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June 5, 2022
Day of 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. Since our Prelude will be sung in French, following is the translation

Prelude "Le Temps des Lilas" ERNEST CHAUSSON

The time for lilac and the time for roses
Will return no more this spring;
The time for lilac and the time for roses
Is past, the time for carnations too.
The wind has changed, the skies are sullen,
And no longer shall we roam to gather
The flowering lilac and beautiful rose;
The spring is sad and cannot bloom.
Oh sweet and joyous springtime
That came last year to bathe us in sun,
Our flower of love is so far faded,
That your kiss, alas, cannot rouse it!
And what do you do? No blossoming flowers,
No bright sun, and no cool shade;
The time for lilac and the time for roses
With our love has perished for evermore.

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

Come, Holy Spirit,
with your language of wonder:
so hearing and understanding one another
we may scatter the gospel of grace to all around us.

Come, Holy Spirit,
with the music of your heart:
so we may sing songs filled with memories,
and ones promising your acts of power yet to unfold.

Come, Holy Spirit,
to rattle the windows of our souls:
to burst through the closed doors of our hearts,
and dance with us in the fire of renewal.
Come, Holy Spirit, we pray!
Come, Holy Spirit, to us this day!

***Opening Prayer** **Eric Miller**

We hear the sound of your rushing wind,
opening us where we have been closed,
clearing our heads and filling our ears
with the sound of your Spirit moving,
blowing where she will.

We give you thanks for the privilege
of hearing your new creation in progress!
We pray you would speak the language of our hearts
to reveal your word again this day,
and loosen our tongues to proclaim your praise.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 280** "Come, O Spirit, Swell Among Us" EBENEZER

Call to Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

We have a hard time grasping the gift called grace; this mercy called forgiveness. So, we want more signs, more proof, more evidence that God loves us. Yet, all we have to do is what Jesus did—trust in God: completely, foolishly, daringly. Let us pray, telling God how hard such trust is for us, hoping that God's gracious Spirit will dance in our hearts. Let us join in the prayer of confession…

Prayer of Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost,
but hold only the ashes of our broken promises.
We long to speak simply and clearly
so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them,
but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others.
We want you to show us the secrets of your kin-dom,
never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children,
the memories of older folks, the dreams of the young all around us.

Have mercy on us, and pour out your Spirit, God of amazing days.
When we pull the shutters of our souls shut, fling them open with the breath of wonder.
When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear,
illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy.
When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love,
pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our emptiness so we may fill others.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

Hear the good news for us.
God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments—
the Spirit which comforts us, encourages us, and transforms us through God's grace.

Thanks be to God! The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, and fills us with hope.
We are forgiven and made new. Amen.

Musical Response **"**As the Wind Song" SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY/SWEE HONG LIM

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,

making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

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

Scripture Reading Acts 2: 1-21 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2**And suddenly from heaven there
came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3**Divided
tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. [6]And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. [7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8]And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? [9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, [11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." [12]All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" [13]But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
[14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. [15]Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. [16]No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
[17]'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
[18]Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
[19]And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
[20]The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day
[21]Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Sermon **Cultivating Spaces of Intimacy** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Communion Hymn No. 288** "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD

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

Blessed are you, Holy God, ruler of the universe,
for you have spoken a new world into being.
We give you thanks for your new creation,
the rushing wind, the light and heat, the word that declares your goodness,
bringing the whole world to praise.

In the beginning, you created for yourself;
today, we are witnesses of your power to make all things new.
Throughout every time and place,
you have shown yourself and called us to faithfulness.
Throughout every time and place,
your people have turned away and lost their way,
sometimes misunderstanding and sometimes choosing other paths.

We thank you for sending Jesus, God-in-the-flesh
to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us,
bringing us back into full relationship with you.
Though the world could not handle the abundant life he offered,
and humanity did its worst,
still you refuse to be defeated.

We praise you for your resurrection power,
bringing us all together into new life in your kin-dom.
And we praise you for the gift of your Spirit
whose first task is to send us out into community,
to overcome our objections and our isolation,
teaching us to share the good news you have given us.

As you have done so often before,
we pray that today, as we gather at your table,
you would again break through the boundary between heaven and earth.

Send your Spirit again on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that all we who partake of this feast of new life
may in turn offer to others the hospitality we know here,
and share the peace that passes all understanding with all the world.
Just as you come to us in ways we can receive,
send us out to reach across the divide to meet your people,
that together we may indeed be made into one Body,
loving, serving, and caring for your world.

We ask in the power of the Holy Spirit who gifts us with your mission,
and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who opens our eyes in the breaking of bread, and 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.

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn No. 287** "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude "Greeting (When a Child is Born)" LEONARD BERNSTEIN

When a boy is born,
The world is born again,
And takes its first breath with him.

When a girl is born,
The world stops turning round,
And keeps a moment's hushed wonder.

Every time a child is born,
For the space of that brief instant,
The world is pure.

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: The prayers were adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman. The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving is adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 6
- OLO Meet and Greet – 5:00 pm – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, June 7
- Worship Committee Meeting – 1:00 – The Lounge

Thursday, June 9
- Building Committee Meeting – 10:00 am – The Lounge

Sunday, June 12 – Alumni Sunday

- Walking in Mindfulness – 7:30 am – Oak Hill Park
- Sunday Service – 10:00 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, June 15

- Benevolence Committee Meeting – 5:15 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, June 16

- Westminster Book Club – 7:00 pm – Zoom

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Music:	Drums, Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Vocals	Joelle Lachance
	Piano, Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		Eric and Sherry Hatter-Miller
Flowers		Barbara Tartir
Refreshments		Eric and Sherry Hatter-Miller

JOELLE LACHANCE, mezzo soprano, is thrilled to be returning to OLO for her fifth season as Minnie Fay in Hello, Dolly!, Miss Phoebe in The Mock Marriage, and Bellomy in The Fantasticks!. In seasons past, the audience watched Joelle perform as Carolie in The Daring of Diane, Clorinda in Into the Woods, Flora James in Girl Crazy, Joyce Wheeler in Fifty Million Frenchmen, and virtually as Tessa in The Gondoliers and Trixie Flynn in Let 'Em Eat Cake. Recent roles include Julie in The Ship's Captain, Mrs. Ott in Susannah, Ernesto in The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Hansel in Hansel and Gretel, and First Spirit or Third Lady in various productions of The Magic Flute. Joelle received her BM in music education and MS in music education from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY before receiving an MM in historical performance from Boston University. When not singing, she enjoys Marvel superhero movies, pub trivia nights, reading copious books, and spending time with her family. She will begin pursuing her DMA in vocal performance and pedagogy at the Eastman School of Music this fall.

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us



This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

TEXT: Janie Alford, 1979
MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company

EBENEZER
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Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -
mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
빚으시고 채우소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, llename, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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Irregular

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

TEXT: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968
MUSIC: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; arr. Egil Hovland, 1993
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NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
CM with refrain