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May 8, 2022
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Minute for Mission — **Candy Relle**

Prelude "Volta Fantasy" KWABENA NKETIA

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

In singing and praying,
In proclaiming truth,
give glory to God!

In turning over systems of injustice,
In moments of joy and moments of annoyance,
give glory to God!

In times of success and times of trial,
In public streets and at home with family,
give glory to God!

***Opening Prayer** — **Joel Chupp**

You plant a song in our hearts, O God,
and call us to sing even when we cannot see.
In the midst of all this world holds,
we pray for the harmony of spirit that sets us all free.

Give us the joy that allows us to proclaim your good news.
Give us the attentiveness that allows us to share compassion with all.
Give us the courage to thoughtfully overturn the powers that imprison.

May the melody of hope run through all we say and do,
that our worship and living may be for you.
We ask in the name of the risen Christ.

***Gathering Hymn No. 15** "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession **Joel Chupp**

It is easy to get caught up in doing life, thinking we have got it all together. But if we're truthful, that's often an act. When we admit our faults and our failings to God, to each other, and to ourselves, we let down our guard just enough for the Holy Spirit to breathe new life in and through us. Before God, with the people of God, let us tell the truth and allow God's forgiveness to enter yet again.

Prayer of Confession **Joel Chupp**

God of all people and places,
your truth comes through many voices,
and even your creation works your will.

Yet we confess that we prioritize some voices over others,
and we decide how to treat each other
based on status or wealth or citizenship,
forgetting all are your children.
We center ourselves even when we try to help others,
prioritizing our comfort over your people's needs.
We often don't think about knock-on effects
our choices have on others near and far.

Forgives us, O God.
Show us the truth of ourselves and lead us in the better path.
We ask in the name of the One who turned the world around with love,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Joel Chupp**

God is always at work setting captives free, including us,
from all that holds us back from relationship with God and one another.
God's forgiveness surpasses all understanding,
and it is for you, for me, for all.

Friends, believe and live this good news:
The Spirit has set us free! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response **"**Bagatelle" ROBERT SCHUMANN

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

Scripture Reading Acts 16: 16-34 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and
brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry
out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing
this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus
Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged
them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they
said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us
as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of
their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they
threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them
in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to
them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and
immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and
saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the
prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The
jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them
outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will
be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his
house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family
were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his
entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 697** "Take My Life" HENDON

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Joel Chupp**

Prayer of the People **Joel Chupp**

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who taught us to pray together:

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
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. 450** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in F" J. S. BACH

The service continues with fellowship.



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



You may also go on-line 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.

*Note: The prayers were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 8
- Sunday Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, May 10
- Worship Committee – 1:00 pm– The Lounge

Thursday, May 12
- Building Committee – 10:00 am – The Lounge

Sunday, May 15
- Sunday Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, May 18
- Open Arms Strategic Planning – 3:00 pm – The Lounge
- Benevolence Committee – 5:15 pm – The Lounge
- Finance Committee – 7:00 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, May 19
- Westminster Book Club – 7:00 pm – Zoom

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Music:	Drums, Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Shakers	Pong Thiemmedh
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		
Flowers		Gayle Noble
Refreshments		

