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August 13, 2023
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikö 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.

Prelude — **"Prelude No. 6, Opus 28"** — ***Frédéric Chopin***

***Gathering Words** — **Barbara Tartir**

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

Holy Creator, still creating, we come to rejoice in the God who surrounds us all.
God around us, God beneath and above us, all creation is God's presence here.

Holy Mystery, always mysterious, we come to celebrate the God who sustains us.
God within us and God beside us, all creation is God's living presence around us.

Holy Joy, always joyous, we come to worship the God who initiates creation's holy order.
God ahead of us, God in our past, present and future, we come to worship, to give thanks, and offer our praises for the signs of God's parental, joy-filled care over all God created. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**
Barbara Tartir

Let us pray …

God of life,
What a variety you have created!
Everything arranged so wisely,

reflects your goodness and your loving care for all.
You created us for friendship, for love, and for community.
Help us to love our community—all your creation, and care for its diversity.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *Royal Oak

Call to Confession Sherry Hatter-Miller

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things.
But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new.
As we offer our prayers of confession,
let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession Sherry Hatter-Miller

Fashioner of the universe, shepherd, and protector of all lives, you created a world of abundance and amazing diversity, where safety and nourishment, friendship and joy are available for all. We confess that we live in ways that destroys our sense of interconnectedness with each other, with creation, and with you. We allow our greed, our fear, and our desire to lord it over others define the ways we live, leaving many without shelter, food and community, and creation devastated.

Forgive us and remind us of who you are and who we are.
Empower us to love your world and care for its diversity, human and other than human alike
so that all may know life abundant. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am"(*sung multiple times)* *Take Me as I Am*

Assurance of Forgiveness Sherry Hatter-Miller

Beloveds,
wherever we go,
under whatever conditions we find ourselves, the Spirit of the Living God goes with us.
We trust the good news: God is present with us, forgiving, transforming, empowering us

to flourish where we are planted.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Offering **"We All Need More Kindness in this World"** **Pong Thiemmedh**

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. Enikö Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Psalm 104: 1-2a, 14-15, 24-25, 30-31** **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

(*Living Bible translation*)

104 [1-2] I bless the Lord: O Lord my God, how great you are! You are robed with honor and with majesty and light!

[14] The tender grass grows up at his command to feed the cattle, and there are fruit trees, vegetables, and grain for man to cultivate,[15] and wine to make him glad, and olive oil as lotion for his skin, and bread to give him strength.

[24] O Lord, what a variety you have made! And in wisdom you have made them all! The earth is full of your riches. [25] There before me lies the mighty ocean, teeming with life of every kind, both great and small.

[30] Then you send your Spirit, and new life is born to replenish all the living of the earth. [31] May the glory of God endure forever; may you find joy in your creation!

Reflections from the Compassion Camp: What every living thing needs ~ *from camp participants*

Hymn No. 713 **"Touch the Earth Lightly"**
Tenderness

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Adriana Dryer**

Prayer of the people — Adriana Dryer

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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 286 — "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" — *Trentham*

Benediction — Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

Postlude — "Fuge in E Minor" (BWV 555) — *J. S. Bach*

The service continues with fellowship.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Bob Iams, piano
*Sunday flowers: Dorothy Iams

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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.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 13

- Walking-in-Mindfulness – 7.30 am – Oak Hill Park
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, August 14

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, August 15

- Worship Committee – 1 pm – The Lounge
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Thursday, August 10

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, August 20

- Outdoor church service at Clear Creek with potluck luncheon to follow.
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

