Westminster
Presbyterian Church

June 6, 2021
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Gathering Words — **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

The One who birthed all life into being created us for relationship:
With each other.
With the land and all its creatures.
With Spirit, present all around us.

The One who rights all wrongs and lifts up the suffering:
Reveals the evils that threaten our connections.
Ushers us all toward redemption.

The One who makes healing possible:
Calls us home to our purpose and potential.

Opening Prayer — **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

Divine Love,
we sense you pulsing throughout all of creation.
You nurture new life and plant justice like seeds.
As you capture our attention with your beauty that surrounds,
may we become faithful partners in tending the soils of shared life.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 7 — Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth — NORWICH

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace.

3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flower, until I know.

Prayer of Confession **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

Compassionate God,
We confess that we have not trusted you,
We have not followed your will and your ways.
Instead, we heed voices that mascaraed for the divine.
We pursue our own desires at the expense of others,
making wrong choices or choosing wrong sides.

Forgive us, O God.
Give us courage to be truthful
So that we can live with ourselves,
With others,
And with you.
In your holy name we pray. Amen .

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart!
We are being renewed day by day
Through the grace of Christ extended through us.

Thanks be to God.

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:8-15

[8]They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" [10] He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." [11]He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" [12]The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." [13]Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." [14]The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures.
Upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
[15]I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers.
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Sermon **Coming of Age** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 515 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
In love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
To find as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but very near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here,
Alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

May the God of steadfast love be with you!
And also with you!
Sisters and brothers of Christ, lift your hearts to God.
We open ourselves to the One who fills us with grace.
Beloved of the Lord, sing glad praises to God.
Songs of wonder are offered to our God.

Catching a glimpse of goodness and beauty,
you shattered the stillness of chaos
with your imaginative Word, your Spirit of faith
moving, transforming, shaping, creating.
What had not been seen before sprang forth:
A garden of wonders and hopes,
shared with those you created in your image.

Yet, we wanted to do things our way
and forsook you for the temptations offered to us by sin and death.
You do not forsake your creation,
So sent the prophets to us with words of hope and grace,
but we rejected them.
Still, your love is steadfast
and your faith for us did not diminish.
You sent Jesus to call us back to your heart.

Jesus Christ is your love made human.
Jesus could have come to divide us,
but came that we might be one with you and with our sisters and brothers.
Jesus could have come to judge us but came to pull us out of harm's way.
Jesus could have come to defy us but came to break
the power and claim of death and sin on us, once and for all.

You surround us with your care,
stretching out your hand upon those gathered in this place,
your Spirit transforming ordinary gifts into sacred grace and hope.
We taste the bread and drink from the cup,
and notice what we have not seen:

We are born, not of brokenness but of belonging.
The image of God, woven into our bodies and being,
binds us together with all of creation.

Turning us from supremacies in all their forms,
Empowering us to refuse participating in cycles of shame,
Rather practice love that transforms and protects,
Your Spirit sends us to embrace all life
So that grace upon grace might be shared with all your beloved.

We pray this in the name of the One who is to come, 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—
May our future actions grow from here!

Closing Hymn No. 771 What Is the World Like NEW WORLD

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God logs for us when we roam.

3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
Tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

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