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January 22, 2023
Third Sunday
After Epiphany

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 — "Old Hundredth" — *Arr. Kevin Upppercue*

***Gathering Words** — **Dorothy Iams**

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

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!
Leave behind what shrivels your soul.
We will follow the lush lure of the Life-Giving.

Leave behind the coldness of should.
We will follow the warmth of Inner Wisdom.
Leave behind the hollowness of image
We will follow the rich depth of Beauty.
Leave behind toxic positivity
We will follow mourning, soulful and honest.
Leave behind holding it all together
We will follow that which breaks your heart open into a field of wildflowers.

Friends, let us follow the Thread of Love!
For She guides us in the Ways of Life.

***Opening Prayer** — **Dorothy Iams**

Let us pray…

Holy Spirit of love,
You are also a Spirit who moves.
You move us from comfort and glory into new challenges.

Your blessing is always active,

calling, pushing, leading, driving,
at the riverside and in the wilderness,
in our homes and our work,
strengthening us to face the adversary
within ourselves and out in the world.

Connect us to the deep wells of your word today,
that we may draw courage and discipline, faith and love,
and so offer a vision of wholeness and abundance
and an invitation to your Ways of Life.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 664 "Morning Has Broken" *Bunessan*

Call to Confession Dorothy Iams

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,

Prayer of Confession Dorothy Iams

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, redeeming God as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our friend, our healer, our life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 668 "Golden Breaks the Dawn" *Le P'ing*
Tom Shaw – instrumental

Assurance of Forgiveness Dorothy Iams

God is our help, so why should we be afraid?
God draws us into wholeness, beauty and love!
This is good news for all of us.
Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy

and love, we raise shouts of joy:
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Musical Offering "Study in C Major" *S. Heller*
Bob Iams, piano

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 4:12-22 Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
(Common English Bible)

12 Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and settled
in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 This fulfilled what
Isaiah the prophet said:

15 *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,*
alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
16 *the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,*
and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.

17 From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom
of heaven!"

18 As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and
Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," he
said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." 20 Right away, they left their nets and followed him.
21 Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John.
They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and
22 immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23 Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of
the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Sermon The Lush Lure of Life-Giving Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

*Hymn No. 170 "You Walk along Our Shoreline" *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Dorothy Iams

Prayer of the People Dorothy Iams

We ask these things 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. 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" *Kingsfold*

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude "Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich" *J.S. Bach*

*The Gathering Words were adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.* The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Organ –Tom Shaw
Piano – Bob Iams
*Sunday Service Assistant/Flowers/Treats: Candy and Ferenc Relle

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.

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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, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 29

- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Congregational Meeting following worship to elect Elders for the Class of 2025
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

