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October 16, 2022
19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "We Praise Thee Now, Our Father" J. S. BACH

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

We gather in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.
This is the place where God
transforms us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.
This is the place where God
writes compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.
This is the place where God
breathes the Word into our lives.

***Opening Prayer** **Dorothy Iams**

Let us pray…

Sometimes we feel compelled to action and sometimes we need to cry on the sofa.
Sometimes we have fortitude to show up boldly for others
and sometimes we need to get ourselves through another day.
Sometimes the Beloved Community brings us healing,
other times group dynamics overwhelm.

Our prayers and our actions intermingle and overlap.
They wax and they wane.
Consolation and courage comes and goes.
Bless it all, Changing God.

***Gathering Hymn No. 410** "God Is Calling through the Whisper" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

Call to Confession **Dorothy Iams**

Mary Oliver wrote "I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention..." Let us join our hearts and sing our yearning for God and for wholeness… Today let us sing our prayer of confession by joining in the Taizé song, "O Lord, Hear My Prayer."

Hymn of Confession No. 471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" HEAR MY PRAYER
(verse one)

Sing "O Lord Hear My Prayer" *once*

Leader - We are sinners, Lord, - sometimes caught up in our sin, sometimes struggling to break free - but sin does not have the last word because the last word is yours, and you speak of mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

Sing "O Lord Hear My Prayer" *once*

Leader - We confess our sin and your mercy; we confess our waywardness and your faithfulness, we confess our wrongs and your forgiveness. By your grace we confess and repent; and by your grace we delight in your free-flowing forgiveness.

Sing "O Lord Hear My Prayer" *once*

Leader - As we have been forgiven, in your grace let us forgive. As we have been dealt with mercifully, in your grace let us be merciful. As you have been gracious to us, so let us be gracious to others.

Sing "O Lord Hear My Prayer" *once*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" HEAR MY PRAYER
(verse two, sung twice)

Musical Response "Tempo di Minuetto" J. S. BACH

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

Scripture Reading Luke 18: 1-8 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
(Common English Bible Translation)

18 Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. **2** He said,

"In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people.**3** In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' **4** For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, **5** but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me."

6 The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** Won’t God provide justice to God’s chosen people who cry out to God day and night? Will God be slow to help them? **8** I tell you, God will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?”

Sermon **Persistent Faith** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 465** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Dorothy Iams**

Prayer of the People **Dorothy Iams**

And now we pray with the words that Jesus 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. 488** “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” WATERLIFE

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

Postlude “Lord of the Dance” SHAKER TUNE
ARR. D. WAGNER

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
* The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman. The Opening Prayer is adapted from *Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters.*

The service continues with fellowship.



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.

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

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

Music: Piano — Bob Iams
Organ, Piano — Tom Shaw

Flowers — Dorothy Iams

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 16
- Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Songs & Salsa – 5:00 pm – Salem Mennonite Church, Dalton

Monday, October 17
- Benevolence Committee Meeting – 4:15 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, October 20
- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, October 23
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

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Pastor Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Minister of Music Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw
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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday

As we move forward to searching for our next office administrator, our office hours may be irregular for the next few weeks. Please contact Pastor Enikő at eferenczy@gmail.com or (804) 426-9392 with questions. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition!

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