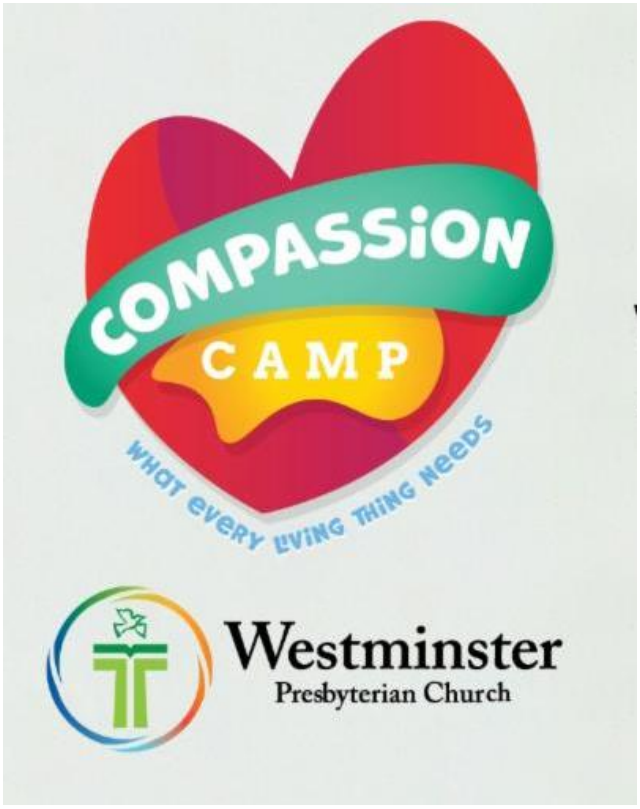
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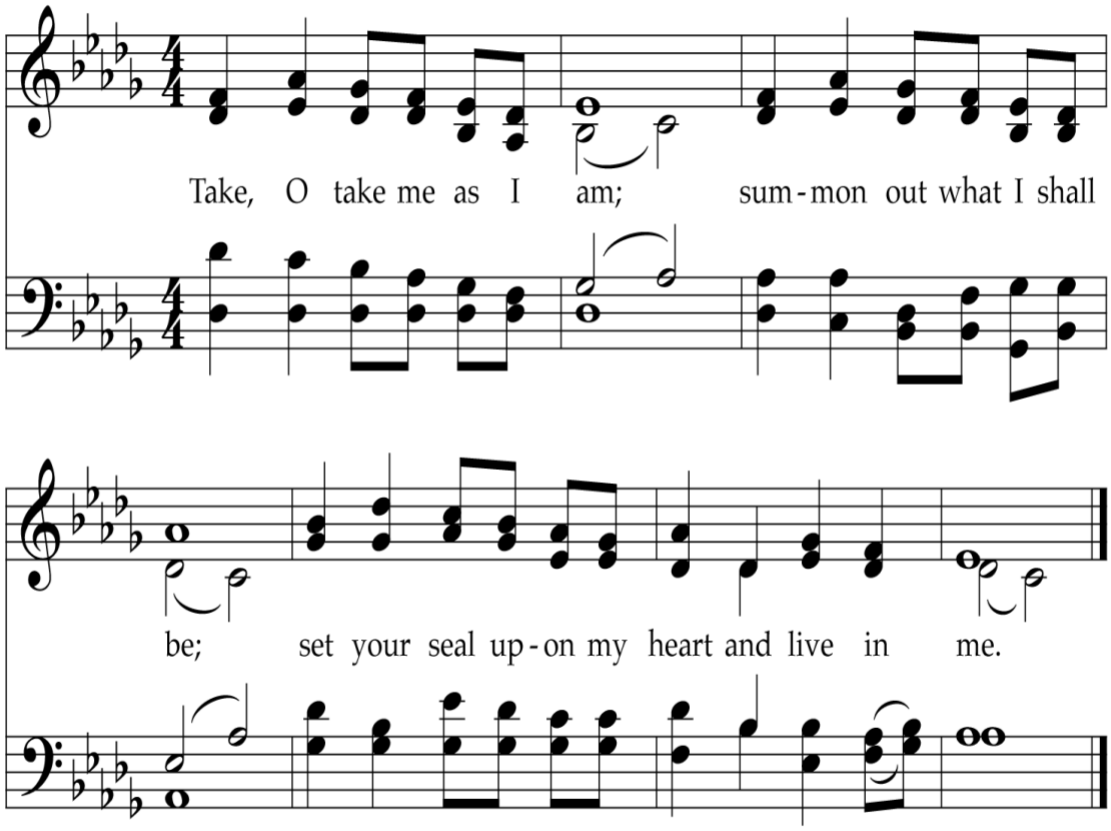