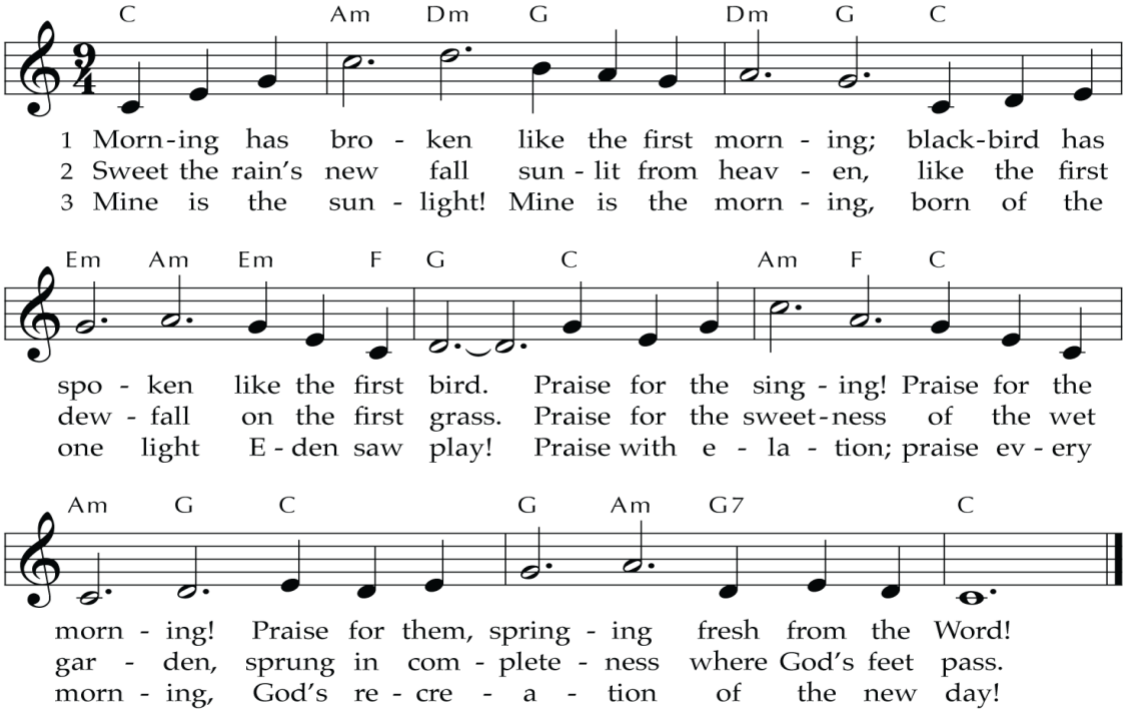
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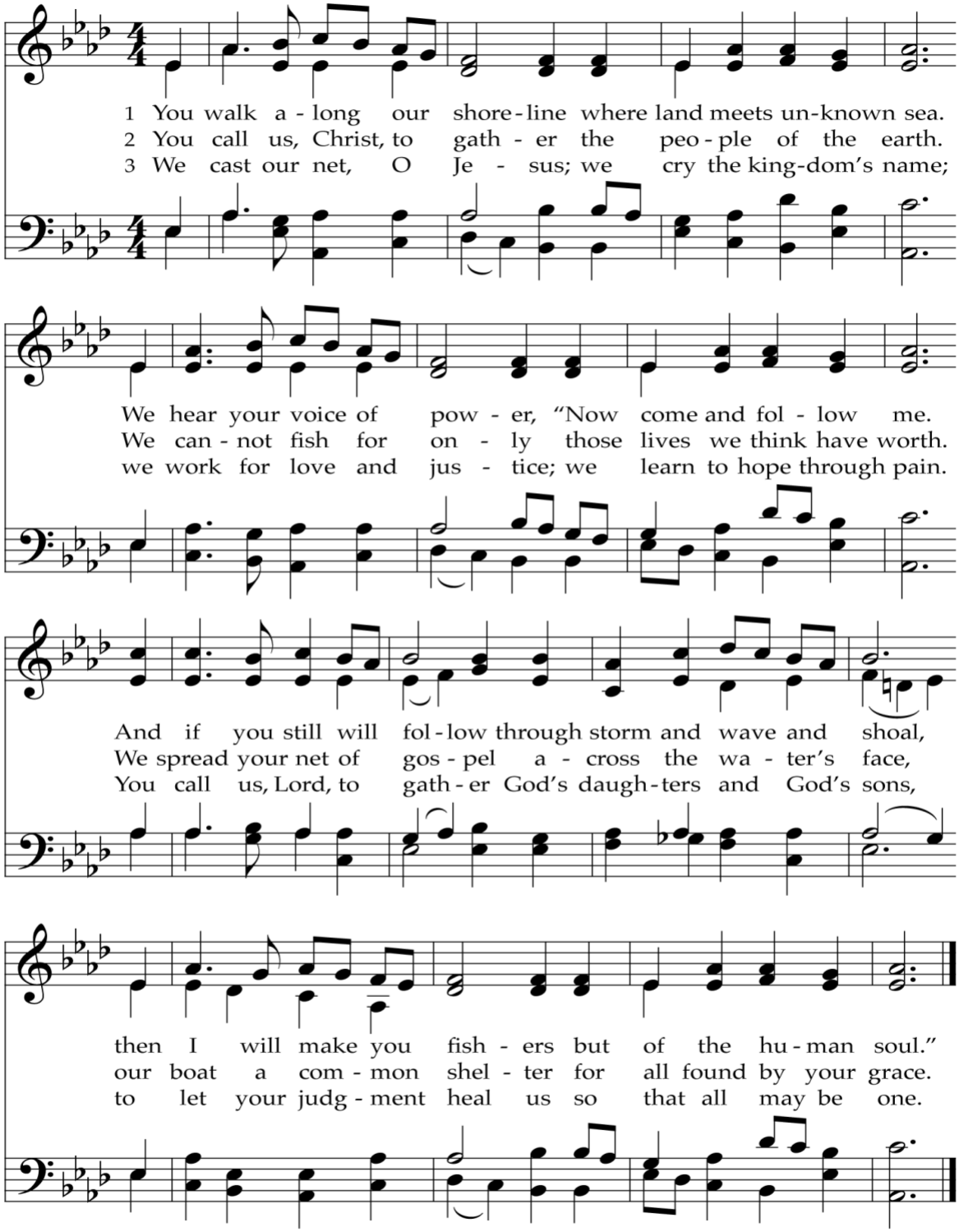


