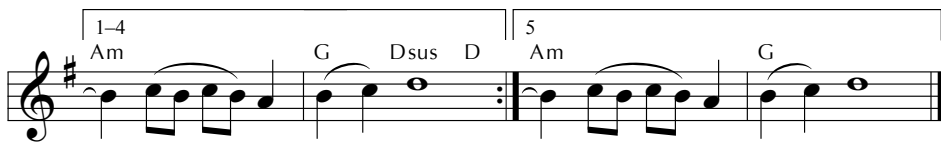
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



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!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*