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August 21, 2022
11th 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 "Vocalise" SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

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

We gather in the presence of the Beloved
who does not forget or forsake us,
who does not take a day off,
but who breathes vibrance into the Cosmos
and Love into our lives
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We bring to the God of Abundance:
our breath, our pleasure, our aches and pains,
our delight, our fears, our innermost longings.

For the Living Christ works with us towards wellness in all things.
Let us worship the Wellspring of Life and Lavisher of Love.

Opening Prayer **Candy Relle**

Holy God,
When we are afraid, and can only whisper,
You bend over to listen to us.
When others would weigh us down with shame and guilt,
you set us free with your joy.

Come, Un-bending God, raise us up.
Give us hope and grace.
Make us into healers of brokenness.
In your name, we pray. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 286** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

Call to Confession **Ferenc Relle**

We are led astray from God and God's purpose for our lives by our sins and shortcomings. Let us clear our path back to God through confessing our lives to the One who chooses to forgive us and love us unconditionally, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession **Ferenc Relle**

Merciful God, our crippling spirits keep us from following you.
Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way.
Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones.
Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, Un-bending God,
and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures.
Help us to trust your grace, mercy, and guidance.
Transform us.
Empower us to join you in your business of un-bending,
bringing wholeness to all creation.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Ferenc Relle**

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us,
but to listen to our prayers.
God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

This is, indeed, good news for us!
We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response Meditation on "Need" MARIANNE KIM

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

Scripture Reading Luke 13: 10-17 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
(Common English Bible translation)

10 Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.**11** A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight.**12** When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." **13** He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

14 The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, “There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day.”

15 The Lord replied, “Hypocrites! Don’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink?**16** Then isn’t it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?” **17** When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Sermon	**The Business of Un-bending**	**Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
***Hymn No. 795**	“Healer of Our Every Ill”	HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		**Ferenc & Candy Relle**
Prayer of the People		**Ferenc & Candy Relle**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ with the words that you 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.726**	“Will You Come and Follow Me”	KELVINGROVE
***Benediction**		**Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
Postlude	“Minuet in B flat”	J. S. BACH

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.

GIVE NOW

You may also go on-line 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.

* The Gathering Words were adapted from Enfleshed: Liturgy That Matters. The Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Forgiveness were adapted from Thom Shuman.

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

Music:	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ, Piano	Ken Shafer

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Ferenc & Candy Relle
Flowers	Ferenc & Candy Relle
Refreshments	Ferenc & Candy Relle

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 24
- Session – 6:30 pm – The Lounge
- COW Fall Classes Begin

Thursday, August 25
- COW Convocation – 11:00 am – John P. Papp Stadium

Saturday, August 27
- Break the Cycle Event – Check-In 6:30 am – Wayne Co Fairgrounds

Sunday, August 28
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall
- Shuck and Stuff Event – 11:00 am – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, August 31
- CAMO Volunteering – 10:00 am – CAMO, Orrville, OH
  (Anyone needing transportation, please contact Sherry Hatter-Miller)

