

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, July 7, 2024)

Share

We gather together today listening to God

**When we hear God loudly.**

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**When we hear God only in whisper.**

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**When we hear other things that distract us.**

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**When we like what we hear, and when we don't.**

Let us hear God's call to us in the here and now, as we gather together to worship.

Read these words from a song..... *God is Calling Through a Whisper*

**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?**

**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?**

**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 – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!**

Read this scripture from worship.....James 1:19-25

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup>for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves<sup>[b]</sup> in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

Talk Together:

- Where do you hear God speaking to you?
- What does 'active listening' mean to you?
- How does listening draw us into community?

Pray together:

Washing their feet,  
Jesus became a servant to his disciples.  
May we follow Jesus' example of servanthood  
and bless one another in humility.

For the leaders of the world,  
that they may put aside their differences  
and seek the peace of Christ, we pray:  
**Have mercy on us.**

For the Church,  
that we serve one another with a humility  
which sets aside hierarchies of power, we pray:  
**Have mercy on us.**

Release us from the curse of stigma  
and labels that cast out the unacceptable, we pray:  
**Have mercy on us.**

That we may long for the day  
when all may feast at the table of our Lord,  
when no one will be an outsider,  
and all will be loved, we pray:  
**Have mercy on us.**

Resources Used:

Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal  
PCUSA Book of Common Worship