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Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

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.*

Minute for Mission

Candy Relle

Prelude

"Etude" (Op. 47, No. 5)

Stephen Heller

***Gathering Words**

Eric Miller

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! Dance, Enflame, Engulf, Transform Us!

***Opening Prayer**

Eric Miller

Let us pray ...

We hear the sound of your rushing wind, Anointing God,
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.

***Opening Hymn**
No. 287

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

Njoo Kwetu,
Roho Mwema

Call to Confession

Sherry Hatter-Miller

*We say we want change but prefer the comfort of what we have; we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others but close them tight around our fears.
Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come and dance among us, as we pray, saying,*

Prayer of Confession

Sherry Hatter-Miller

**Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God,
but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation.
You would breathe life into us in every moment,
but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way.
You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing,
to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence,
but we turn them in accusations towards those around us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace.
May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us.
May your Spirit be the still small voice
which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us.
May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ,
our Sibling, our Savior, our Companion. Amen**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sherry Hatter-Miller

**In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.**

**In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others;
the open heart to offer others; the breath of life to share with those around us.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***The Peace**

**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 to your left and to your right, behind you and before you,
and share the peace of God with one another using the greeting:**

"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.

***Musical Offering**
Hymn No. 287

"Peace of God Be With You"

As-Salaamu Lakum

"In the Garden"
Dave Schmidt, guitar

C. Austin Miles

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. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

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

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

{Selections of the reading includes: Cheryl Weiss (Spanish), Erica Ewing (Spanish), Pong Thiemmedh (Thai), Tom Shaw (German), Sue-min Lee (Mandarin) Enikő Ferenczy (Romanian)}

Sermon	Dancing to the Tune of the Spirit	Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
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*Hymn No. 301	"Let Us Build a House"	Two Oaks
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Sharing of Joys and Concerns	Sherry and Eric Miller
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Prayer of the People	Sherry and Eric Miller
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We ask these things through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

**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. 742**

**“We Will Walk with God”
(sung multiple times)**

Sizohamba Naye

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

Postlude

**“Postlude and Fugue in G Minor”
(das kleine, BWV 558)**

J.S. Bach

The service continues with fellowship.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*The prayers were adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman. The Lord’s Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Bob Iams, piano; Dave Schmidt, guitar; Pong Thiemmedh, drums



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, May 19

- **Pentecost Sunday**
- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – Mackey Hall
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, May 20

- Scout Troop 61 – 6:30 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, May 22

- Session meets – 7 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, May 23

- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day – **office is closed**

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287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

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 Nivagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968

MUSIC: Wilson Nivagila, 1965; arr. Egil Hovland, 1993

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Music Arr. © Egil Hovland

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

CM with refrain

448 Peace of God Be with You

As-salaamu lakum

Am G F Am G F C

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa -
As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. Sa -

Dm F Am G F Am

laam, sa - laam. Peace of God be with you.
laam, sa - laam. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

ARABIC

السلام لكم .

السلام لكم .

سلام ، سلام .

السلام لكم .

Both being Semitic languages, Arabic and Hebrew have many similar words, as can be heard here in *Salaam*, which sounds much like *Shalom*. This setting uses the same words and music in all but one phrase, making this brief song easy to learn in either English or Arabic.

TEXT: Arabic greeting

MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

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AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F Bb A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F Bb F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

742

We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.

With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.