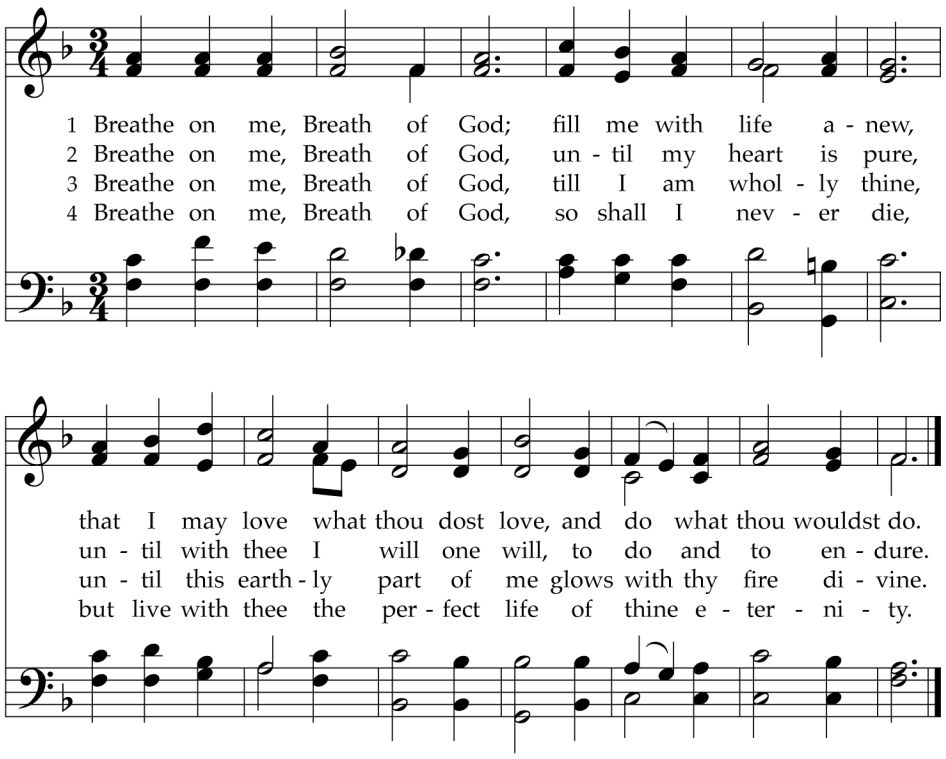
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Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286
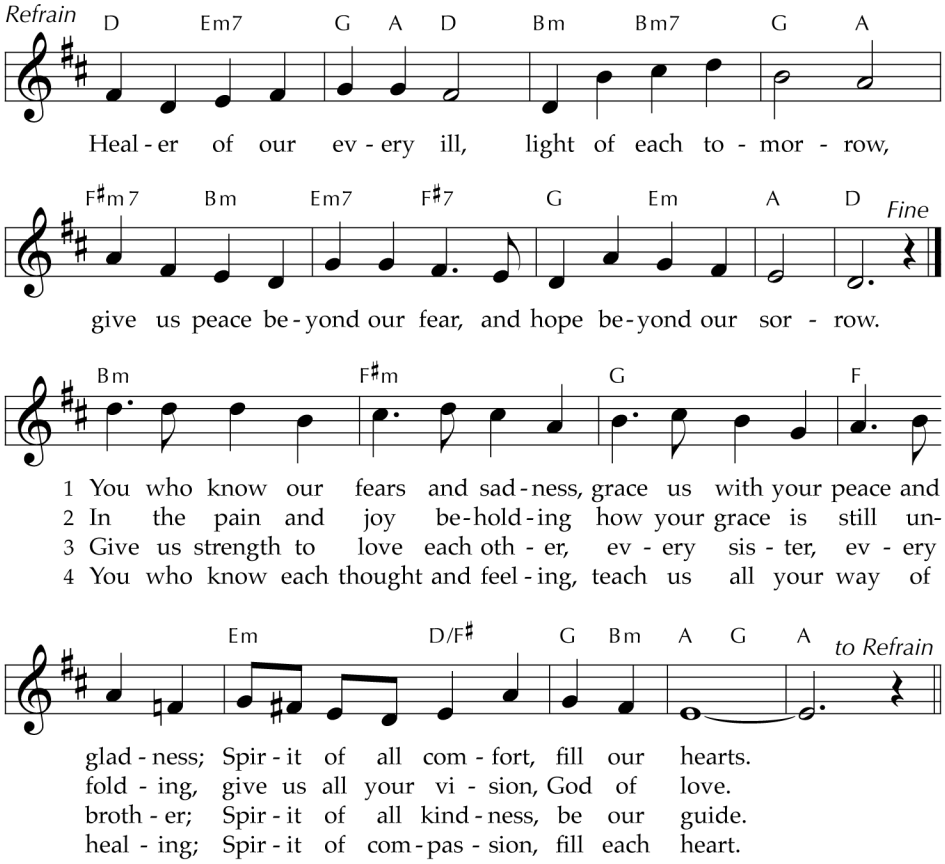


