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Presbyterian Church

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**Third Sunday
after Pentecost
June 9, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music

Prelude

“Laue Sommernacht”

Alma Mahler

Owen Malone, tenor; Ken Shafer, piano

*Mild summer's night, not a star in the sky,
In the wide forests we were looking, deep in the dark, and we found ourselves.
Found ourselves in the wide forests in the night, the starless night.
And held each other astonished, in our arms in the dark night.
Was not our whole life just a groping, only a searching?
Then into this darkness, Love, your light shone!*

***Gathering Words**

Joel Chupp

The One who birthed all life into being created us for relationship:

With each other.

With the land and all its creatures.

With Spirit, present all around us.

The One who rights all wrongs and lifts up the suffering:

Reveals the evils that threaten our connections.

Ushers us all toward redemption.

The One who makes healing possible:

Calls us home to our purpose and potential.

***Opening Prayer**

Joel Chupp

Let us pray ...

Divine Love,
we sense you pulsing throughout all of creation.
You nurture new life and plant justice like seeds.
As you capture our attention with your beauty that surrounds,
may we become faithful partners in tending the soils of shared life.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 410**

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

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Call to Confession

Joel Chupp

*We often say words we should never have uttered, we do those things we wish we could take back.
Yet, you, O God, would reach out to take us by the hand, so we walk together in the garden of grace.
So friends, let us offer our hearts, and our brokenness, to our God
who offers us mercy in these moments. Join me as we pray,*

Prayer of Confession

Joel Chupp

**Compassionate God,
We confess that we have not trusted you,
We have not followed your will and your ways.
Instead, we heed voices that masquerade for the divine.
We pursue our own desires at the expense of others,
making wrong choices or choosing wrong sides.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Give us courage to be truthful so that we can live with ourselves,
With others, and with you.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Siblings in Christ, do not lose heart!
We are being renewed day by day through
the grace of Christ extended through us.

***The Peace**

In God's amazing grace is our only peace.
Forgiven once again by grace, let us participate in God's peace together.
I invite you to turn to the people to your left and to your right, behind you and before you,
and share the peace of God with one another using the greeting:

"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.

***Musical Offering No. 137**

"He Came Down"

He Came Down

"Wie Melodien zieht es mir"

Johannes Brahms

*Like melodies, it pervades my senses softly.
Like spring flowers, it blooms and drifts along like fragrance.
But when a word comes and grasps it and brings it before the eye,
Like gray mist it fades and vanishes like a breath.
And yet there remains in the rhyme a certain hidden fragrance,
which gently, from the dormant bud, a tearful eye evokes.*

We offer our gifts of money, talents, time, and energy—the gifts of our lives in gratitude for God's relentless love and grace for all. These gifts represent our commitment to heed God's call and join God in God's mission of healing and transforming our world.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:8-15
(translation by Wilda Gafney)

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

3:8 The woman and the man heard the sound of the Sovereign God walking about the garden in the breezy part of the day, and the woman and her man hid themselves from the presence of the Sovereign God among the trees of the garden. ⁹Then the Sovereign God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And the man said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself." ¹¹Then God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the fruit of the tree which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²And the man said, "The woman whom you gave to stand with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Sovereign God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The Sovereign God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all herd animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat, all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your upspring and hers; her offspring will strike your head, and you will strike the heel of her offspring."

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 3:31-35 (CEB)

³¹His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³²A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, "Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you."

³³He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."

Sermon

Coming of Age

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Hymn No. 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Baronita

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Joel Chupp

Prayer of the People

Joel Chupp

We ask these things through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

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. 767

"Together We Serve"

San Anselmo

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude

"i carry your heart"

e.e. cummings/John Duke

The service continues with fellowship.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*The Gathering Words and the Opening Prayer were adapted from *Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters*. The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness was written by Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

*Sunday service assistant: Joel Chupp

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Owen Malone, tenor; Ken Shafer, piano

Owen Malone, *tenor*, returns for a second season with OLO. A Georgia native, Owen enjoys coming north in the summer. He is a student of Young Harris College in northern Georgia (a stone's throw from the North Carolina state line, equidistant from the Tennessee and South Carolina state lines) under the tutelage of Jeff Bauman. Welcome, Owen!



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.



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You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW" button at the bottom of the home page.

Your generosity helps us to fulfill our calling to engage in God's transformative mission in our community.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 9

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 10

- Scout Troop 61 – 6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, June 12

- Evening Vespers – 7 pm – Chupps' Home (157 Park Ave.)

