Westminster
Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2021
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Prelude "Prelude in G Major" J.S. BACH
Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** **Janelle Collier**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

In the evening and in the morning,
when we are comfortable and when we are anxious,
to young and old, God speaks.

Some of us may not yet know what God's voice sounds like,
and some of us may have forgotten.
Together we say "speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

***Opening Prayer**

You are a God who calls, and calls, and calls again.
You have things to say, Lord,
and we pray you would give us fresh ears to hear.
Maybe even more than ears,
we pray for hearts and minds to receive
and wills to speak and act.

Your word brings all things into being,
and makes a new world possible.
Give us the boldness of youth,
the experience of age, and a teachable spirit
that we may faithfully live your vision.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 69** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

Call to Confession **Jim Collier**

Let us acknowledge our constant need for God's mercy and grace to live as God's children knowing that God's forgiveness and love are ready for those who turn to God. Come boldly and together let us confess our sin…

Prayer of Confession **Jim Collier**

We thank you, O God, for your persistence,
for we confess that we are not usually listening for your voice,
and we aren't sure we would recognize it.

We admit that we didn't think you were speaking to or through
young people and their protests and questions we often deem naive,
or through people who do not see the world or live like us.
Yet, you ask us not only to mentor
but to listen as they bear your message to us.

We confess we don't really want to hear it,
because hearing your truth is often uncomfortable,
it demands that we change.

Forgive us, God, for complacency has blurred our vision.
Forgive us for ignoring your word
because it comes from an unexpected voice.

Bring us into your kin-dom of truth and love, even now. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Jim Collier**

Friends, hear this good news:
God continued to call out to Samuel
until Samuel heard God.
God continues to call us.

Open your eyes, ears, and hearts to God's call.
God is equipping us and blessing us to do great things.

So we respond:
Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening!

Musical Response **"**Cantilena on ***Hyfrydol***" DAVID LASKY

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-21

Janelle Collier, Jim Collier, Enikő Ferenczy, Jack Veney

3Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days;
visions were not widespread.

2At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;
3the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of
God was. **4**Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" **5**and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I
am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. **6**The Lord called
again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did
not call, my son; lie down again." **7**Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not
yet been revealed to him. **8**The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,
"Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. **9**Therefore Eli said to
Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So
Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your
servant is listening." **11**Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make
both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. **12**On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken
concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13**For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever,
for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. **14**Therefore
I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell
the vision to Eli. **16**But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." **17**Eli said, "What
was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from
me of all that he told you." **18**So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the
Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

19As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20**And all Israel from
Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. **21**The Lord continued to appear at
Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Sermon **Here I Am** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

*** Hymn No. 722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANOBURY

Prayer of the People

With the hope of people who hear God's call, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn No.727**	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"	THE SERVANT SONG
***Benediction**		**Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
Postlude	"Make Me a Servant"	KELLY WILLARD/ARR. MARK HAYES

