Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 31, 2021
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

Prelude — "Prelude in C Major" From *The Well-Tempered Clavier* — J. S. BACH

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** — **Rachel Weiss**

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

God is here, real and tangible.
God is here, in word and sacrament.

God is here, filling this place and these people with holiness.
God is here and cannot be contained.

God is God.
And we stand in awe, to worship.

***Opening Prayer**

Give us a glimpse of your glory, O God.
And in that light,
reveal what we have kept hidden
even from ourselves.

May we come before you with pure hearts
and praise you only for your purpose.
May the cloud of your glory so fill this place
that we are set free from self-interested worship
and surrounded by your grace and your call alone.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 409** — "God is Here" — ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession — **Eric Weiss**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another…

Prayer of Confession **Eric Weiss**

Holy God,
you are always doing a new thing,
reforming your church by your grace.

We confess that though we are a people
gathered around your liberating word,
we are also a people
who have tried to bind you in our traditions.

We have placed symbols
of your sovereign presence in our sanctuaries,
as set-in-stone memorials to your blessings,
preferring our stability over your freedom.

We have forced others
to labor for our systems and structures,
and pretended it is to your glory.
We have heard your story, but
twisted it in the re-telling to justify our desires.

Forgive us, Holy One,
for believing your presence is ephemeral,
intangible, fleeting, invisible.

Fill us again with your glory
that drives out all other ways but yours,
that we may live by your grace alone.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Eric Weiss**

God is with us, now and always,
Guiding us, loving and forgiving us. So let us proclaim it boldly:

We rejoice in the freedom we've found in God's presence
And share our joy in the world
So that all may find wholeness.
Amen.

Musical Response "Contemplation" FRED B. BINCKES

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

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

5Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place
of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. **2**Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, **3**"You know
that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which
his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. **4**But now the Lord my God has
given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. **5**So I intend to build a house for the name
of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place,
shall build the house for my name.'

8Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses
of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city
of David, which is Zion. **2**All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim,
which is the seventh month.

3And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. **4**So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent
of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. **5**King
Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark,
sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

6Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in
the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. **7**For the cherubim spread out their wings over the
place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. **8**The poles were so long that
the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen
from outside; they are there to this day. **9**There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses
had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of
Egypt.

10And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, **11**so that the priests could
not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

12Then Solomon said,
"The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.
13I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell in forever."

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

*** Hymn No. 301** "Let Us Build a House" TWO OAKS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Rachel Weiss**

Prayer of the People **Rachel Weiss**

With the hope of people who hear God's call, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 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. 307** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

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

Postlude "Fugue in G Major" J. S. BACH

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson

Music:	Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
	Organ, Drum	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Refreshments		Candy Relle
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GATHERING

409 God Is Here!



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

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MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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THE CHURCH

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



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 worshiping community.

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