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September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after 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.

Minute for Mission for Peace and Global Witness — **Lemoine Peart**

Prelude "Madrigal" PHILLIPE GAUBERT

***Gathering Words** — **Janelle Collier**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

When everything is going exactly according to plan,
God is with us.
When nothing is going to plan and we no longer know how to adapt,
God is with us.
When we walk humbly and when we have lost sight of the truth about ourselves,
God is committed to the covenant with the earth and all its creatures.
When we hold too tightly to wrong things and when we learn to move where the Spirit leads,
God is committed to the covenant with the earth and all its creatures.

In success and failure, and all the messy in between,
we turn our attention to the One who will never let us go.

***Opening Prayer** — **Janelle Collier**

You long to be in relationship with us, O God.
You call us to walk with you,
and you empower human beings to carry out your work in the world.
We do not always understand why you keep choosing us,
to be your partners in love, grace, and justice.

But your commitment to all creation is sure.

You call us to build when others tear down.
You call us to leave behind what we know while others get stuck in what might have been.
You call us to speak when others keep silent, and to listen carefully to meaning behind the noise.

We pray you would help us trust your judgment.
Open our spirits to receive your word this day,
and open our lives to walk with you, wherever you may lead.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 22** "God of the Sparrow" ROEDER

Call to Confession **Janelle Collier**

God sees our corruption and violence and God's heart is broken for us. Yet, God remembers God's covenant with all creation and does not abandon humanity. God hears our confession and guides us back to life, flooding our hearts with grace and hope. Let us pray together our prayer of confession…

Prayer of Confession **Janelle Collier**

In the beginning, you looked at the world and called it good.
In the beginning, you looked at humanity and called us partners.
In the beginning, you had a vision.

And we confess that we have not followed your vision, O God.
We have not been good partners, with you or each other or the rest of creation,
and too often we turn to violence to alleviate our own pain,
leaving the consequences to be borne by others.
We have failed to walk with you, but we long for your companionship.

Forgive us, God, and remember your covenant.
Look upon your bow in the clouds, and remember your commitment…
and turn our eyes and hearts to remember our commitment as well.
Guide us to live a new life, participating in the renewal of all creation.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (~based on Genesis 9:16) **Janelle Collier**

God's love for God's creation is relentless. This is the promise for us:

"When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it
and remember the everlasting covenant
between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."
We are forgiven and called into new relationship with God and all creation.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response **"**Arioso" J.S. BACH

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 6: 5-13, 9: 8-17 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

5 God saw that humanity had become thoroughly evil on the earth and that every idea their minds thought up
was always completely evil. 6 The Lord regretted making human beings on the earth, and he was
heartbroken. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe off of the land the human race that I've created: from human beings
to livestock to the crawling things to the birds in the skies, because I regret I ever made them." 8 But as for
Noah, the Lord approved of him.

9 These are Noah's descendants. In his generation, Noah was a moral and exemplary man; he walked with
God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 In God's sight, the earth had become corrupt and was
filled with violence. 12 God saw that the earth was corrupt, because all creatures behaved corruptly on the earth.

13 God said to Noah, "The end has come for all creatures, since they have filled the earth with violence. I am
now about to destroy them along with the earth, 14 so make a wooden ark…

9 8 God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your
descendants, 10 and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the
animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. 11 I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all
life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 God said, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living
thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. 13 I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the
symbol of the covenant between me and the earth.14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in
the clouds, 15 I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures.
Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures.

16 The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and
every living being of all the earth's creatures." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I
have set up between me and all creatures on earth."

Sermon **I Will See and Remember** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Communion Hymn No. 503** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" O QUANTA QUALIA

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

Crafter of Covenants,
We lift hearts full of joy to you.
When there was no time as we knew it,
you created Day and Night,
so we could wait for you all day long,
enjoying your grace and goodness.
But instead of learning your ways,
we wandered into the wilderness of rebellion, corruption, and violence.

Remembering the promises
made so long ago to our ancestors,
you sent the prophets to teach us
and to show us your paths to hope,
but we ignored their witness and their words.
Yet, you would not leave us in death's desert,
and so sent the One who could lead us back to you.

Holy are you, God of Faithfulness,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Steadfast Love.
He came and lived among us,
Showing us a way back to life,
To community, to new relationship with all creation.
He broke the power of death, willing to give his life
So we may have life abundant.