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

Note: The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

Music: Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
Organ, Drum	Divine Gbagbo
Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Refreshments	Linda Barbu
Flowers	From Wayne County Community Foundation's Annual dinner Designed by students of CFAES Wooster (formerly ATI)
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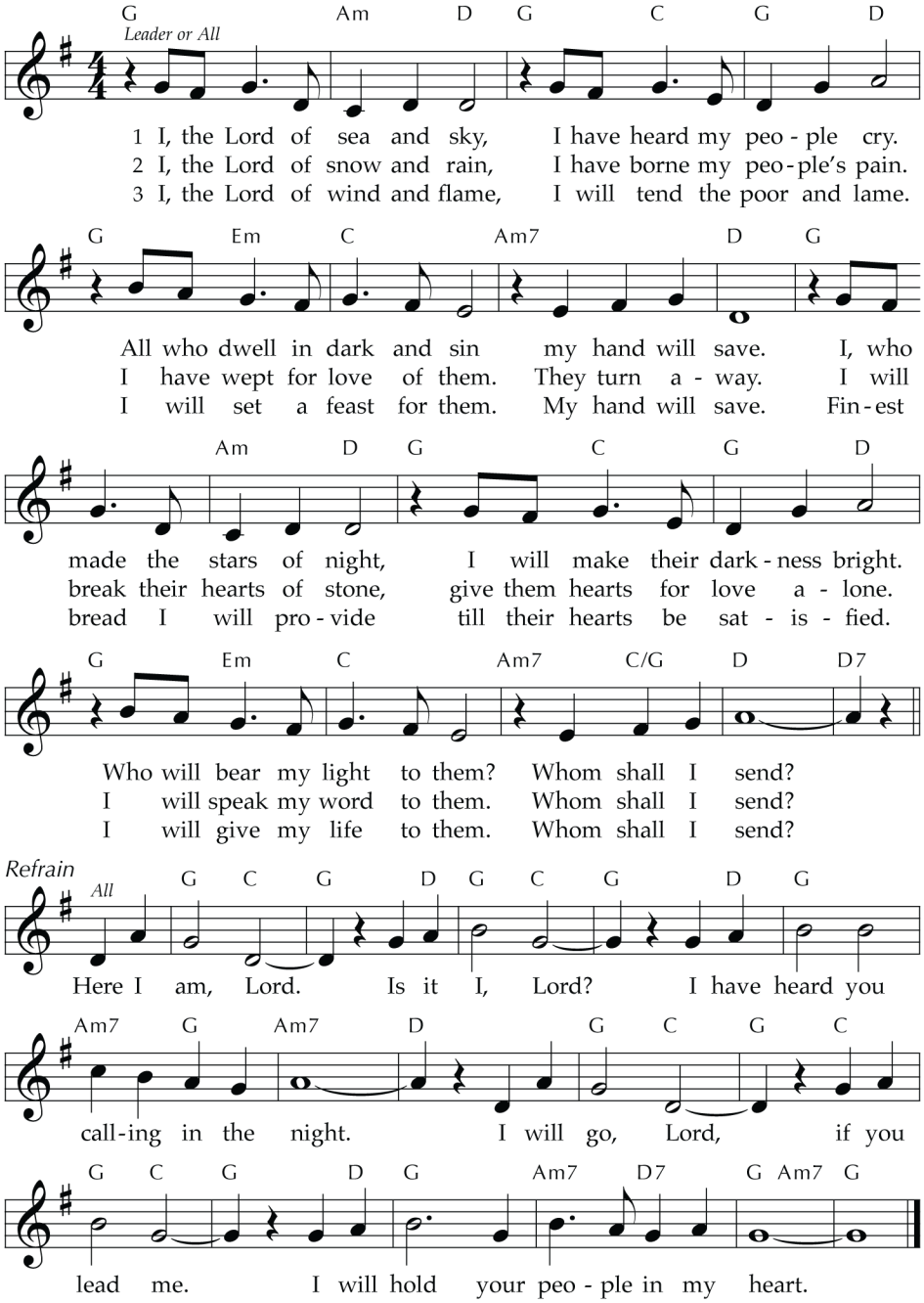
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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord
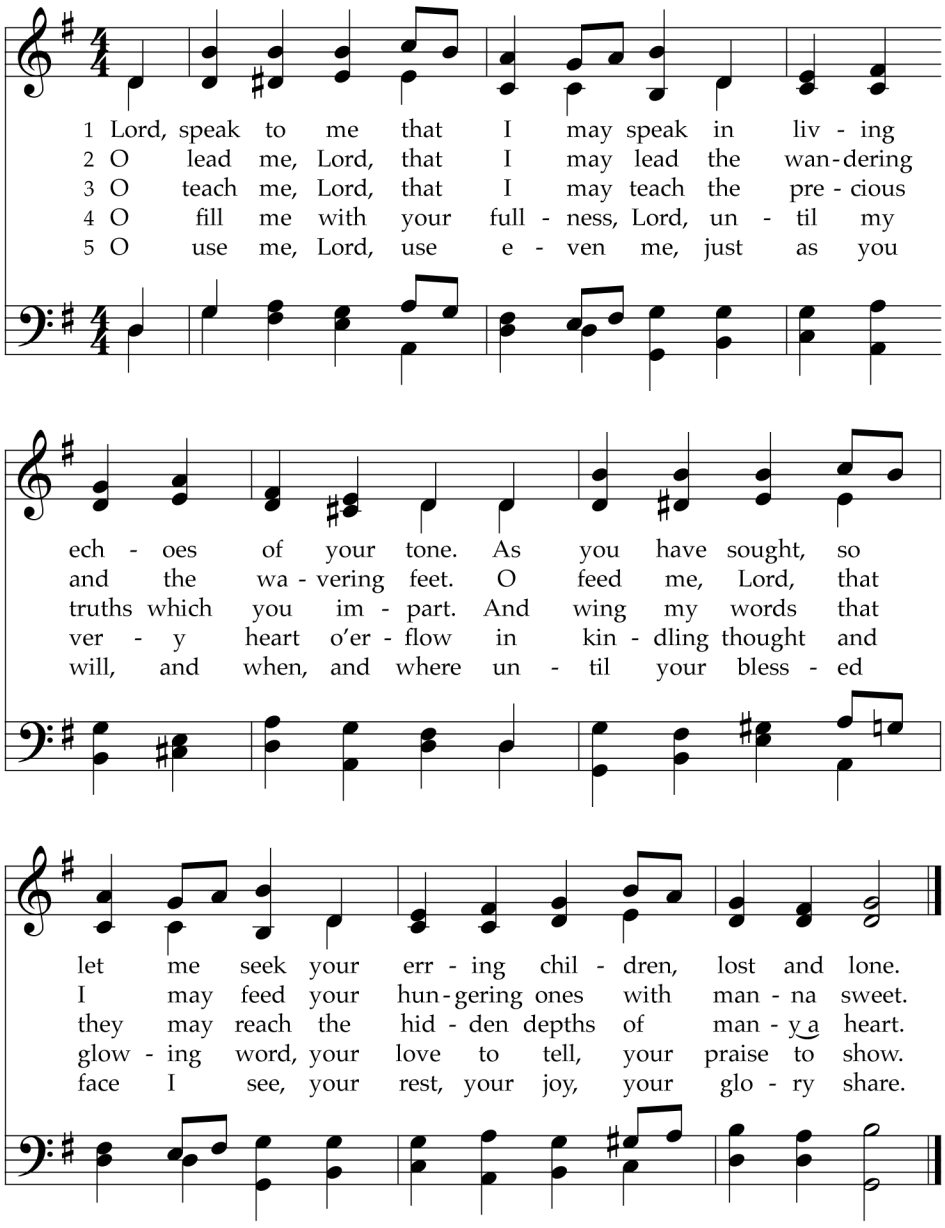


