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June 19, 2022
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

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 "Some o' These Days" TRADITIONAL/ ARR. FLORENCE PRICE

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

Creator of all, Savior of all, Spirit in all, One God in perfect community,
empower us now.
Where there is apathy,
kindle the flame of your love.
Where there is deceit,
confront every lie with your truth.
Where there is hopelessness,
reveal deep wells of compassion.
Where there is joy,
let your caring protection be known.
Where we hesitate to serve you,
make us restless until we change.
For you created us in love and call us to abundant freedom, meant for all.
Amen.

***Opening Prayer** **Lemoine Peart**

Eternal God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression.
Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression.
Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 346** "For the Healing of the Nations" ST. THOMAS (Wade)

Call to Confession **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Jesus came among us as a slave choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them. May we in our weakness not to attempt to oppress others, and not to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example.
Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Prayer of Confession **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Compassionate God, Source of all that is,
Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that sometimes we do not honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.

If we have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others, correct us.
If we have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience, show us our faults.

If we have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting
from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression,
forgive us, heal us, and change us.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with us, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Our God of grace has mercy on us, forgives us when we make mistakes,
strengthens us in all goodness, and keeps us in eternal life.
We are loved, we are free, we are renewed! Amen.

Musical Response "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" ROBERT LEE ROWBERRY

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

First Scripture Reading Luke 12:22-34 **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Jesus said to his students, “Through this I am saying to you, don’t be worrying about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they are not planting nor are they harvesting, they have no storehouse or barn, and yet God is nurturing them. Of how much more consequence are you than the birds! And which one of you by worrying is able to add one bit to your lifespan?

If you are not able to do so small a thing as that, then why are you worrying about the rest? Consider the lily, how it grows: it is not working nor is it spinning; yet I am saying to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. So if the grass, in the field today and tomorrow being cast into the stove, God is dressing it, how much more you—you with little faith!

And don’t search frantically for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and don’t keep worrying. For all the nations of the world are striving after these things, and your loving creator knows that you need them. More than these things, be pursuing God’s realm, and these things will be given to you as well.

Don’t be afraid, little flock, for it delights your creator to give you the abundance of the realm. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Second Scripture Reading **Psalm 139: 1-12** **Lemoine Peart**

O Eternal One, you have explored my heart and know exactly who I am;
You even know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even when I am far away, you know what I’m thinking.
You observe my wanderings and my sleeping, my waking and my dreaming,
and you know everything I do in more detail than even I know.
You know what I’m going to say long before I say it.
It is true, Eternal One, that you know everything.
You have surrounded me on every side, behind me and before me,
and you have placed your hand on me.
It is the most amazing feeling to know how deeply you know me, inside and out;
the realization of it is so great that I cannot comprehend it.
Can I go anywhere apart from your Spirit?
Is there anywhere I can go to escape your watchful presence?
If I go up into heaven, you are there.
If I make my bed in the realm of the dead, you are there.
If I ride on the wings of morning,
if I make my home in the most isolated part of the ocean,
Even then you will be there to guide me;
Your right hand will embrace me, for you are always there.
Even if I think, “The darkness will certainly swallow me,
the light around me will soon be turned to night,”
You can see in the dark, for it is not dark to your eyes.
For you the night is just as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are the same to your eyes.

Sermon **"Consider the Ravens"** **Rev Tricia Petraven**

***Hymn No. 661** "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" SPARROW
His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Prayer of the People **Juli Douglass-Gillespie**

Juli As we celebrate this Juneteenth holiday, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world. That those entrusted with authority in our nation may support the changes needed in order to exercise leadership and promote healing it in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray . . .
May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Tricia That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence, abuse, discrimination, murder, or the threat of, we pray . . .
May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Lemoine That our communities and our schools may find ways to actively participate in efforts to eliminate violence, especially violence against black and brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial division, we pray. . .
May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Juli That all who gather this week to remember Juneteenth be able to freely, peaceably, and in celebration with us, remember together, we pray . . .
May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Tricia That we be courageous in living out the gospel of freedom, caring for all who have lifted joys and concerns, both aloud and in silence, we pray . . .
May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Lemoine Creator God, may we who have been strengthened by this time together, strengthen those in weakness,
We who have been fed, feed those in hunger,

Juli We who have been welcomed, welcome others,
We who have been seen and known, see and know the needs of others.

Tricia Give us your grace to respond always in loving service.
Amen.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who 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. 772** "Live into Hope" TRURO

***Benediction** **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Postlude "Weepin' Mary" TRADITIONAL
ARR. DAVID FLETCHER FRANCOEUR

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.

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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.