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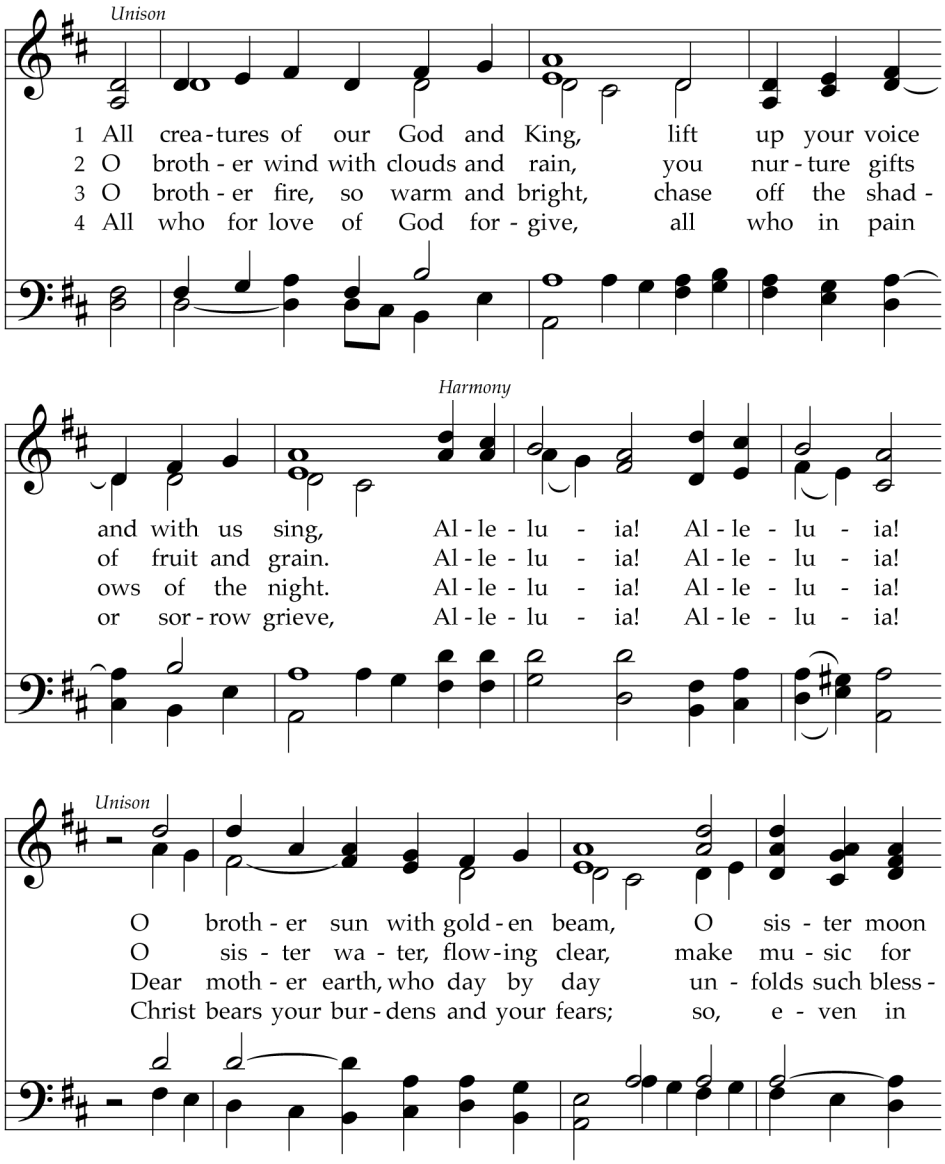
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Office Administrator Judy Mowrer
Minister of Music and Worship Arts Dr. Divine Gbagbo
Worship Accompanist Ken Shafer
AV Assistant/Event Steward. Tony Mendiola
Custodian Kara Akers

Office Hours: 8:30 am–1:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday
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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

