



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

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**Second Sunday
after Pentecost
June 2, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music

Minute for Missions:

Open Arms Kids' Camp

Cheryl Weiss

Story Corp

Lemoine Peart

Prelude

**"Widmung" ("Dedication") from *Myrthen*
Maggie Langhorne, soprano; Ken Shafer, piano**

Robert Schumann

(one of twenty-six songs that were a wedding gift to his wife Clara)

"You my soul, my heart, my rapture, my pain,

You my world in which I live, my heaven to which I aspire,

O you my grave, into which my grief forever I've consigned!

You are repose, you are peace, you are bestowed on me from heaven.

Your love for me gives me my worth, your eyes transfigure me in mine,

You raise me lovingly above myself, my guardian angel, my better self!"

***Gathering Words**

Erica Ewing

**We gather on this day,
to praise our God, who is our strength.**

**We gather on this holy day,
to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.**

**We gather in this sacred space,
to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.**

***Opening Prayer**

Erica Ewing

Let us pray ...

Wondrous God,
You alone are holy, yet you choose to use us to bring about your dreams and hopes.
Not ones who are perfect, but the fragile, the forgotten, the voiceless,
the overwhelmed to be your household in this life.

Inspire us to nurture relationships instead of systems that harm.
Give us eyes to see all as your children—the refugee, the bullied, the suffering.
Guide us to live according to your sacred rhythm until
all know your love and live every day as your Sabbath.

***Opening Hymn No. 409**

“God Is Here”

Abbot’s Leigh

Call to Confession

Erica Ewing

*What a front we put up for people – strong, successful, unafraid, undiminished by life.
Yet, our lives and words reveal to others how fragile and foolish we truly are.
Let us bring our brokenness, our lives, our hearts to God, so we might be filled
with grace and hope. Join me as we pray together,*

Prayer of Confession

Erica Ewing

**You search us, Wonderful God, and what do you find? People whose minds are so full of
the world’s trash, that there is no room to think of others. People who offer stale crusts to
the hungry, not the food which gives them life. People who are so busy patting themselves
on the back, that we cannot reach out to those who have fallen.**

**Forgive us, All merciful God. May we listen to your words of grace and become more
gracious. May we hear your words of hope, and then live as people overflowing with
it. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who modeled this life for us, and in the name
of your Spirit who empowers us to live according to your sacred, life-sustaining rhythm.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Erica Ewing

No longer are we held captive by our foolish choices or our damaging words.
On this holy day, as well as all the ordinary days, our God blesses us with hope and mercy.

**With every instrument possible, but especially with our hearts and lives, may we praise the
One who fills us with forgiveness and grace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***The Peace**

In God's amazing grace is our only peace.
Forgiven once again by grace, let us participate in God's peace together.
I invite you to turn to the people to your left and to your right, behind you and before you,
and share the peace of God with one another using the greeting:

"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.

***Musical Offering No. 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us " (*sung twice*) Argentina**

"Silent Noon" (from *The House of Life*) R. Vaughan Williams

*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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 14

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works that I know very well.

Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² “ ‘Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Sermon

Living with God’s Sacred Rhythm

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Communion Hymn No. 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Communion

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

By the time you decided to take a break,
God of incredible imagination,
Your Word had whispered all that is into being.
You saw that it was good.

Yet we, your beloved intricately woven in your image,
could not appreciate what you intended to nurture and help us flourish.
We turned away from you, from one another and your creation,
making choices that harm life.

In your relentless love for us,
You sent trustworthy women and men to invite us back home with you.

You came in Jesus, God-in-the-flesh, and lived in our midst.
In walking our streets, You made every neighborhood holy ground.
In sharing your hopes for us, You made every day a Sabbath from fears.
In knowing our pain, You gave us the strength not to be crushed.
In hearing our cries for hope, You turned our voices into songs of grace.
In experiencing our death, You broke sin's power over us,
as your resurrection grace became the promised hope of everyone.

Here on this holy day, and in this sacred space,
pour out your Holy Spirit on your people
and the gifts of the bread and the cup.
Though we often feel like empty, fragile containers,
may the broken bread give us the strength to go out to serve your people:
those bullied, those dealing with pain and grief, those who fear their future being
swallowed up by the violence of war.

May the cup of grace nourish us
to be able to go into the world:
to stand with the forgotten,
to bring healing to the broken,
to lift up those knocked down by hate.

Here, in company of your Beloved,
May we find rest.
May we be nourished into people who are life-nurturers,
who will march to your sacred rhythm breaking every hold of injustice and oppression,
who will embrace the unloved and build your Beloved Community.

We ask these things through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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—
May our future actions grow from here!**

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn No. 287 “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” *Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude

“Danny Boy”

Trad./arr. Fred Weatherly

The service continues with fellowship.