On this day, and in this place,
God of Mystery,
pour out your Holy Spirit up us
and upon the bread we break
and the cup we share.
Through these gifts,
make us one with Christ,
to be your partners in love, grace, and justice.

Set free by the goodness of your love,
let us proclaim liberty to the prisoners;
filled with the Bread of Life,
let us feed the hungry of our communities;
our thirst cooled be the Cup of Grace,
let us reach out to those
who stumble through the desert places of life:
Prayer petitions lifted…

Empower us, God of the Covenant, so we may gather our siblings in Christ
in your love, your hope, your joy,
and journey together into your kin-dom.

Until, with the Beloved of every time and of every place,
we will merge our songs of praise
with those who have shown
your steadfast love and faithfulness
to all generations,
singing our praise to you,
God of Abraham and Noah, of Rebecca and Mary;
Jesus of the poor and oppressed;
Spirit of the lost and the least:
God in Community, Holy in One.
Amen and Amen.

We pray in your name, and also with the words that you 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. 546** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

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

Postlude Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel Hoch" J.S. BACH

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.

* The Gathering Words, the Opening Prayer, and the Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, writing for the Bibleworm collective. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was adapted from Rev. Thom Schuman.
* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

Music:	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Flute	Susan Shaw
	Organ, Piano	Tom Shaw