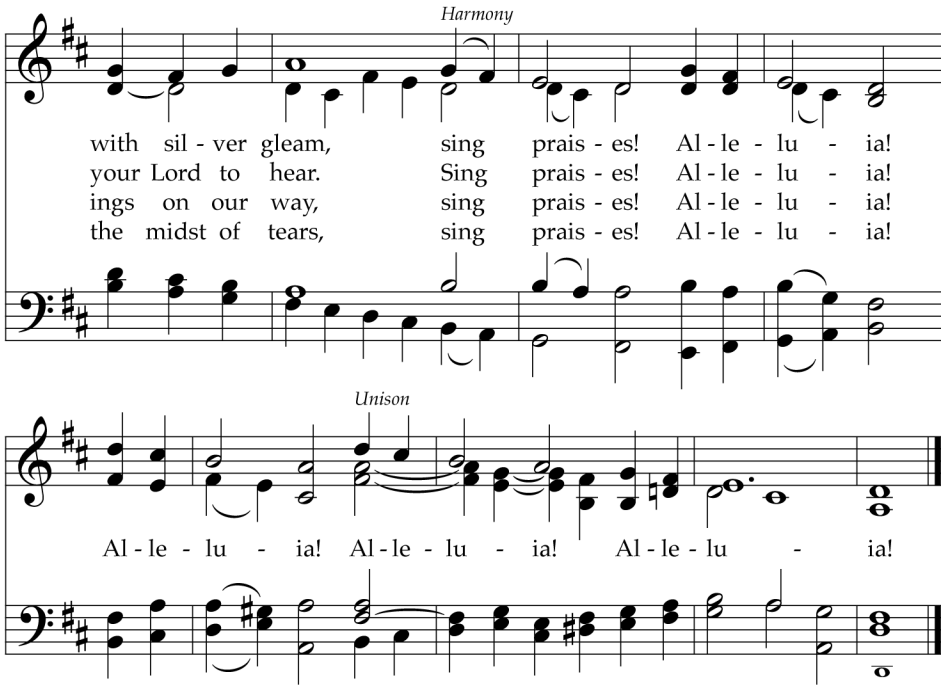
15 All Creatures of Our God and King



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
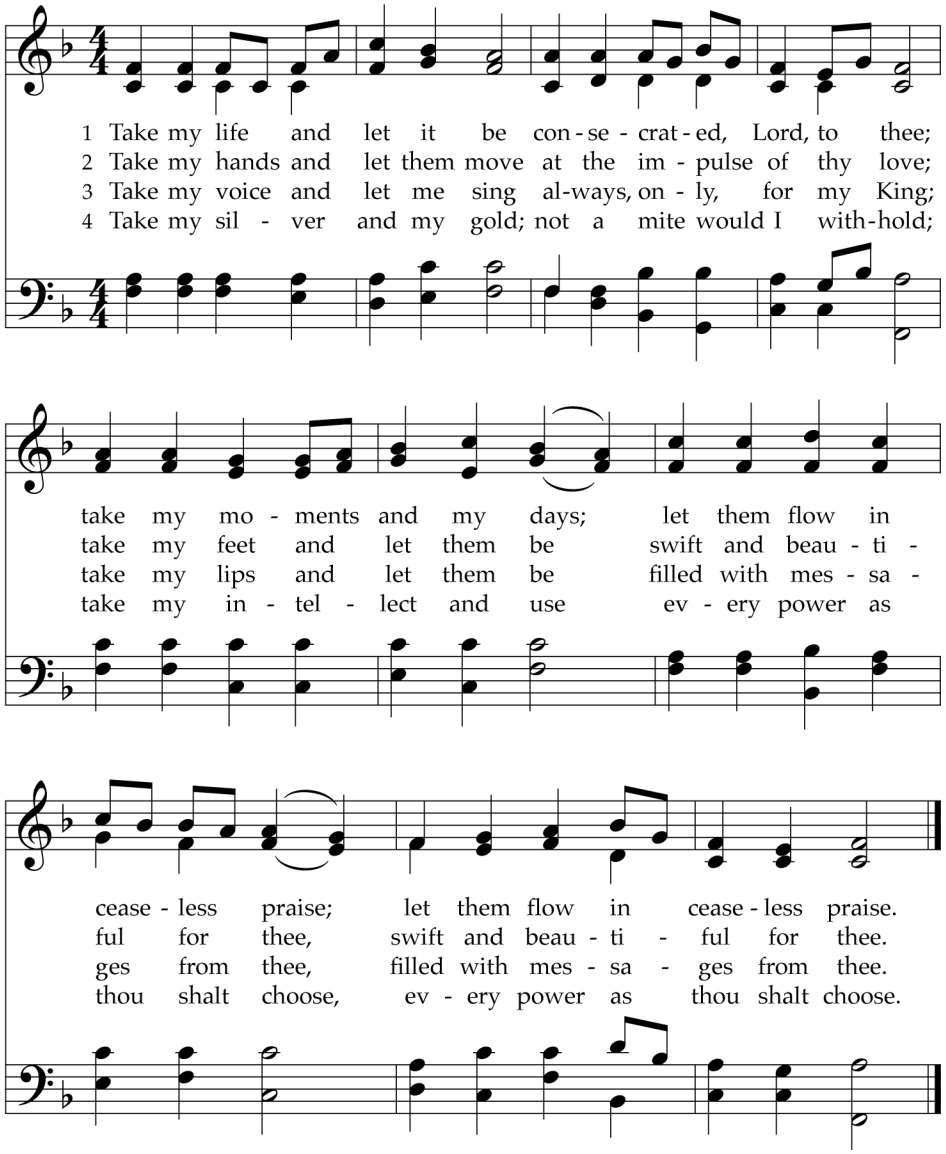
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
LM with alleluias
(this tune in a higher key, 327)