Note: Portions of today's liturgy were compiled by the Vivian Traylor Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians. The Luke scripture passage was translated by Tricia Petraven; Psalm 139 was adapted from The Voice Translation.

Music:	Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Vocals	Lily Graham
	Organ	Ken Shafer

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Lemoine Peart
Flowers	Lemoine Peart
Refreshments	

LILY GRAHAM, soprano, is delighted to be performing in her first season with OLO. Lily is a recent graduate from the University of Utah where she received a BA in vocal performance. Some of her previous roles include Johanna in Sweeney Todd, Amahl in Amahl and the Night Visitors, and Cosette in Les Misérables. She has also recently been featured as a soloist in concerts with the Salt Lake Choral Artists. In the fall, Lily will be moving to Kansas to begin her MM in vocal performance at Wichita State University. Aside from performing, Lily loves any time she gets to spend outdoors, especially hiking. One day she hopes to hike the Appalachian trail, but for now, is happy to be "Climbing over Rocky Mountains" with OLO.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 16
- Westminster Book Club – 7:00 pm – Zoom

Sunday, June 19
- NAACP Juneteenth Celebration - 2:00-4:00pm - Wooster Square

Monday, June 20
- Juneteenth Cookout - 12:00-2:00pm - Christmas Run Park

Saturday, June 25
- Service of Witness to the Resurrection of David & Marty Moldstad – 2:00 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, June 29
- Benevolence Committee Meeting – 5:15 pm – Dawn Kridel's home
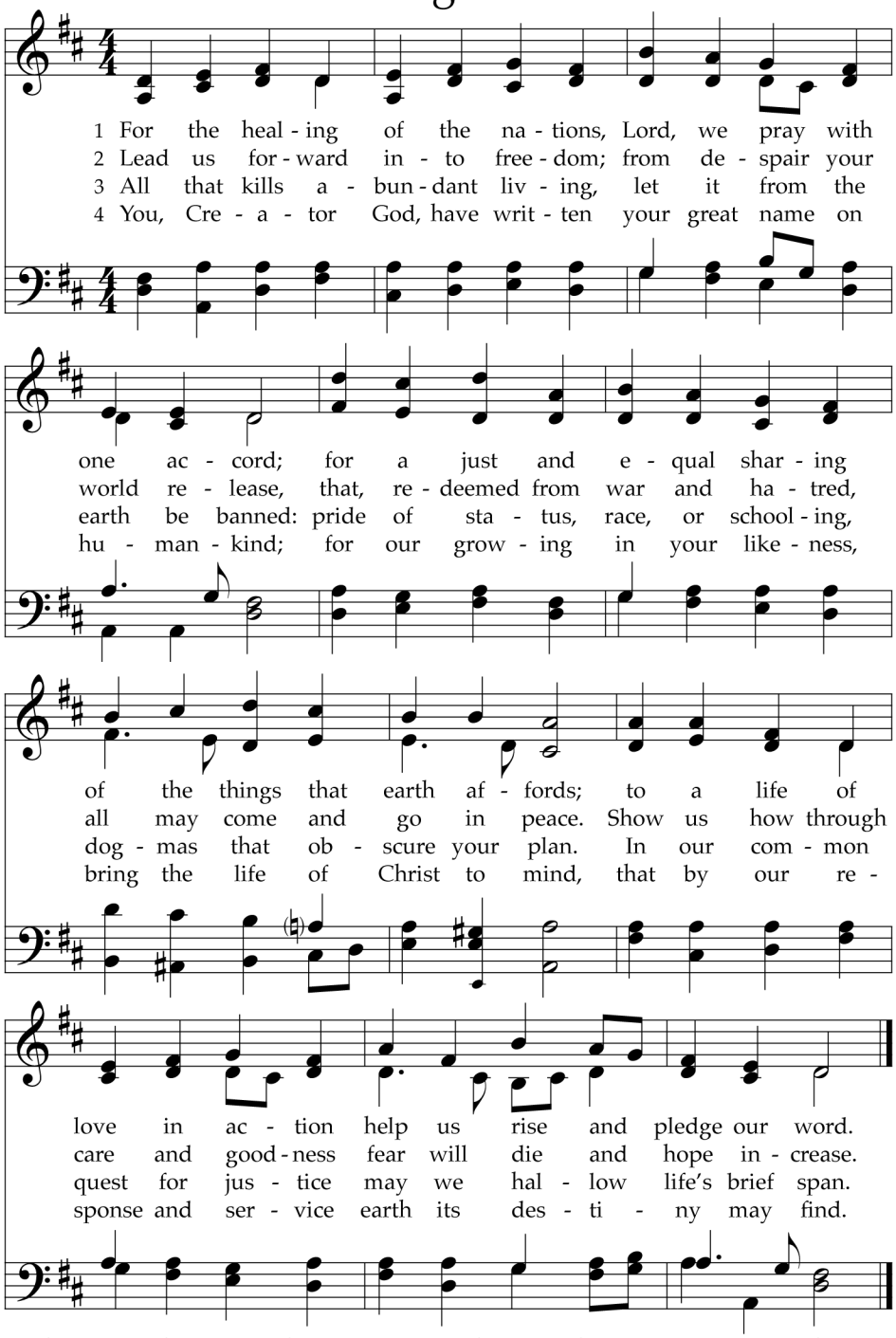
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Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of ethnicity, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

