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November 13, 2022
23rd 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 **"A Thanksgiving Prelude"** **C. Callahan (USA, 20th c.)**

***Gathering Words** **Cheryl Weiss**

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

God has spoken before, and God speaks still,
a word of hope, and a word of challenge:
to do justice, not only talk about it;
to love, going above and beyond with generosity and kindness;
to act, without making it about us.

God calls us to a new way of life.
Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Prayer** **Cheryl Weiss**

Let us pray…

Not our own strength, but yours, O God.
You are the One who provides, nourishes, and secures.
You are the One who connects us to one another,
building community to create peace.

From the smallest place to the grandest city,
from the margins to the center,
you are the One who shows your vision and invites us into life.

You seek partners in your way,
so reveal to us what is ours to do,
and gift us with what we need to live faithfully
in every single thing we do.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 749** **"Come, Live in the Light"** **D. Haas**

Call to Confession **Bill Weiss**

From words of grandeur and power games, God calls us to trust and to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another…

Prayer of Confession **Bill Weiss**

Holy One,
You call us into the world as a blessing.

Forgive us for ignoring the ways our words wound,
our lifestyles weigh heavily on the earth,
our behaviors consign others to suffering.
Forgive us for worshipping you one day,
and ignoring your call on the other days.

Bring to birth in us habits of faithfulness,
that we may follow you in action as well as word, every day.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 466 **"Come and Fill Our Hearts"** **Confitemini Domino**

Assurance of Forgiveness **Bill Weiss**

It is through foolishness that God makes us wise;
It is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve;
It is through forgiveness that God makes us whole.

We cannot boast in what we have done,
but only in the grace and joy of our God,
who calls us back to love, kindness and generosity.
Again and again.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Offering "**Minuet"** **G. F. Handel (Germany, 18th c.)**

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 **Micah 1:1–5; 6:6–8** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
Common English Bible translation

1 The Lord's word that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Judah's Kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem:

2 Listen, all you peoples!
Pay attention, earth, and all that fills it!
May the Lord God be a witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.
3 Look! The Lord is coming out from his place;
he will go down and tread on the shrines of the earth.
4 Then the mountains will melt under him;
the valleys will split apart,
like wax yielding to the fire,
like waters poured down a slope.
5 All this is for the crime of Jacob
and the sins of the house of Israel.
Who is responsible for the crime of Jacob?
Isn't it Samaria?
Who is responsible for the shrines of Judah?
Isn't it Jerusalem?

6 With what should I approach the Lord
and bow down before God on high?
Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?
Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?
8 He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Sermon	**Why Don't We Choose Kindness?**	**Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
Hymn No. 753	**"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**	**S. Temple; A. Fedak**
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. 697** **"Take My Life" (verses 1-3, 6)** **Hendon**

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

Postlude **"Italian Hymn"** **E. Broughton (USA, 20th c.)**

*The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer and the Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, writing for the *Bibleworm Collaborative* following the Narrative Lectionary.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Flute — Susan Shaw
Organ — Tom Shaw
Piano — Bob Iams

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.

GIVE NOW

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, November 13

- Contemplative Prayer – 8.30 am – at 157 Park Ave.
- Choir – 9:00 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

Tuesday, November 15

- Book Group – 7:00 pm – Zoom

Wednesday, November 16

- Session – 6.30 pm
- Academy of Religion lecture – First Presbyterian Church – 7.30 pm

Thursday, November 17

- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, November 20

- Choir – 9:00 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

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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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WE ARE CALLED
Irregular

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466

Confitemini Domino



This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Irregular

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

TEXT: Anon., c. 1912; adapt. Sebastian Temple, 1967
MUSIC: Sebastian Temple, 1963; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text and Music © 1967 OCP

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS
Irregular

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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