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June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday
Service of Communion

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 — **"Will There Really be a Morning?"** *Emily Dickinson/Ricky Gordon*
***Matthew Reynolds**, baritone*

***Gathering Words** — **Candy Relle**

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

God, whose imagination saw all
that is good, beautiful, and loving,
continues to see us as beloved
children in the divine family.

The Word which called forth
the stars in every universe,
speaks to us of giving ourselves
through the baptismal life.

The Spirit, which moved over creation,
breathing life into all things,
fills us with peace and patience,
with hope and healing to share.

***Opening Prayer**
Candy Relle

Let us pray …

God who shapes all things, like creation on that first morning,
may we tingle with anticipation
of your goodness and wonder flowing into our lives.

As grace unfathomable continues to spring forth,
As the breath of life keeps planting seeds of peace,
May we join all creation in emulating you,
who is as close as our flesh which you wore.
May we join in dancing with you,
who is as close to us as every breath we take.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 476 "Crashing Waters at Creation" *Crashing Waters*

Call to Confession Ferenc Relle

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things.
But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new.
As we offer our prayers of confession,
let us open ourselves to God,
who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession Ferenc Relle

We have been created for goodness by you, Artist of all things,
but we continue to be filled with bitterness.
Your Word enables us to speak of joy to others, but we are quick to offer judgment.
Your Spirit, who breathes hope into us,
is flowing through us freely into everyone we meet.
Yet we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue,
rather than giving peace to those around us.

Forgive us, O God.

You have created everything good,
even us foolish children of yours,
God of wonder and grace.
May your Spirit cleanse us, mold us, and transform us until we embody your Word,
Jesus Christ fully, showing your mercy and your love to all in every moment,

finding beauty and making community in the midst of chaos and sorrow. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*English, Spanish, English)* *Argentine Santo*

Assurance of Forgiveness Ferenc Relle

Friends, the good news
is as true as it was on creation's first morning:
Our Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of Life for all people, even us.
Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

Musical Offering "The Infinite Shining Heavens" *R.L. Stevenson/R. Vaughan Williams*
Matthew Reynolds, baritone

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 Reading Matthew 28:16-20 Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
(*translation by Frances Taylor Gench*)

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When
they saw him, they worshiped him, and they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All
authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and
teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."

Sermon Authority from the Spirit Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Hymn No. 536 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" *Surge Ecclesia*

Communion Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you!
And also with you!
May the Holy Three who are One be in your hearts.
May we be filled with imagination, with words, with life itself.
Let us sing our praises to God who makes us one with all people.
We join all creation in singing glad songs to our God.

Artist of all things,
you poured your imagination into chaos,
stirring all your dreams and hopes
Simply, faithfully, graciously,
you offered all to those created in your image,
but we preferred the absence of color in sin…
You sent prophets and artists,
singers and poets, to point back to your beauty and art,
but we preferred the bleak mirages offered by temptation and foolishness.

Then you, Word of justice and love,
pointed to the Holy One in every word and deed.
A baby, you showed us God's vulnerability;
a young child, you taught us to draw closer to God;
a storyteller, you reminded us of the One
who would run to scoop us up in arms of love and welcome;
a lover, you entered into sin's embrace, taking the kiss death intends for us,
and, as resurrection's hope, you offer us life with you forever.

Breath of God, Spirit of all that exists,
like a storm, you blew over creation's oceans,
with a gust, you blow open our shuttered souls,
with a light breath, you give us life.
So now, touch the simple gifts of the bread
and the cup with the sacredness of your peace,
and stir us all from our fear and apathy.

The bread which is broken is filled with your strength,
so that we can go and offer freedom to the prisoner,
so that we can breathe hope into our dying neighborhoods,
so that we can be peace for an angry world.

The cup is never drained of your grace,
so that we may silence all hatred,
so that we might put evil in the past,
so that we might renew your fragile creation.

Wash over us, nourish us, until we join our voices with all creation
and sing the joyful song of justice and peace of the children of God.