One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook,* 1955
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698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

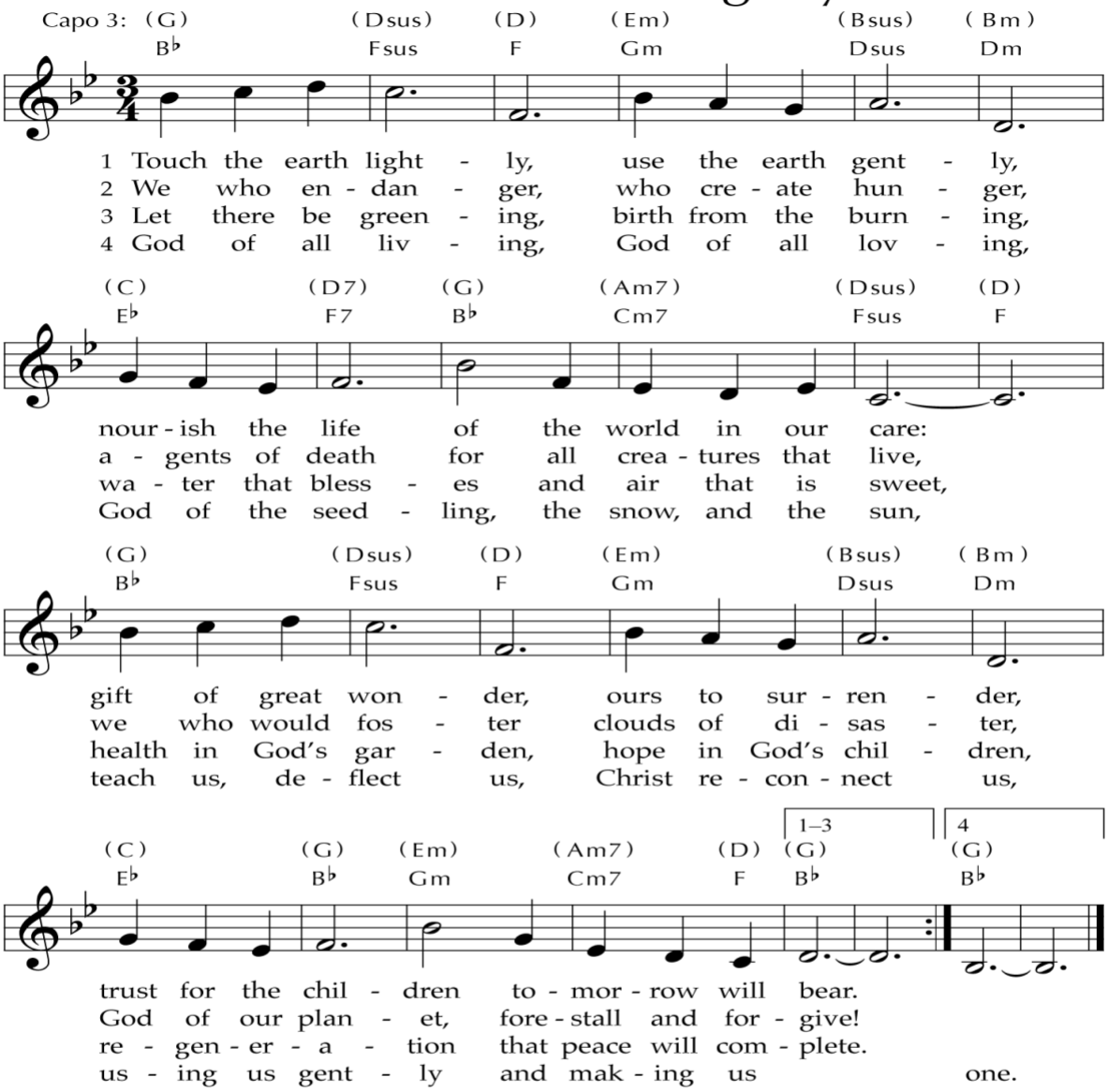


The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995 TAKE ME AS I AM
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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

