Westminster
Presbyterian Church
353 E. Pine St., Wooster, OH. 44691
330-263-2398 / wpcwooster@gmail.com

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
# October 8, 2023

**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** — **"Finale" (from "Sonata in E flat minor")** — ***Haydn***

***Gathering Words** — **Dorothy Iams**

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

From generation to generation,
**For our ancestors, yes, and also for us, here, today,**
**our God is the Lord.**
In the stories of old, and the story we are still living,
**our God is the Lord.**
Listen — not just with our ears but with our whole selves:
**our God is the Lord,**
**and we will love God with all our being.**

**Opening Prayer** — **Dorothy Iams**

You have offered us a story with thousands of generations of blessing, O God,
You set us free from the empires of destruction, scarcity, and supremacy
so that we can worship you together in spirit and truth.

In the midst of the ways of this world which teach us
to get as much as we can, think of ourselves first,
and do whatever it takes no matter who gets hurt,

You call us to another way:

the way of life, lived to the full,
sharing in your goodness and grace.

Help us today to hear you, and to obey, that we may live.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 54 "Make a Joyful Noise to God! *Dix***

**Call to Confession Dorothy Iams**

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession Dorothy Iams**

**God of all times and places,
you have created a people and made us one with each other and with you.**

**We confess that we rarely think of ourselves as one human family at present,
let alone across the ages.
We benefit from things our ancestors have done,
without thinking of the cost borne by others in your family or the earth.
We often ignore how our choices affect the future we will never see.**

**Forgive us when we forget our responsibility to both past and future,
for our failure to recognize the gift of being one part of your story.
Forgive us when we see your way of life as only a set of rules
by which we can judge others but not ourselves.**

**Help us to listen and obey,
To embody your care and compassion for all your people and your world.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**Musical Response No. 456** **"Listen, God Is Calling"** *(refrain sung multiple times)*
*Neno Lake Mungu*

**Assurance of Forgiveness** **Dorothy Iams**

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love —
God is a thousand parts compassion for every four parts judgment.
Trusting in God's steadfast love to the thousandth generation, take up your place in this forgiven family. Hear and believe this good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
**We will live in that grace so that all may know**
**the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Musical Offering** **"Miniature Prelude"** *arr. Foote/Bach*

*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** **Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9** *(Common English Bible)*
**read by Dorothy Iams, Madeline Fields-Halva, Enikö Ferenczy**

**5** Moses called out to all Israel, saying to them: "Israel! Listen to the regulations and the case laws that I'm recounting in your hearing right now. Learn them and carefully do them. **2**The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Mount Horeb. **3**The Lord didn't make this covenant with our ancestors but with us—all of us who are here and alive right now. **4**The Lord spoke with you face-to-face on the mountain from the very fire itself. **5**At that time, I was standing between the Lord and you, declaring to you the Lord's word, because you were terrified of the fire and didn't go up on the mountain." The Lord said:

6 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
7 You must have no other gods before me. 8 Do not make an idol for yourself—no form
whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the
earth. 9 Do not bow down to them or worship them because I, the Lord your God, am a
passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins—even to the third and fourth
generations of those who hate me. 10 But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation
of those who love me and keep my commandments.

11 Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive
anyone who uses his name that way.

12 Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the Lord your God commanded: 13 Six days
you may work and do all your tasks, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Don't do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your
oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that
your male and female servants can rest just like you. 15 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt,
but the Lord your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm.
That's why the Lord your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day.

16 Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the Lord your God requires, so that your life will
be long and so that things will go well for you on the fertile land that the Lord your God is
giving you. 17 Do not kill. 18 Do not commit adultery. 19 Do not steal. 20 Do not testify falsely against
your neighbor. 21 Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife. Do not crave your
neighbor's house, field, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to
your neighbor.

6 4 Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!

5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. 6 These words
that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. 7 Recite them to your children.
Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about,
when you are lying down and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them on your hand as a sign. They
should be on your forehead as a symbol. 9 Write them on your house's doorframes and on your
city's gates.