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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Ministry of Music "When at this Table" *Shirley Murray/Jane Marshall*
Matthew Reynolds, baritone
Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn No. 749 "Come! Live in the Light" *We Are Called*

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude "O God of Every Nation" *(tune: Llangloffan)* *arr. Lani Smith*

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

The service continues with fellowship.

*All prayers were adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Ken Shafer, piano
*Sunday service assistant/flowers/treats: Candy Relle

Matthew Reynolds, *baritone*, is thrilled to return for his second season with OLO in the roles of Mordred in *Camelot*, Bud Frump in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, Bill Bobstay in *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and Cavarelli in *Arizona Lady*. Last year at OLO, he was featured as Captain Tarnitz in *The Student Prince* and as Roger Huckland in *The Mock Marriage*. Matthew holds dual Master of Music degrees in voice performance and musicology from the University of Oklahoma and is currently based in Houston, TX, where he works as a freelance performer and voice instructor.



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

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 4
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 5
- OLO-Westminster annual welcome picnic – 5-6.30 pm – Mackey Hall
- Troop 61 – 6 pm – The Meeting Place

Tuesday, June 6

- Personnel Committee Meeting – 7 pm – The Lounge

Wednesday, June 7

- **WPC Book Group – 7 pm – Zoom**

Thursday, June 8

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, June 11

- Walking in Mindfulness – 7.30 am – Oak Hill Park Pavilion
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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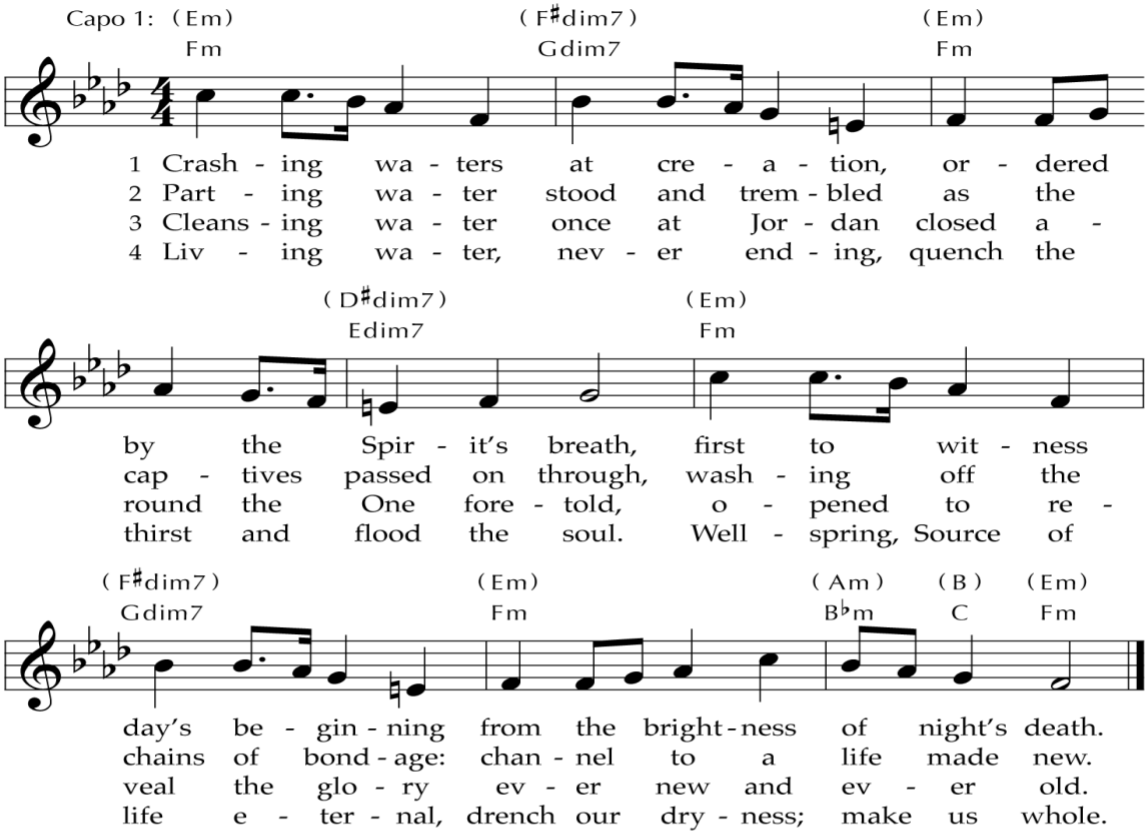
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BAPTISM

