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July 24, 2022
7th 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 "Deep River" TRADITIONAL/ARR. MARK HAYES

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

In this place of holiness, we can come with our fears,
our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.
We come to this place, to hear the words of peace,
of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

In this place of discovery
we can come searching.
We come to this place, to find
the One who has been looking for us.

In this place of openness
we can come knocking.
We come to this place, to be embraced
by the One whose heart is never locked.

***Opening Prayer** **Candy Relle**

Nurturing Caretaker,
you build your community in our midst,
despite our best efforts to tear it down.

Teacher of our hearts,
give us words to speak
when the worries of our lives
turn us speechless.
Teach us that your simple gifts of love and peace
are of more value than all
the world promises us.

Spirit of Grace and Hope,
your river of mercy
tumbles through us.
Wash our hearts of all
we cannot release,
so we may find healing and renewal.
Quench our thirst for wholeness.
May we share your peace that defends the weak,
your justice that embraces all people.
In your name, we pray. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 479** "Ho, All Who Thirst" JACOB'S WELL

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Call to Confession **Ferenc Relle**

We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join me as we pray, saying,

Prayer of Confession **Ferenc Relle**

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your love is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to our siblings all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our friend, teacher, the fount of life, who flings wide the open doors of your kin-dom, that all might find life with you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Ferenc Relle**

Here is the good news, friends:
Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kin-dom.
In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole;
lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response **"**Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" TRADITIONAL/ARR. R. TOLBERT

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

Scripture Reading Luke 11: 1-13 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." **2** So he said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
3Give us each day our daily bread.
4And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, **6**for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' **7**And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' **8**I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10**For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11**Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? **12**Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? **13**If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 175** "Seek Ye First" LAFFETY

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Ferenc and Candy Relle**

Prayer of the People **Ferenc and Candy Relle**

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

O Breathing Life, your name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our source,

Yet free us from not being in the present.
From you arises every vision,
power and song
from gathering to gathering. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 469** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sung 3 times) CHILDREN PRAYING

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

Postlude "Bayou Home" WILLIAM GRANT STILL/ARR. ALEXA STILL

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.

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

*The prayers were adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman.
* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

Music:	Drum, Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Flute	Elaina Palada
	Organ, Piano	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		Ferenc and Candy Relle
Flowers		Ferenc and Candy Relle
Refreshments		Ferenc and Candy Relle

Elaina Palada, *flute*, recently received her master's degree in performance from Northwestern University. She is delighted to have her first season with the Ohio Light Opera this summer. This past May, Elaina played principal flute for Northwestern University's production of *La bohème*. She also played principal flute with the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra in a "We Stand with Ukraine" Benefit Concert in April, which raised money to support newly arrived Ukrainian children. During past summers, Elaina taught English and music at Sommerschule Wust in Germany, where she was also a featured soloist in a Baroque concert performing works by Bach, Handel, and Telemann with organist Anne Laver. Originally from Central New York, Elaina began playing the flute at age 10 with her elementary music teacher Anne Monaco, and started private study in high school with Dr. Ana Laura Gonzalez in Oneonta, NY. Elaina received her bachelor's degree in Music Education with performance honors from Syracuse University, studying with Symphoria Orchestra member Kelly Covert. She looks forward to pursuing a music career that combines all of her passions for performing, teaching, and travelling.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 24

- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall
    - ◊ Members of the Vimmerstedt Family look forward to joining us and seeing you

Wednesday, July 27

- CAMO Volunteer Opportunity – 10:00 am – CAMO, Orrville, OH

Thursday, July 28

- Westminster Book Club – 7:00 am – Zoom

Tuesday, August 2 – Friday, August 5

- Compassion Camp – 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Mackey Hall

Friday, August 5 – Church Office Closed

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Pastor Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
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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Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of ethnicity, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Ho, All Who Thirst

Come Now to the Water



This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10–14.

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JACOB'S WELL

5.7.5.5 with refrain

175 Seek Ye First

Descant



The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

LAFFERTY
Irregular

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SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios*
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야

Sung 3 Times

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970
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