Welcome
Prelude
The Call

God speaks to each of us as God makes us, then walks with us silently out of the night.

These are the words we dimly hear:

You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.

Flare up like flame
and make big shadows I can move in.

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don’t let yourself lose me.

Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand.
Gathering Prayer

O God of the still, small voice,  
quiet our inner spirit.  
Help us to focus upon you, and you alone,  
to hear your voice within.

There are so many other voices demanding our attention today.  
But we cannot attend to them without you.  
*Be still and know that I am God...*  
*May your voice speak to us, and through us.*

In weakness, *be our courage.*  
In poverty, *be our abundance.*  
In depression, *be our liberation.*  
In apathy, *be our love.*

We cannot sing Love's song, O Holy One,  
unless it be your voice singing in us.  
*Take our hearts, and through our sounds,*  
make your praise and thanksgiving a reality here and now.  
*Because of, and in the name of, our Messiah, Jesus. Amen.*

Children’s Time with Jill

Scripture Reading  
1 Kings 19:9-13 (Common English Bible)

There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.  
The Lord’s word came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”  
Elijah replied, “I’ve been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites  
have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your  
prophets with the sword. I’m the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!”  
The Lord said, “Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by.”  
A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord  
wasn’t in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn’t in the earthquake.  
After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord wasn’t in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound.  
Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the  
cave’s entrance. A voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

Music for Reflection  
*Ron*

Message  
“A Sound: Thin. Quiet.”
Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response
“The Prayer” Foster, Bayer Sager, Testa, Renis
Merry Keller, vocalist

Invitation to the Offering
“To surrender is to yield.
We accept this moment as 'just the place we need to be'
to learn what is most important now.
To surrender doesn’t mean giving up or giving in.
It does not mean we languish or grow lazy - quite the opposite.
It means we lean into the disorientation
and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.”

Offertory Ron

Doxology “Hallelujah”
(sung twice)
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja.

Prayer of Dedication
O still speaking God,
God of the thin and quiet voice
that is powerful beyond our imagining,
receive these, our gifts of gratitude.

May they serve your yearning for Shalom throughout our world,
and in the midst of our sequestered lives.
Amen.

Blessing and Commissioning Betsy

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Sources:
The Call is “I.59” written by poet Rainer Maria Rilke, in Rilke’s Book of Hours: Love Poems to God, translated by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy, 2005, p.119.
Here I Am, Lord

Verses

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest

1. made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
3. bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you.

calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
Let It Shine

Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.

1. The church bears witness to God's grace, its
2. When love replaces human greed, a
3. Now let us give ourselves to God with -

mission crystal clear: to show the world God's
last ing peace will come as hands reach out to
-in this war torn world, and work till justice

human face, a world that God holds dear.
human need from hearts no longer numb.
wants abroad with flags of peace unfurled.