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 15
- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place
- COW Welcome Back Dinner – 6:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, September 18
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, September 21
- Benevolence Committee Meeting – 5:15 pm – Dawn Kridel Home
- Session – 6:30 pm – The Lounge
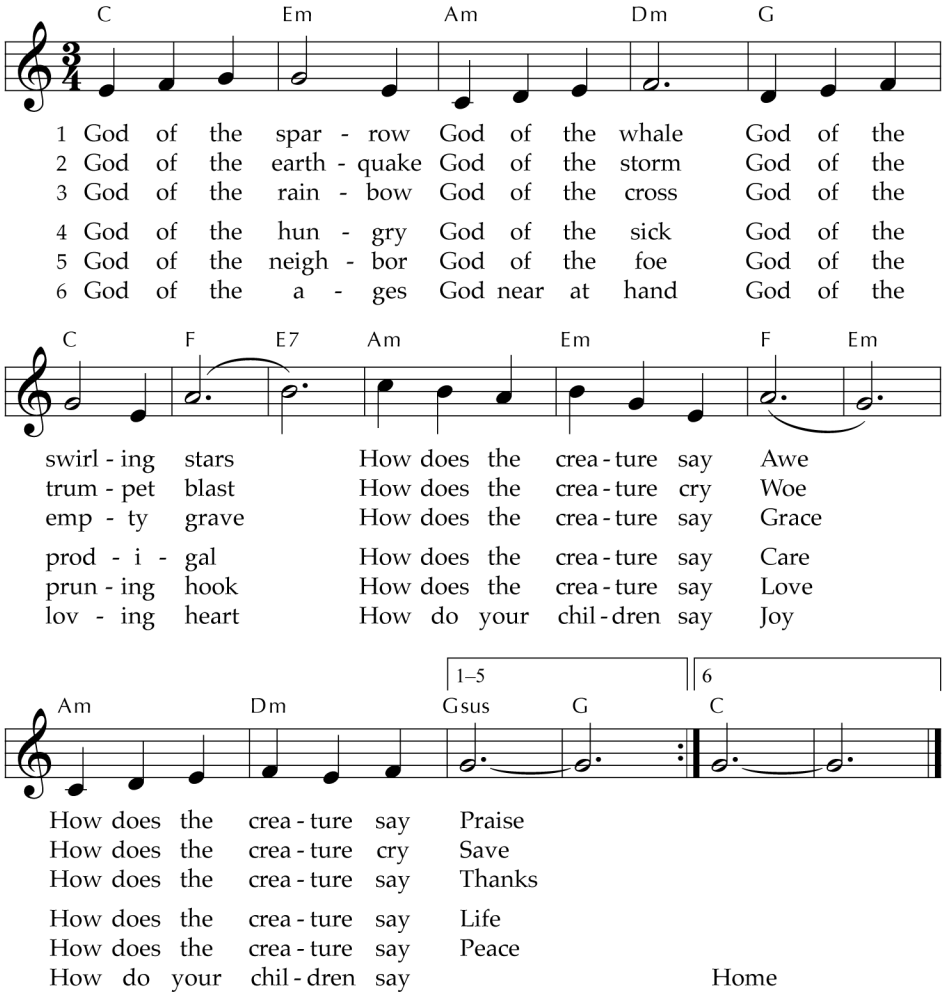
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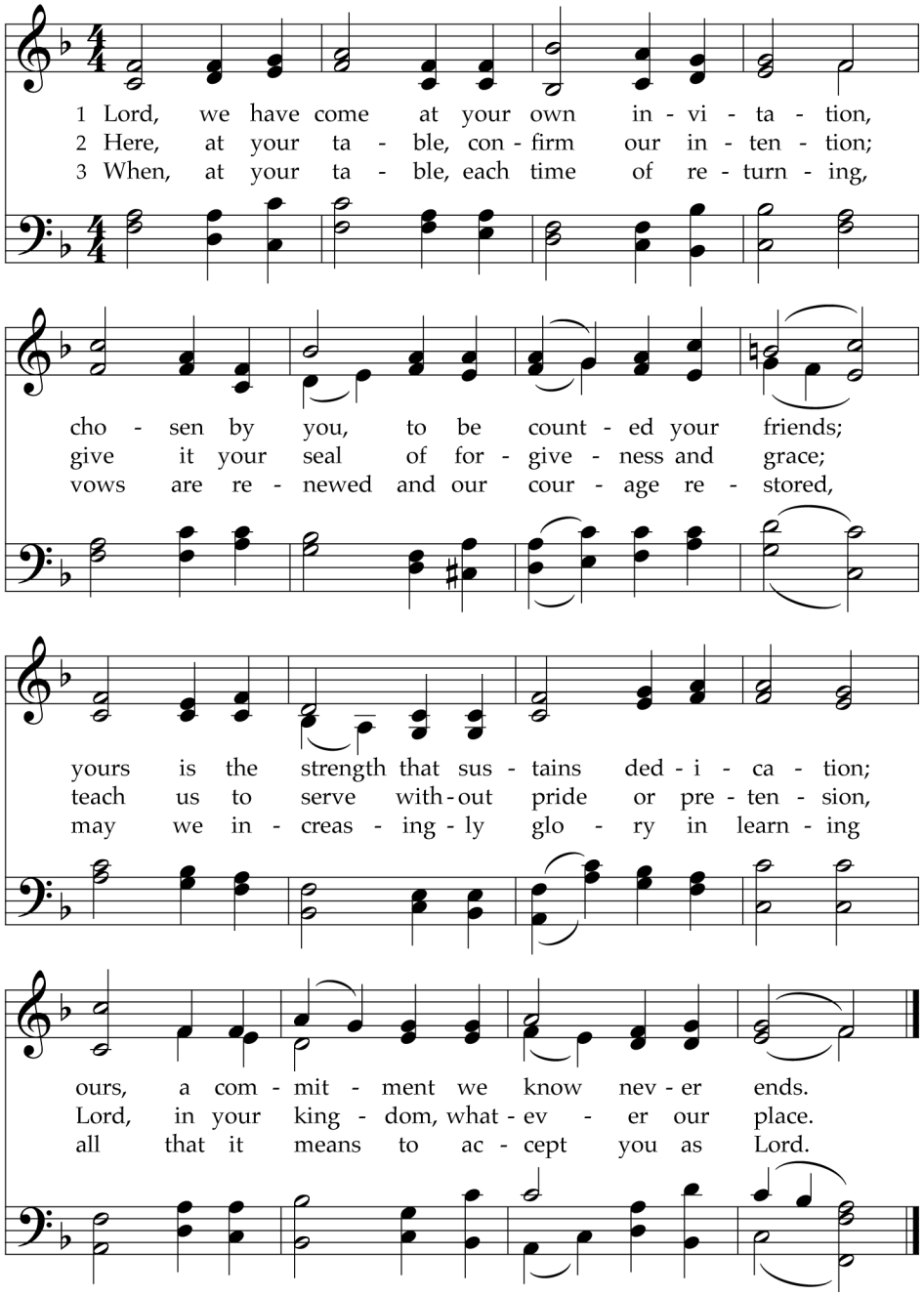
Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983
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ROEDER
