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July 23, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Gary Friend**

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 — **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** — ***John Rutter***

***Gathering Words** — **Josie Drushal**

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.
And also with you.
Let us bless God from our innermost hearts, forgetting none of the benefits of God's compassion.
Let us bless God for the grace the Lord bestows upon us,
God's healing for our suffering,
God's constant love and renewal of our strength.

***Opening Prayer** — **Josie Drushal**

Let us pray …

We bless you, O God, in all sincerity for the many benefits you have so graciously granted to us.
In Christ Jesus we are rich indeed.
Your Spirit is poured out in generous measure on Westminster's congregation.
Receive the worship we offer you in your Spirit, Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 35 — **"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"** — **Lobe Den Herren**

Call to Confession **Rich Drushal**

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession **Rich Drushal**

God of long range planning, God involved in human history,
God who saves us in hope, we confess that we are impatient with your timing.
We want immediate judgement on the sins of others, though not on our own.
The time of our own suffering seems endless, but the suffering of others we sometimes ignore
regardless of your son's command to "love our neighbor as ourself."
Forgive the pride that proposes that we know better than you do,
for the sake of Jesus of Nazareth, who also struggled against doing
your will but did it nevertheless.
We beg your forgiveness. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response **"Aria" K.32** ***Domenico Scarlatti***

Assurance of Forgiveness **Rich Drushal**

Friends, hear the Good News!
We have been saved through the Grace of our Lord!
The splendor of eternal life is still in store for us.
Friends, believe the Good News!
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Musical Offering **"Pie Jesu" (from Requiem)** ***Andrew Lloyd Webber***

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. Gary Friend**

Scripture Reading **Psalm 139 (NRSV)** **Rev. Gary Friend**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.
19 O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
20 those who speak of you maliciously and lift themselves up against you for evil!
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Sermon **Rev. Gary Friend**

Hymn No. 721 **"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"** **Pescador de Hombres**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Josie and Rich Drushal**

Prayer of the People **Josie and Rich Drushal**

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. 65 **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** **Cwm Rhondda**

Benediction **Rev. Gary Friend**

Now go out into the world in peace.
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil.

We will go from this place strengthening the fainthearted,
supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, and honoring all people.

May the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

Postlude **"Clarinet Solo" (from Act III, The Force of Destiny)** *Giuseppe Verdi*

The service continues with fellowship.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Ken Shafer, piano
*Sunday flowers: Dorothy Iams
***We are thankful for the OLO musicians for joining us in worship leadership.**
To foster a worshipful spirit, we invite you to hold your applause until the end of the service.

***Mauricio Franco**, *clarinet*, hails from Houston, having performed with members of the National Symphony and Houston Symphony as a regular substitute of various local service orchestras or through his previous summer residency appearances. Select past performances of his have been featured by the International Clarinet Association and Houston Public Media radio broadcast. Mauricio received his bachelor's degree in music performance from the University of Houston. Outside of performing, he also enjoys arranging music and running a private teaching studio in the greater Houston area.

***Madison Barrett**, *mezzo-soprano*, is thrilled to be joining Ohio Light Opera as Smitty in How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying and Cybèle in Orpheus in the Underworld. Madison is an Orlando, Fl native currently based in the Midwest, and recently graduated with her Masters from the University of Wisconsin where she studied voice with Julia Rottmayer. She will be continuing her studies toward a DMA in the fall.
Madison is also an avid hiker and is excited to explore the trails of Wooster.

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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.



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, July 23

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Tonight in Mackey Hall, please join us for "An Evening of Chamber Music" presented by members of the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra. Composers include Frigyes Hidas, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Beethoven, Anton Webern and many others. The program begins at 7.30 pm. The recital is free, but a good will offering will be collected to help defray expenses.

Monday, July 24

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, July 27

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, July 30

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

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35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

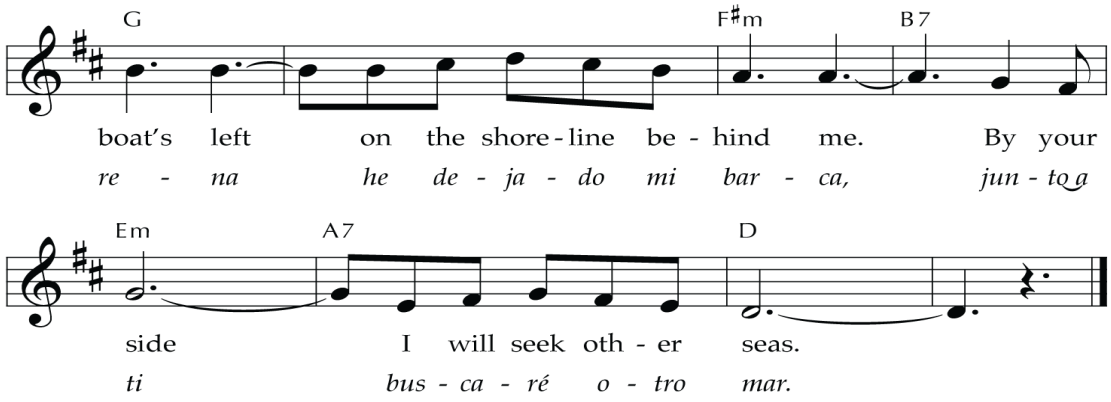
Tú has venido a la orilla



This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Guttierez-Achón, 1988, alt.
MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987
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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
8.10.10 with refrain



SPANISH

1 *Tú has venido a la orilla,*
no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo

2 *Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:*
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo

3 *Tú necesitas mis manos,*
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo

4 *Tú, pescador de otros lagos,*
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
8.7.8.7.8.7.7