Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 14, 2021
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Prelude "Sonatina in G" LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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** **Bill Weiss**

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

God does not call us to this one hour,
God calls us to a life of worship in spirit and truth.
Worship is more than the songs we sing and the prayers we pray,
worship is the justice we practice and the goodness we create.

We belong to God,
and we belong to each other,
We gather here to be nourished for the work ahead.
Let us worship God, in word and deed, in this hour and every hour.

***Opening Prayer** **Bill Weiss**

Your creation cries out, O God,
bearing the weight of our desires and groaning for relief.
Your people cry out, O God,
longing for justice and righteousness.

Give us ears to hear.
Give us hearts to care.
Give us the will to do something,
to practice what we preach,
to put your word into action.

And if we do not have those,
silence us until we can hear and are prepared to act.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Confession **Cheryl Weiss**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another…

Prayer of Confession **Cheryl Weiss**

O Lord our God,
We admit that we are prone to praying one way and living another,
hoping no one will notice. Meanwhile the earth withers, and we lament.
Forgive us when we cannot recognize that our selfishness is not actually in our self-interest.
Forgive us when we act as if we can separate worship into a particular time and place,
and then go about our lives as if nothing important happened here.

May your justice wash away our complacency,
and the ever-flowing stream of your righteousness guide us into a new way—
a way that refreshes the life of the earth
and renews the community of all creation.
We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ,
whose life was fully aligned with your word. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Cheryl Weiss**

Listen, my friends!
The good news is that
God is in our midst—moving, forgiving, renewing, restoring.

This day, we choose—
to live with hope, aligning our whole life with God's word,
to tell of God's grace and goodness in our lives.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "Meditation for Worship" FRANKLIN RITTER

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

Scripture Reading Amos 1: 1-2; 5: 14-15, 18-24 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

1The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa,
which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah
and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

[2]And he said:
The Lord roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

[14]Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
[15]Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

[18]Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
[19]as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
[20]Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sermon **Let Justice Roll Like a Stream** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn** "Let Justice Roll Down" COLIN GIBSON

Refrain:
Let justice roll down like a river, let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river let justice begin through me.

1 Justice for all who go hungry, crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance to beg for a morsel of bread.

2 Justice for those who are homeless, victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere, lost in the canyons of greed.

3 Justice for all who are powerless, yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birthright, silently bearing their pain.

Sharing Joys and Concerns **Bill and Cheryl Weiss**

Prayer of the People **Bill and Cheryl Weiss**

We ask 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. 757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude "Nimrod", from **Enigma Variations** EDWARD ELGAR/ARR. PARKS

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.

The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson

Music:	Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
	Organ, Drum	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Guitar	Pong Thiemmedh

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Refreshments	Janelle Collier
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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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