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Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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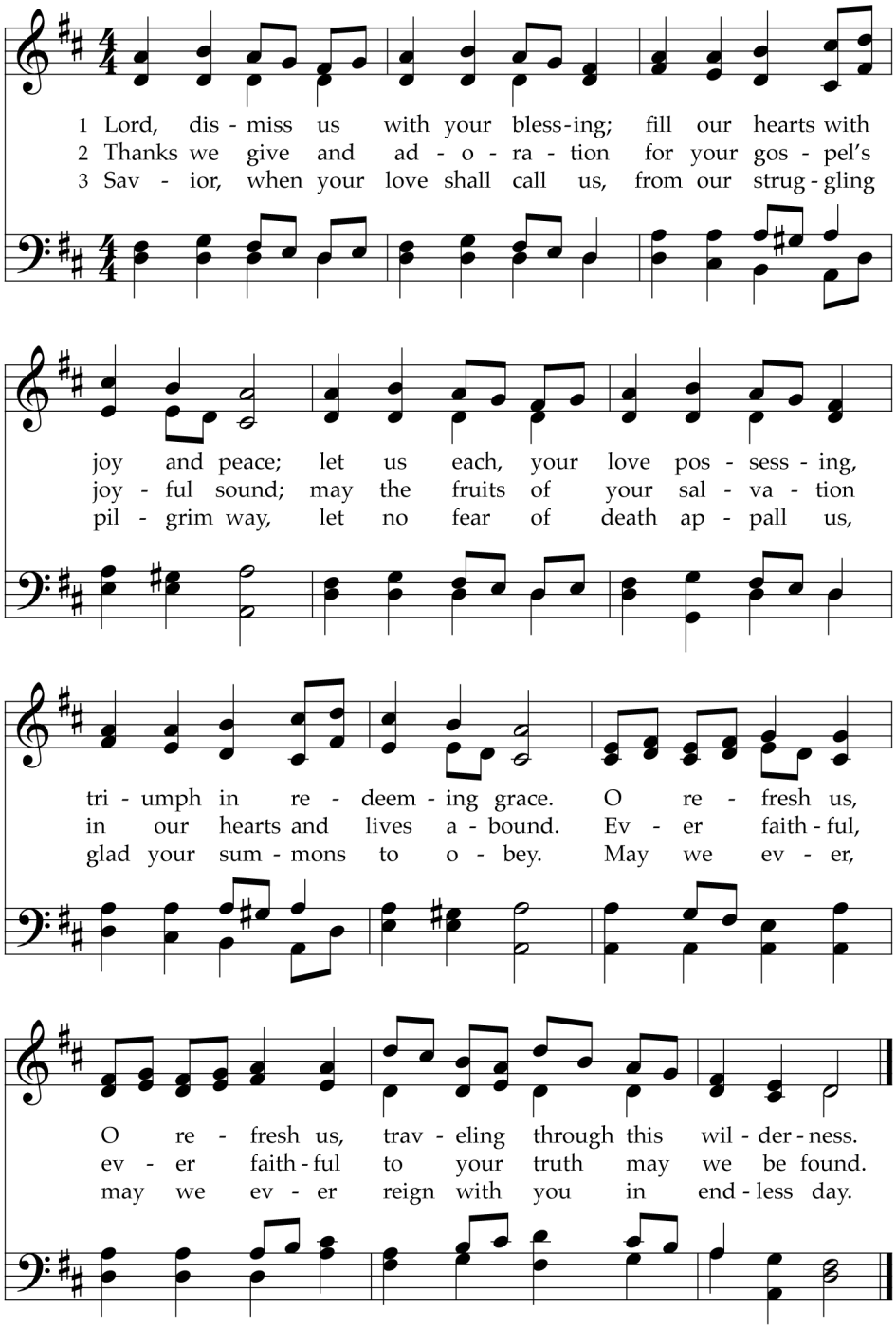


St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as "the repeatable part of baptism," and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord's Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1977, alt.
MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner,* 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant,* 1808
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O QUANTA QUALIA
11.10.11.10
(this tune in a higher key, 369)

SENDING

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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