5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Take My Life 697



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

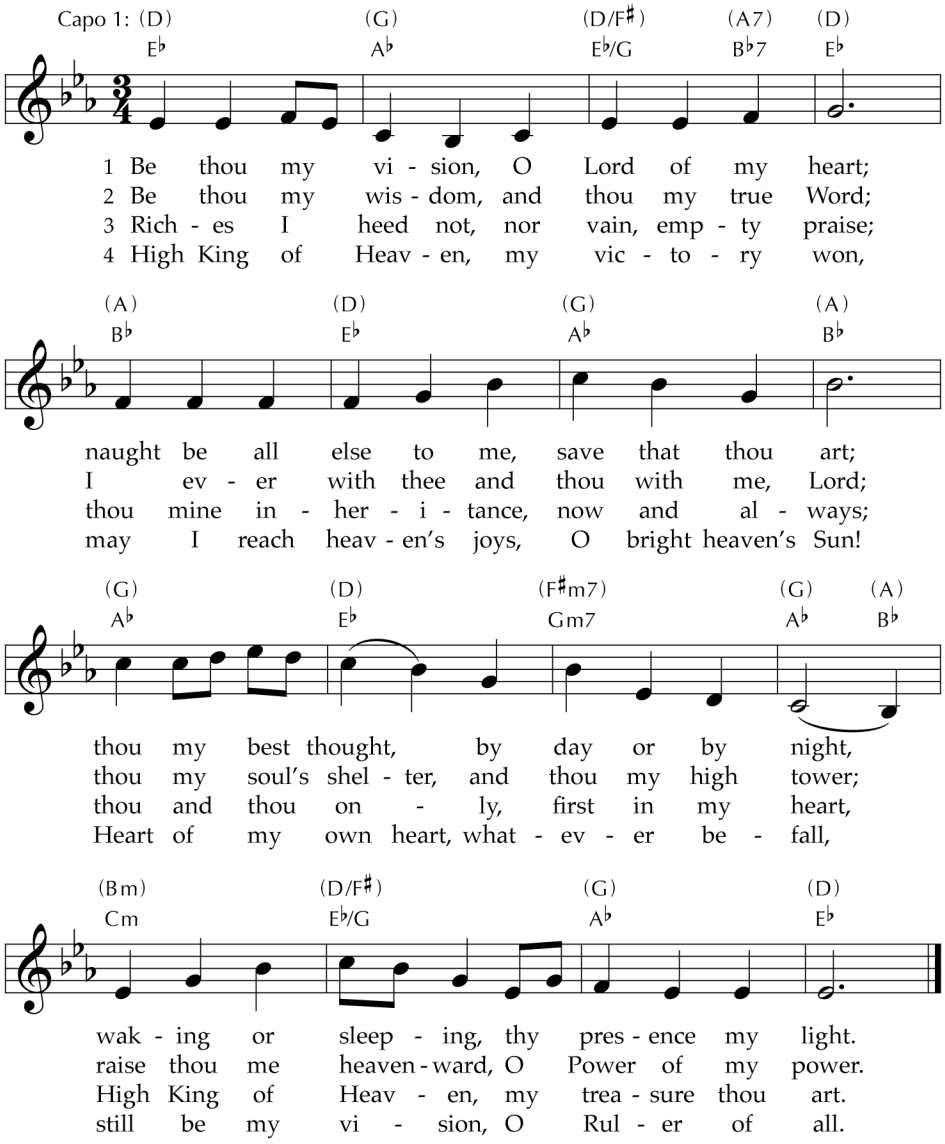
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

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450 Be Thou My Vision



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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SLANE
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