476 Crashing Waters at Creation



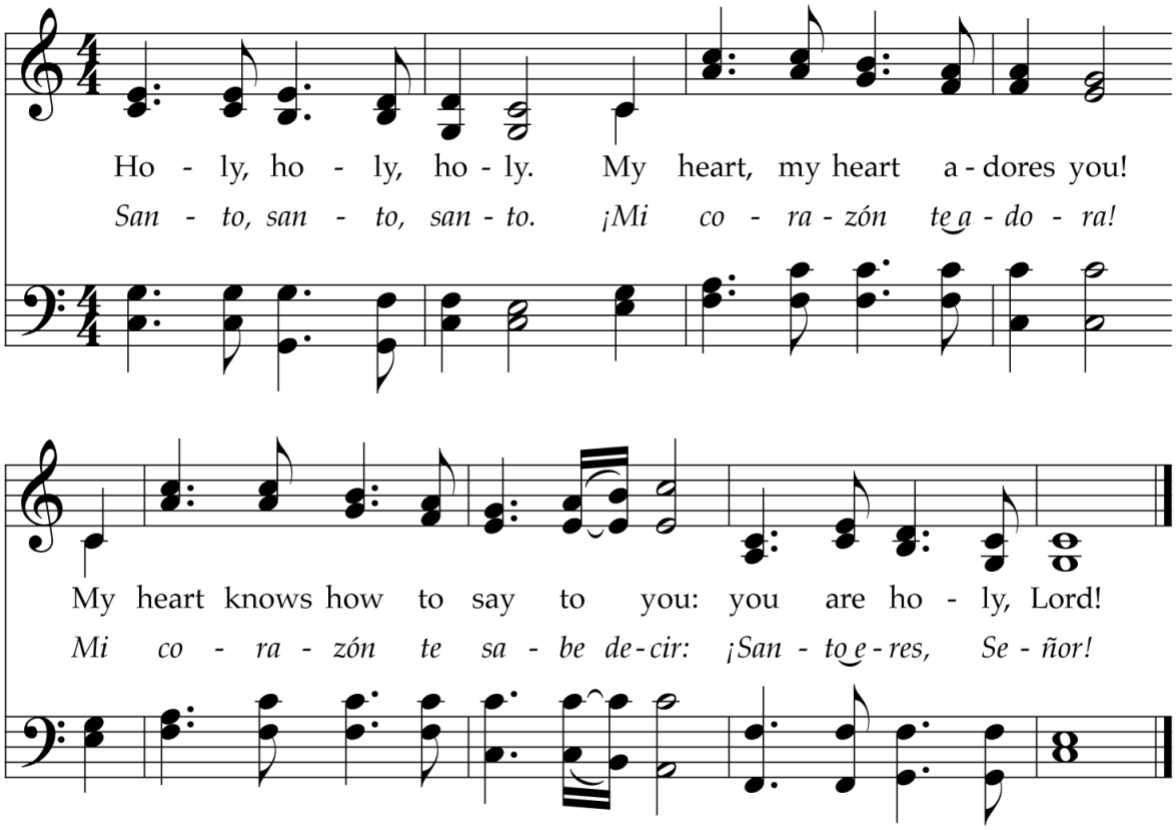
Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1987
MUSIC: William A. Cross, 1992
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CRASHING WATERS
8.7.8.7

