Westminster Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude — Prelude and Fugue in D Minor — J. S. Bach
Kenneth Shafer, organ

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

Gathering Words — **Josie Drushal**

We are from north and south.
We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.
We are from this city and from others far away.
We are from big families and dinners made for one.
We are from stages of grief and stages of love.
We are from hot summers and cold winters.
We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.
We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.
We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.
Today we are together.
Holy God, gather us in.

Opening Prayer — **Josie Drushal**

God of grace, may this be the place.

May this be the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.
May this be the place for questions like,
"Where are you from?" and "What do you need?"
For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you,"
and "I've been meaning to ask…"
May this be the place because all belong here.
All are welcome here.
All hurt and joy, needs and prayers, dreams and love, are welcome here.

May this be the place, O God,
for in this place, you are near.
Amen.

Opening Hymn — A Covenant of Grace — O WALY WALY
Pong Thiemmedh, Guitar

Prayer of Confession/Truth Telling **Rich Drushal**

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"
We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.
Can anything good come from that side of town?
From a school with poor test scores?
From a criminal history?
From the opposite political party?
From a history of addiction?
From a faith with doubt?
From a church with faults?
Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.
Open our eyes to see your goodness,
not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.
Can anything good come from there?
Yes. Always yes. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Rich Drushal**

Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself,
"Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?"
Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes."

You were created in the image of God.
Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is here. God is at work among us.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Musical Response "Soul's Voice" Bonita Luciotti
Kenneth Shafer, organ

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 2: 4-15

4 In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 when no plant of the field was yet in the earth
and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there
was no one to till the ground; 6 but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—
7 then the Lord God formed the earthling from the dust of the ground, and breathed into their nostrils the breath
of life; and the earthling became a living being. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and
there, God put the human whom God had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree
that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and
becomes four branches. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of

Havilah, where there is gold; [12]and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. [13]The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. [14]The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. [15]The Lord God took the human and put them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Sermon **I've Been Meaning to Ask: Where Are You From?** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love
what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Prayer of the People **Josie Drushal**

We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

Our Mother and Father 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. 749 Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy
and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more.

Refrain

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love.

Refrain 2x

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude Kleine preludium in C Major J. S. Bach
Kenneth Shafer, organ

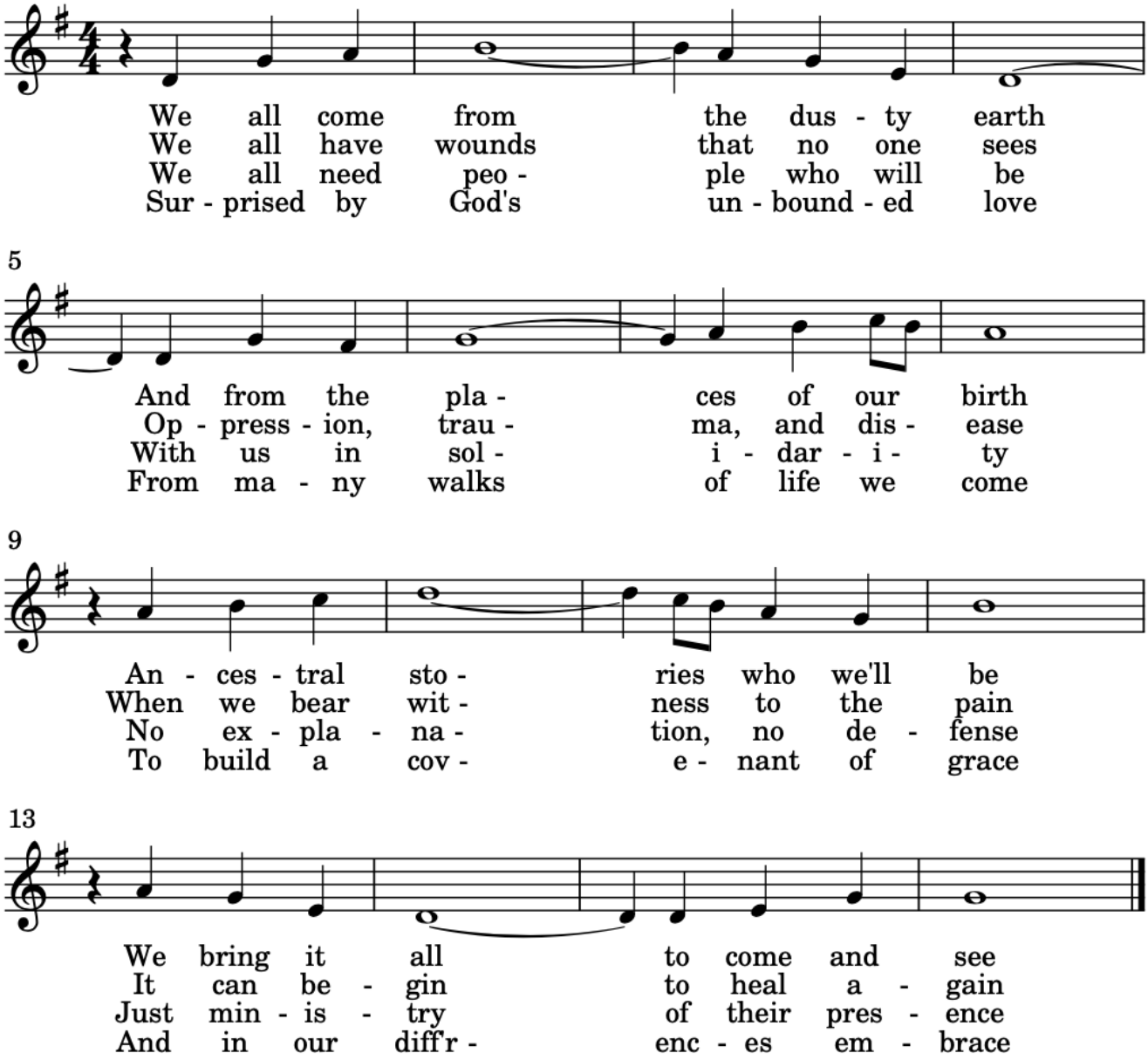
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Music: Ken Shafer – Organ, Pong Thiemmedh – Guitar

Flowers provided by Linda Barbu.

A Covenant of Grace

O WALY WALY (8.8.8.8)

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: Traditional English melody



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