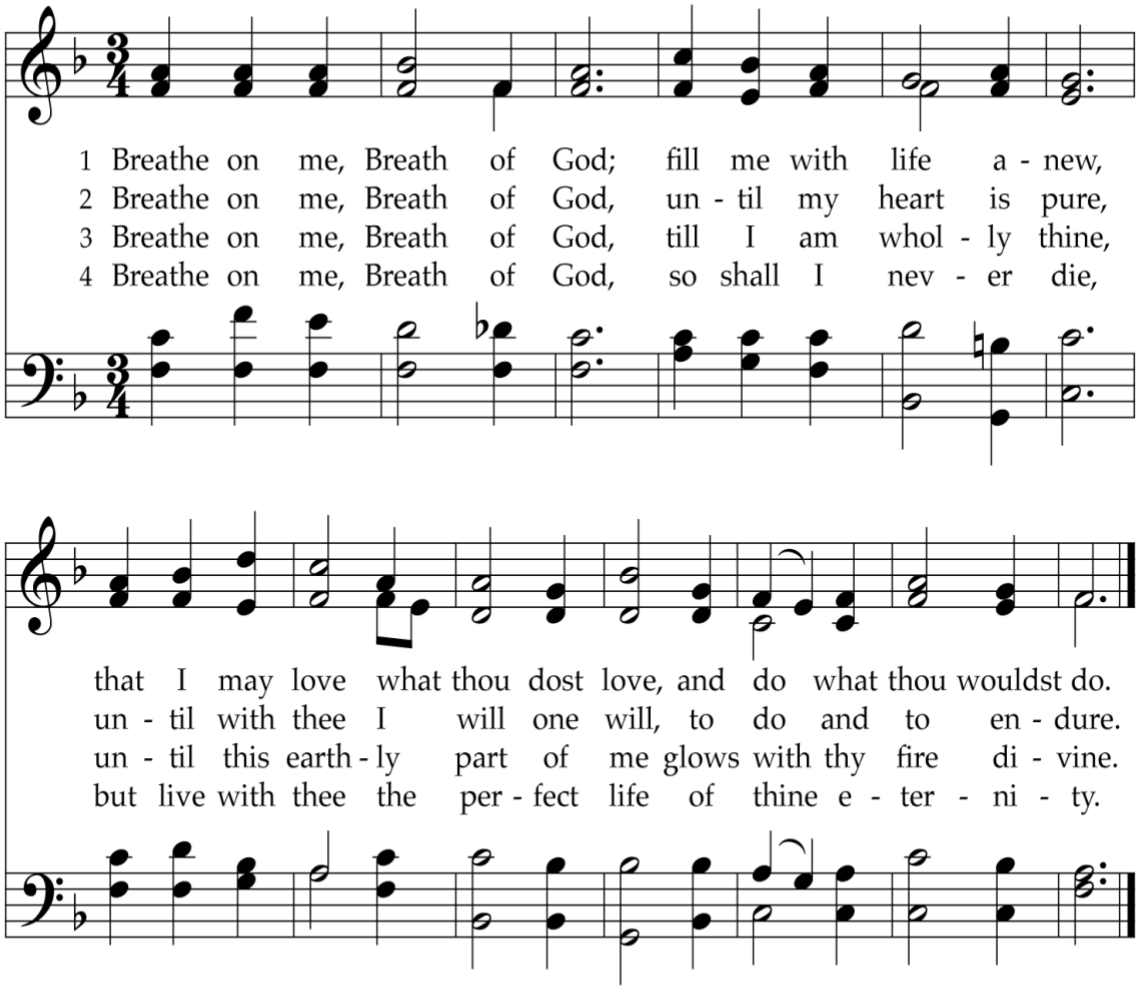


An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1991
MUSIC: Colin Gibson, 1992
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In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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