The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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HERE I AM (Schutte)
7.7.7.4.D with refrain

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
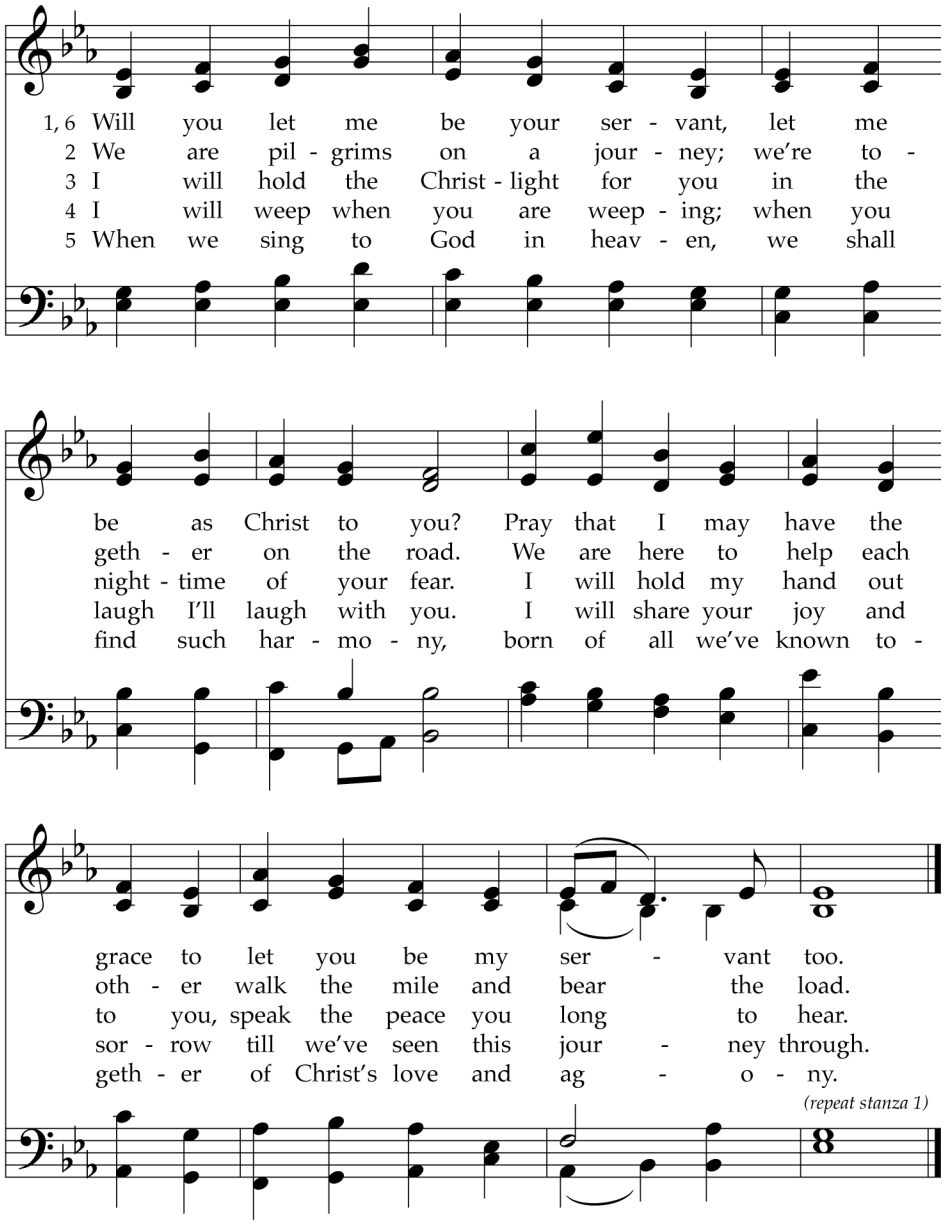


Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.
MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham
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THE SERVANT SONG
8.7.8.7