**Sermon** **Listen and Witness** **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 722** **Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"** ***Canonbury***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Dorothy Iams

Prayer of the people Dorothy Iams

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. 748 "Go with Us, Lord" (sung multiple times) *Tallis' Canon*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

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

*The service continues with fellowship.*

* The Call to Confession, was written by Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy. All other prayers were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, written for the *Bibleworm*.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, Bob Iams

**********




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, Oct. 8

- 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, Oct. 9

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – The Meeting Place

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

- Worship Committee Meeting – 1 pm – The Lounge

### Thursday, Oct. 12

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Building Committee – 10 am – The Lounge

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
  Baptism of Rosie Peterson
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
**Minister of Music** Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw
**Office Administrator** Rev. Dr. James Henery
**AV Assistant/Event Steward** Tony Mendiola
**Custodian** Kara Akers

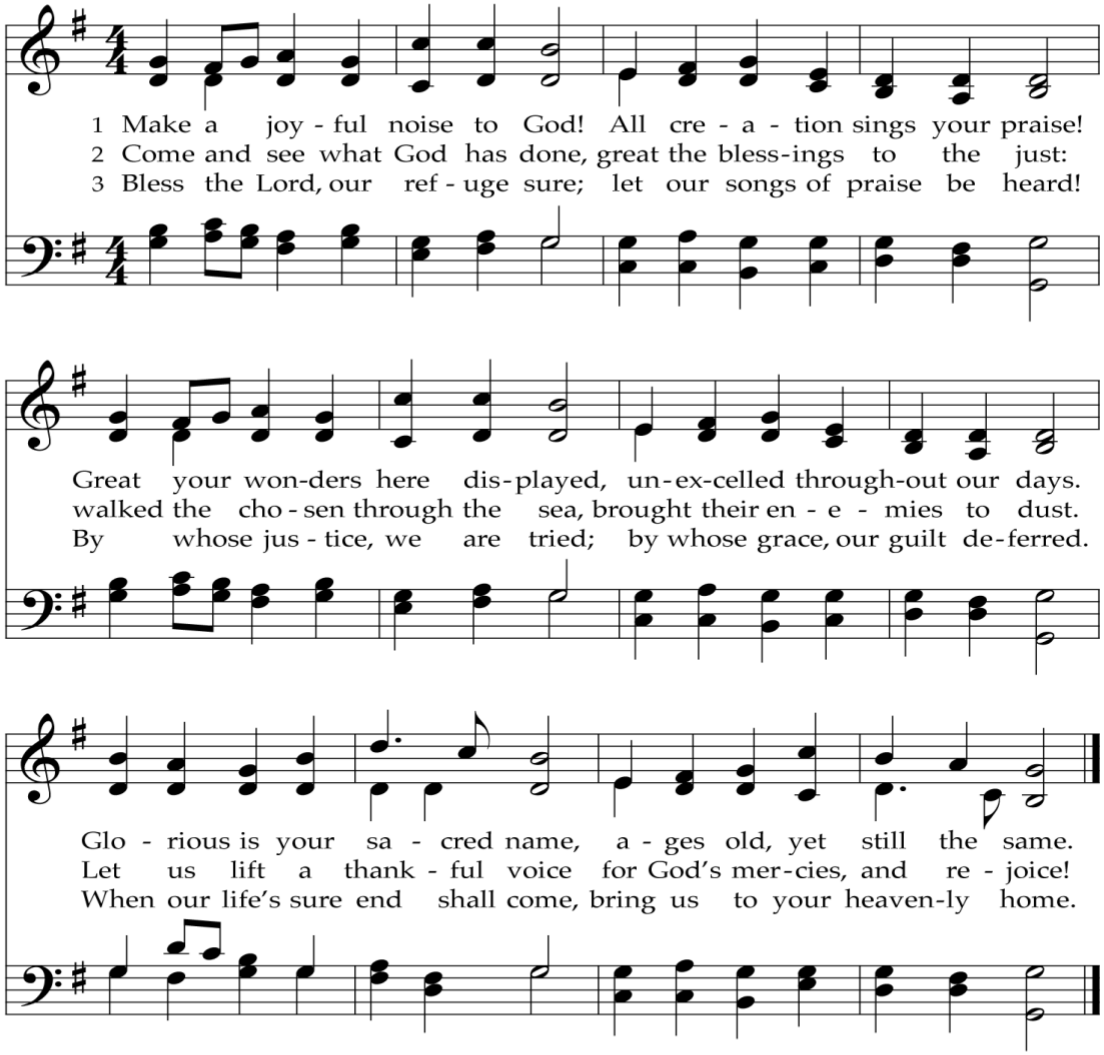
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2.p.m.

