

Rochester Mennonite Church

(Church by Zoom)

January 17, 2021

8:30 a.m.

An Invitation to Worship

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139:13-18

Gathering Prayer

The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Music

God of Love, We've Known Division

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51
1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Thoughts and Reflections

Would You Know the Voice of God?

Music

How can we be silent
(STJ #61)

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Music

Now go in peace
(STJ #74)

Offering

(The special offering this month goes for Channel One.)

Benediction

God of Love, We've Known Division

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost.
We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost.
We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can't stand.
May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart,
greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.
May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain,
care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well.
May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell.
May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview;
May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way.
It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day.
May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear.
Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

Tune: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

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"God of Love, We've Known Division" was written as a hymn for the nation after the 2020 elections.

61 How can we be silent

HOW CAN WE BE SILENT Irregular



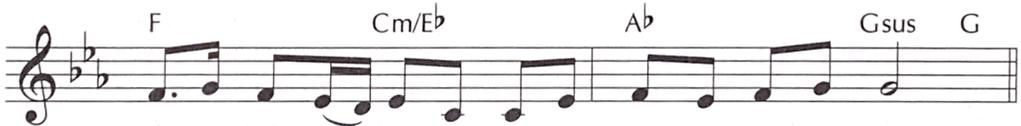
- 1 How can we be si-lent when we know our God is near, bring-ing
- 2 How can we be si-lent when our God has con-quer-ed death, stretch-ing
- 3 How can we be si-lent as we turn our eyes a - way and ig -
- 4 How can we be si-lent, not give praise with all our hearts, for Christ
- 5 How can we be si-lent when our souls are filled with awe at the



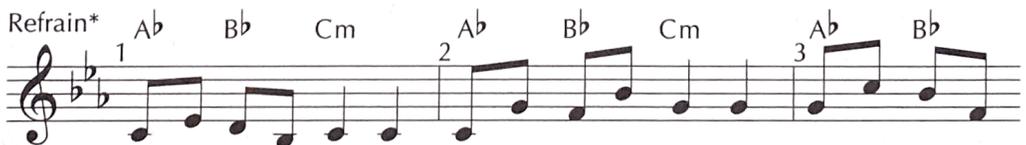
- 1 light to those in dark-ness, to the worth-less, end-less worth?
- 2 out his arms to suf - fer so that we might have new life?
- 3 nore the poor and bro - ken who lie bleed-ing in the street?
- 4 Je - sus is our Sav - ior and com - pas - sion is our king?
- 5 beau-ty of cre - a - tion and the mer - cy of our Lord?



- 1 How can we be si-lent when we are the voice of Christ, speak-ing
- 2 How can we be si-lent when we know that Je - sus rose, and will
- 3 How can we be si-lent when we're called to heal and serve in the
- 4 How can we be si-lent when God gave us life to be vi - brant
- 5 How can we be si-lent when we yearn to sing new songs? In our



- 1 jus - tice to the na-tions, breath-ing love to all the earth?
- 2 come a - gain in glo - ry, end-ing suf - fer - ing and strife?
- 3 im - age of Lord Je - sus, who has stooped to wash our feet?
- 4 in - stru-ments of wor-ship, made to laugh and dance and sing?
- 5 hearts a fire is burn-ing and it will not be ig-nored!



None can stop the Spir-it burn-ing now in - side us. We will shape the



fu - ture. We will not be si - lent!

*May be sung as a canon.

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Now go in peace

JUNKANOO Irregular

Canon

1

G Am7/C

Now go in peace, now go in love,

D G 2 Am7/C

from the Fa - ther a - bove. Je - sus Christ the Son

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Music: Caribbean folk tune

SENDING/BLESSING

D G 3

stay with you till the day is done. Ho - ly Spir - it en -

Am D7 G 4

cir - cle you in all you think and do. Go in

Am D G

peace. God's bless - ing be with us. A - men.