In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

795 Healer of Our Every Ill
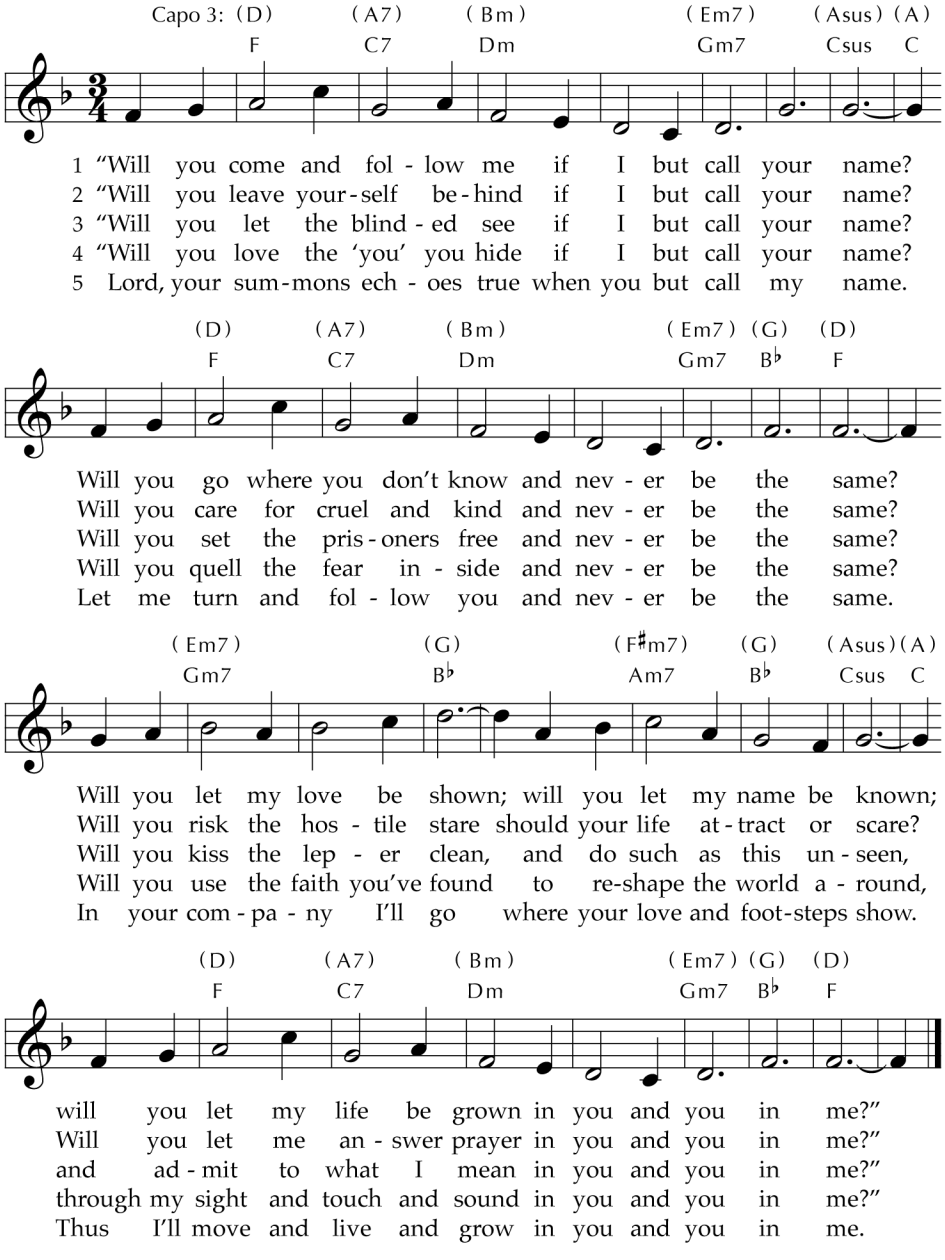


As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986
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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL
8.8.9 with refrain

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE
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