Holy, Holy, Holy 595

Santo, santo, santo



TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. Argentine

ARGENTINE SANTO
6.7.8.5

LORD'S SUPPER

536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

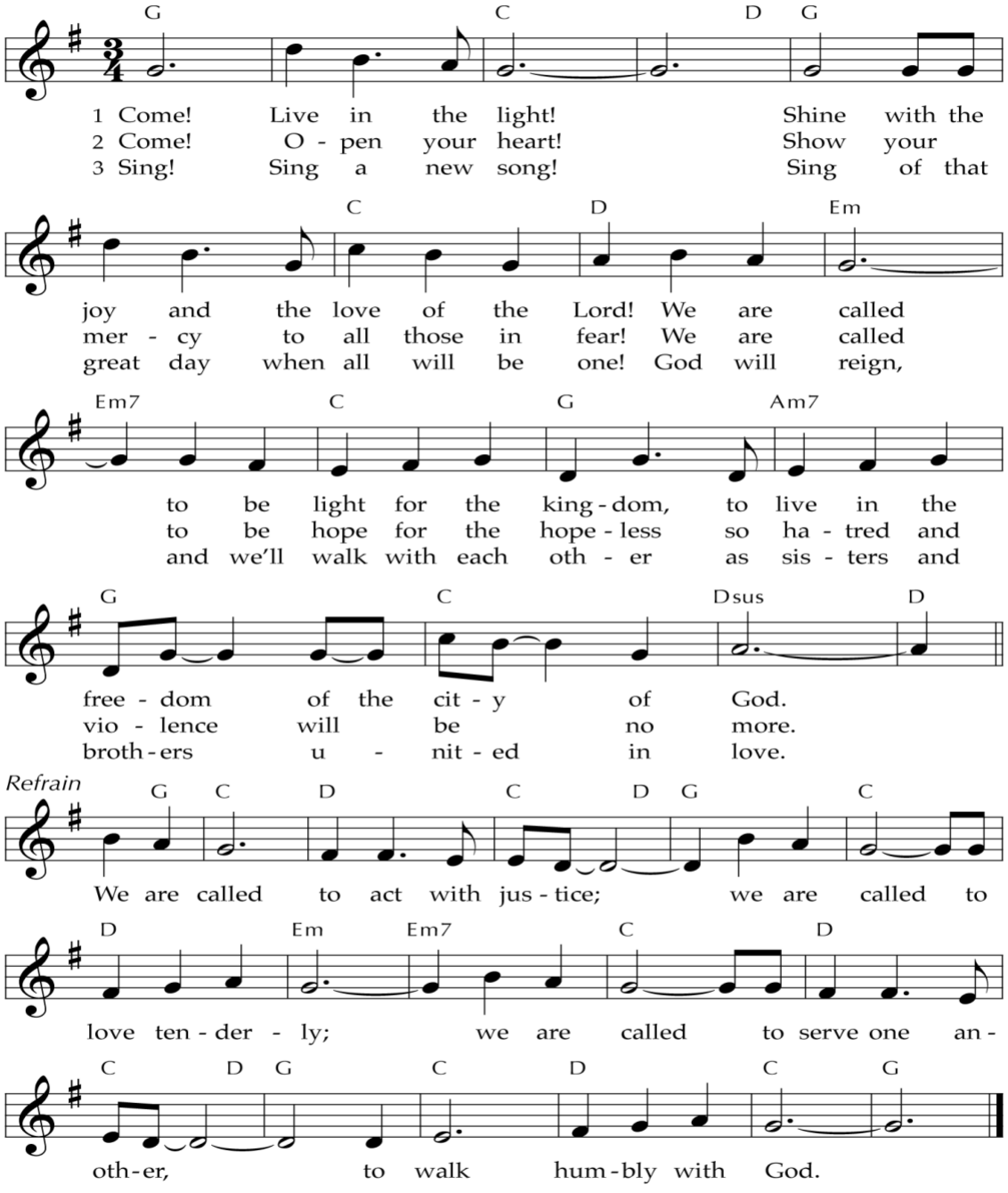
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MUSIC: Timothy J. Strand, 1997
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SURGE ECCLESIA
8.7.8.7.8.7

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988
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