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The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.
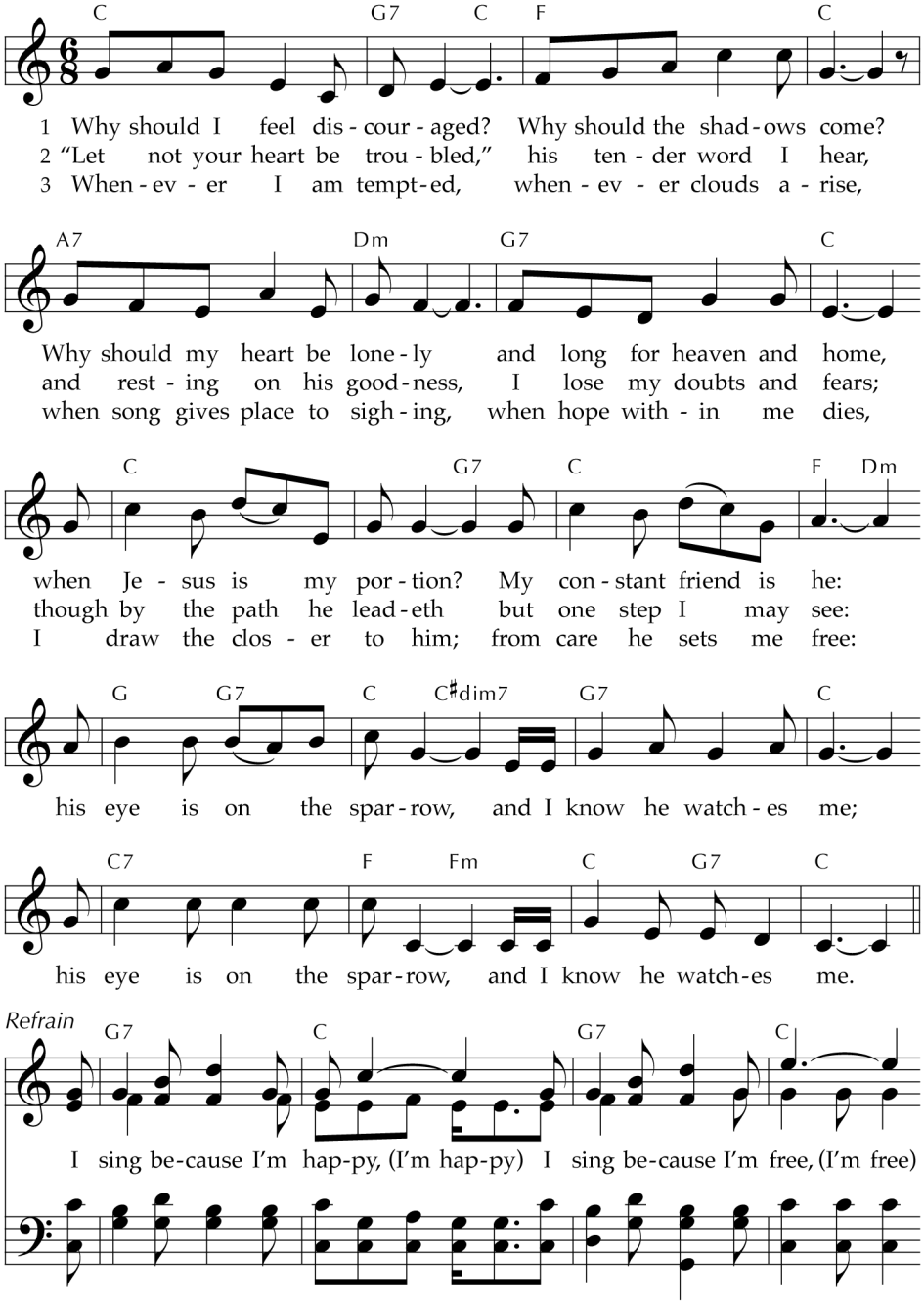
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MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern,* 1861
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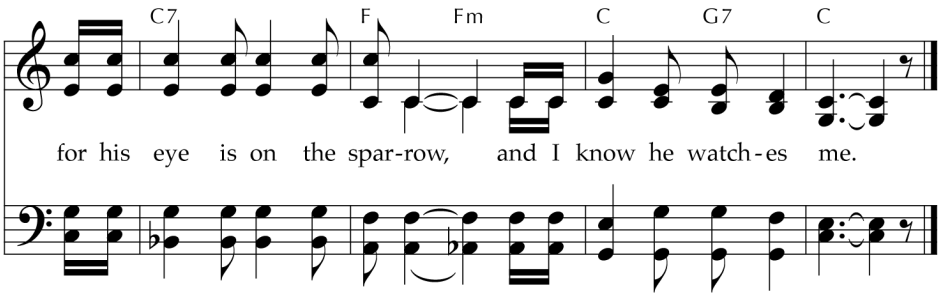
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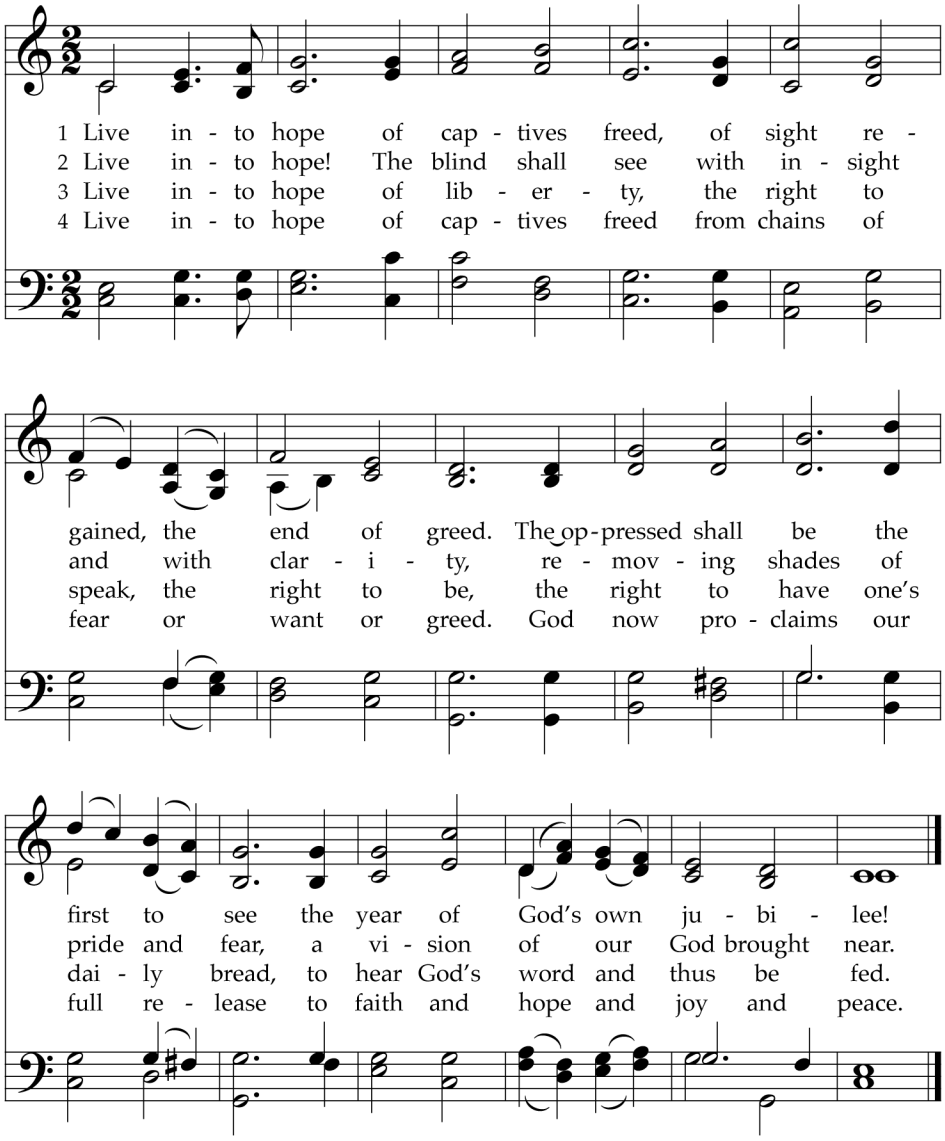


This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29–30/Luke 12:6–7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

TEXT: Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

SPARROW
Irregular


C7
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C
for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

772 Live into Hope



This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
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