This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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You Walk along Our Shoreline 170
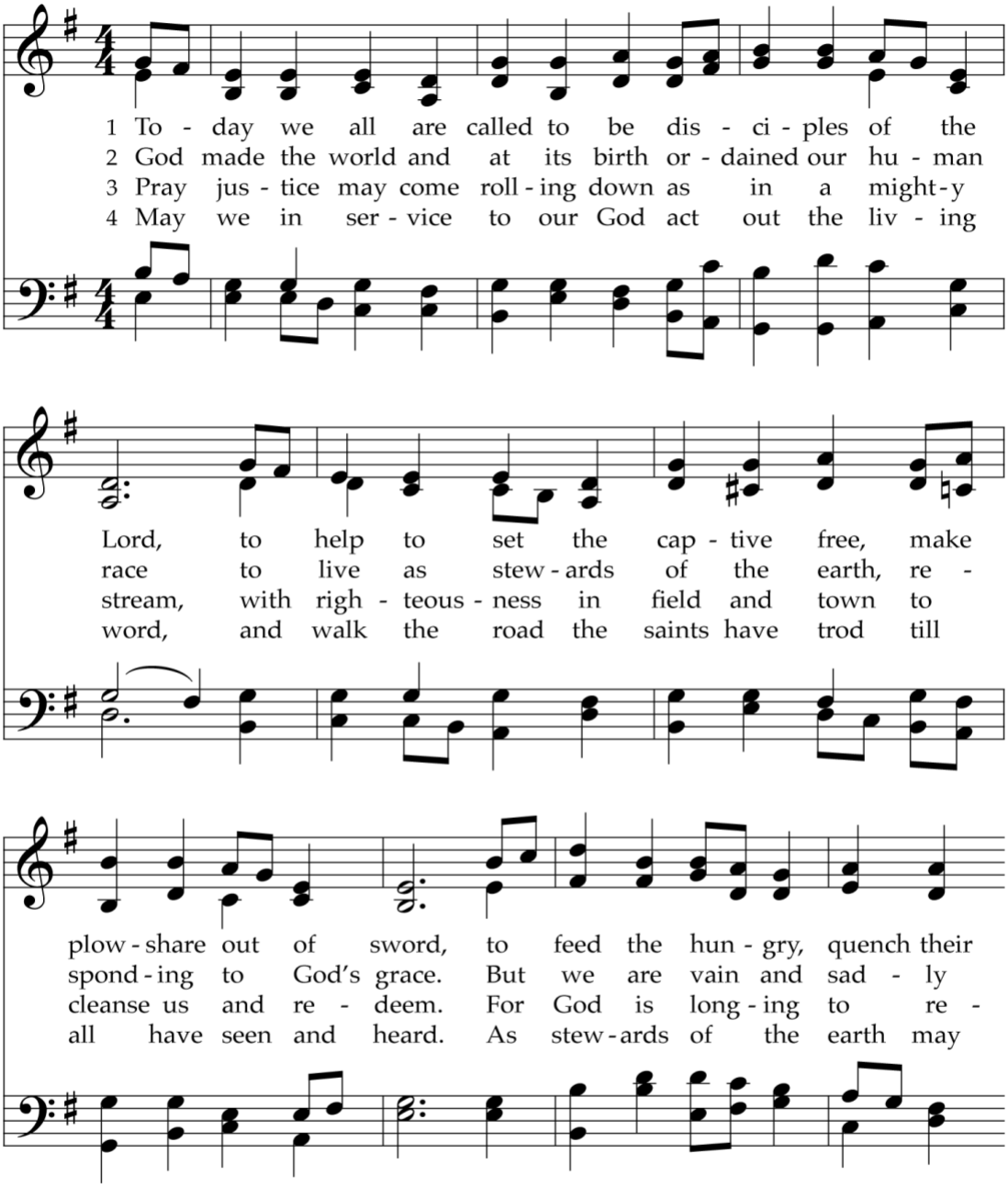


Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575
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WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
7.6.7.6.D

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs,* 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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