*The Gathering Words and the prayer of confession, and the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving were adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman. The Opening Prayer was written by Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy. The Lord's Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Maggie Langhorne, soprano; Ken Shafer, piano; Pong Thiemmedh, drum;

Maggie Langhorne, *soprano*, returns to OLO for a second in-person season. Maggie's experience ranges from contemporary opera to Shakespeare. Her recent credits include appearances Blue Hill Troupe, Scenic City Shakespeare, The Victor Herbert Renaissance Project, and Royal Family Productions. Originally from Santa Barbara, CA, Maggie went on to receive her Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin Conservatory and worked with The College Light Opera Company throughout her collegiate years. She now lives with her husband Mark and their bearded dragon in NYC. Welcome Maggie!



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.



GIVE NOW

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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 2

- Worship Service with Communion – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Celebration of the successful Mustard Seed Campaign with Ice Cream Social following worship – Mackey Patio

Monday, June 3

- Scout Troop 61 – 6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, June 4

- OLO Welcome Picnic – 5-6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, June 6

- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, June 9

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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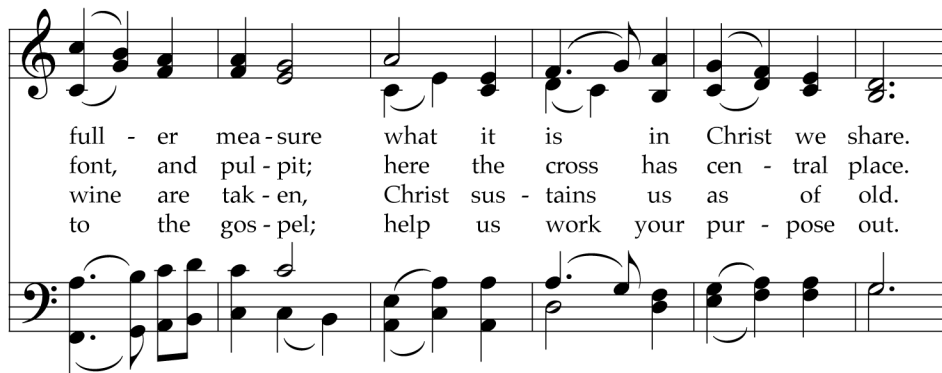
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



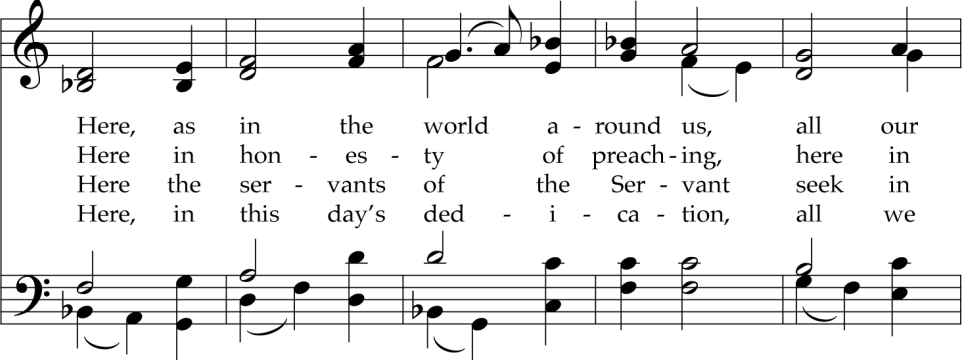
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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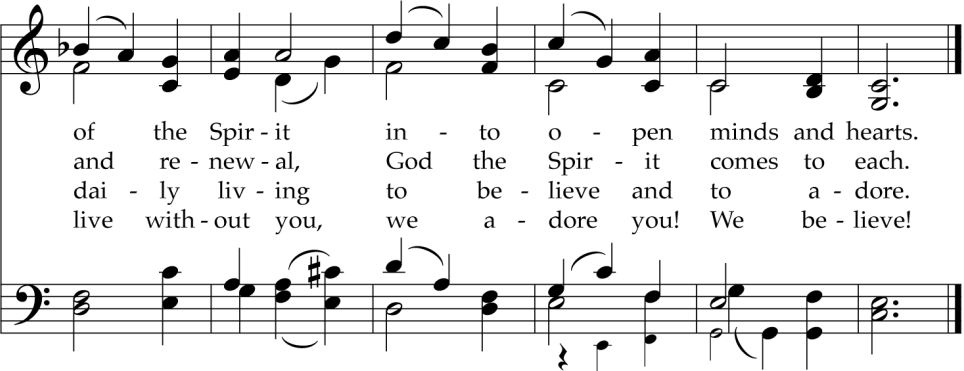
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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



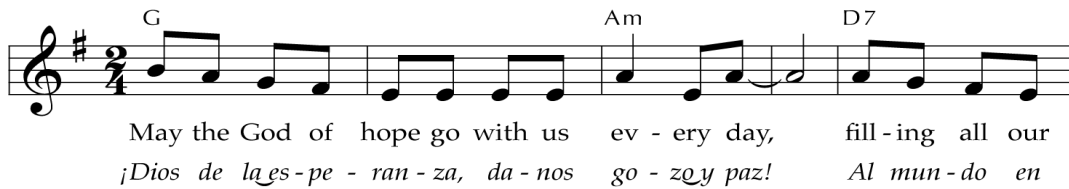
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
11.11.11.11 with refrain

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.