



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

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**Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
June 30, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw

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

Minute for Mission

People to People

Candy Relle

Prelude

"Die Nacht"

Richard Strauss

Arianna Paz, mezzo-soprano; Ken Shafer, piano

*Out of the woods treads the night, out of the trees she gently steals,
She looks around in a wide circle, now be careful.*

*All the lights of this world, all flower, all colors
She erases and she steals the sheaves away from the field.*

*She takes everything, whatsoever is lovely, takes the silver away from the river,
Takes from the copper roof of the cathedrals, away the gold.*

*The shrub stands plundered: come closer, soul to soul,
Oh the night, I'm afraid, she steals you from me, too.*

***Gathering Words**

Joe Hartzler

When we gather in praise or sorrow—

Lord, be with us!

When we seek healing and comfort in the face of injustice—

Lord, be with us!

When we need reminders that you have called us to love all our neighbors—

Lord, be with us!

Inspire us, O God, to come as we are—

Be with us in this space, in our world, and with everyone we meet.

Amen.

***Opening Prayer⁺**

Joe Hartzler

Let us pray ...

Loving God, we are yours.

We come as we are, with our cares and concerns.

We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace...
Strengthen our faith and tend to our hearts.
Meet us here with guidance, grace, and compassion.
May your words and Spirit be a balm in times of sadness and transition.
With hope we pray, Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

Bunessan

Call to Confession

Joe Hartzler

*Let us confess ourselves to the God who loves us and welcomes us exactly as we are.
Let us pray together the prayer of confession...*

Prayer of Confession

Joe Hartzler

Patient God, out of the depths of despair, we cry to you.
We are lost in a world of pain and suffering...
When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace.
When we are guided by our own egos, we feel the ache of our truest needs that go unmet.
We place our faith in that which is temporary, and we struggle to find assurance
when there is loss, transition, and change.
We are lost without your Guiding Light...
Come to us, O God. We need you. Forgive us.
Comfort us in our anxiety and grief. Help us through this wilderness.
Heal our brokenness and give us space to feel your steadfast love.
Be with our community and with all who struggle to find a place in this world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Joe Hartzler

Friends, this is the Good News:
God is with us on every step of this journey.
In our joys, struggles, successes—and yes, in the weirdly ambiguous moments, too—
God reaches out with gestures of grace and care.
May we feel God's steadfast love, this day and always.
Amen.

***The Peace**

Joe Hartzler

*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 around you and share the peace of God with one another.*

"The Peace of Christ be with you."

And also with you.

***Musical Offering No. 379**

"We Shall Overcome"

We Shall Overcome

"Virgam Virtutis" (from *Dixit Dominus*)

G F Handel

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. Erin Guzmán

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (NRSV)

Rev. Erin Guzmán

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

Rev. Erin Guzmán

Hymn No. 795

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Healer of Our Every Ill

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Joe Hartzler

Prayer of the people

Joe Hartzler

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. 315

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

New Dimensions

*Benediction

“New Life” (A poem by Rev. Sarah Speed for A Sanctified Art, LLC)

Postlude

“Si mes vers avaient des ailes!”

Reynaldo Hahn

*My verses would flee, sweet and frail, to your garden so fair,
If my verses had wings, like a bird.*

*They would fly, like sparks, to your smiling hearth,
If my verses had wings, like the mind.*

*Pure and faithful, to your side they'd hasten night and day,
If my verses had wings, like love!*

The service continues with fellowship.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

†Adapted from words by Mary Petrina Boyd for *Ministry Matters*

*Sunday service assistant: Joe Hartzler

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Arianna Paz, mezzo-soprano; Ken Shafer, piano

Arianna Paz, mezzo-soprano, is in her debut season with OLO. She recently received her Master of Music degree from the Mannes School of Music in NYC and made her debut in Italy as a soloist with the Orchestra Sinfonica Abruzzese. Arianna wasn't always an opera singer: previously she was a psychology researcher with a degree in cognitive neuroscience from the COW of New England (Harvard). Welcome, Arianna!



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 30

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

Monday, July 1

- Scout Troop 61 – 6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, July 4

- Office is closed

Saturday, July 6

- Funeral service for Nahida Gordon – 10 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, July 7

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

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Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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.

379 We Shall Overcome



1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;



we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain



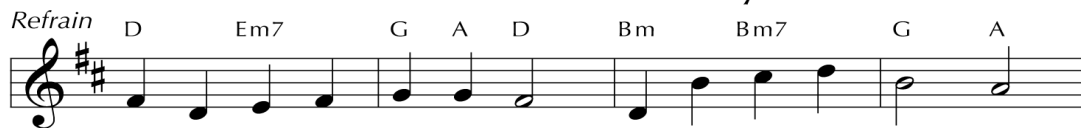
O, deep in my heart I do be -



lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a work song aboard slave ships.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

THE CHURCH

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal melody with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The melody is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.'