Thursday, June 13

- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, June 16

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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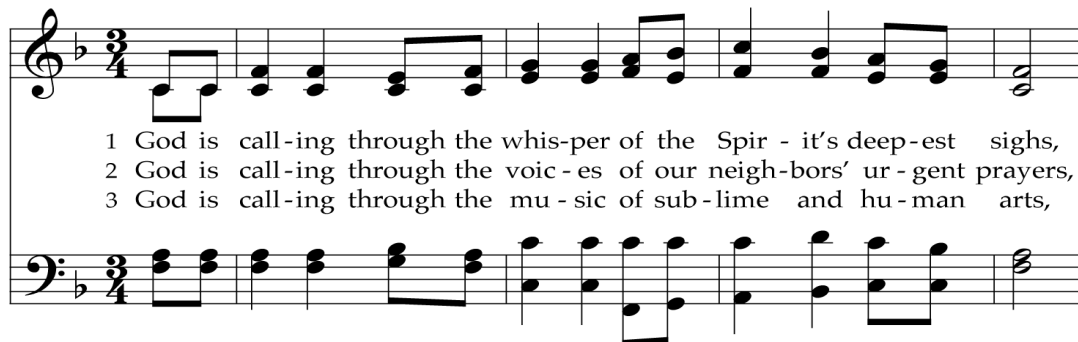
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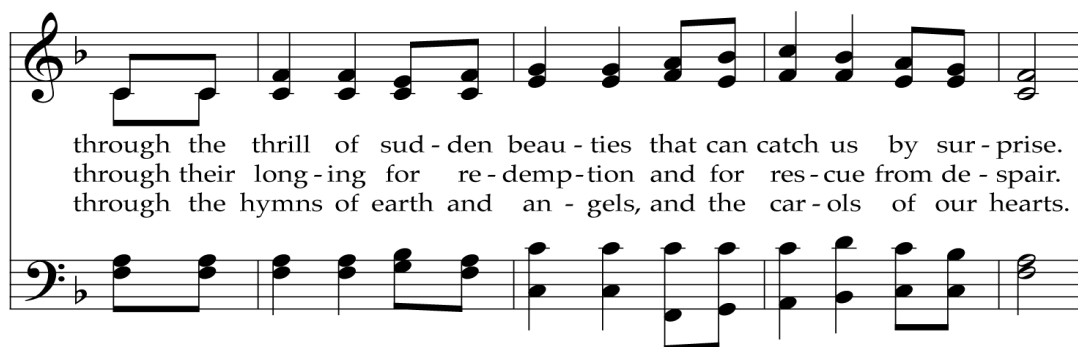
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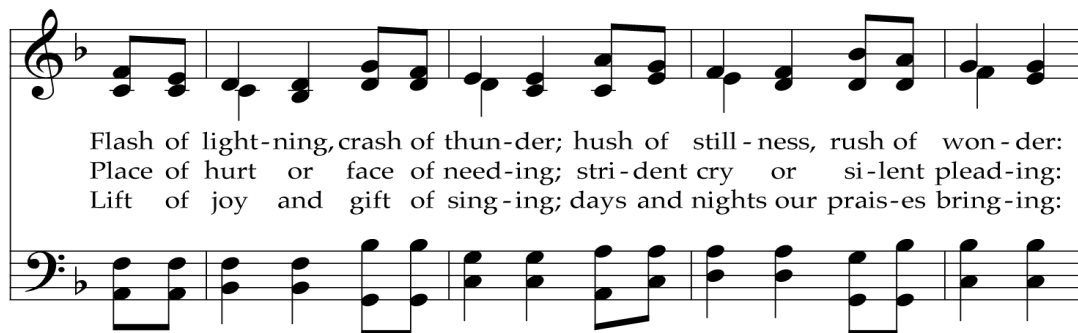
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



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!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958

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(this tune in a higher key, 128)

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
 ... that we may have peace
 ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754

G Em Am7 B7 C



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

C G A A7 D



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,

G Em Am7 B7 C



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

C G Em D7 G



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

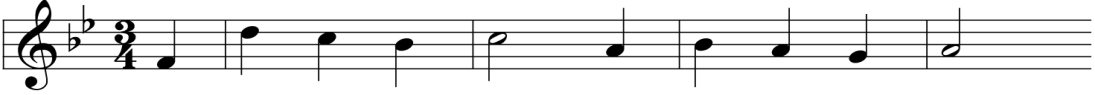
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 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974
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BARONITA
 7.6.7.6.D

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm7) Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am7) Cm7 (Dsus) (D) Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (C) E $\flat$ (Bm) Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am) Cm (D7) F7 (G) B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.