**wpcwooster@gmail.com: 330.263.2398**
facebook.com/wpcwooster | instagram.com/wpc_wooster/

*Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of ethnicity, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity, or sexual orientation.*

# Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)




This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

DIX
7.7.7.7.7.7

*Text © 2010 Michael Morgan (admin. Congregational Ministries Publishing, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))*

# Listen, God Is Calling 456

## *Neno lake Mungu*




This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987
MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987
*English Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)*
*Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

NENO LAKE MUNGU
6.4.6.4 with refrain

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

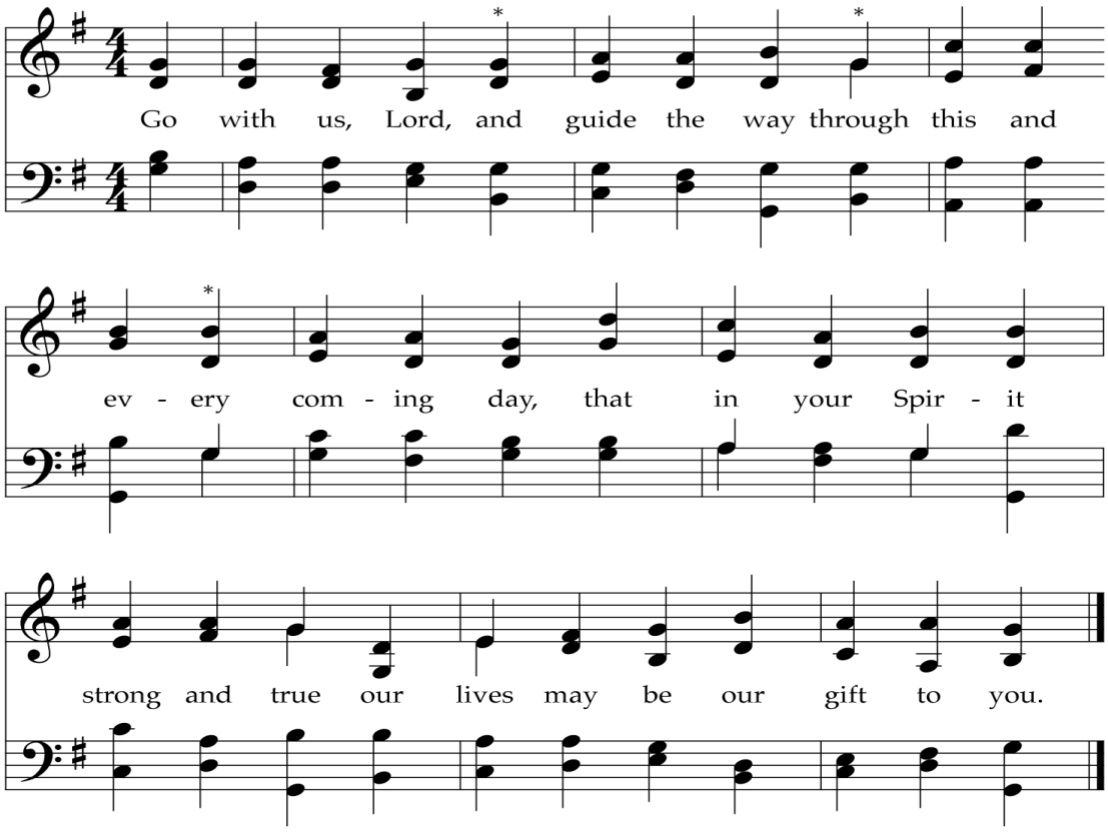



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

CANONBURY
LM

# Go with Us, Lord 748




**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986
MUSIC: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter,* c. 1561
*Text © 1990 Hope Publishing Company*

TALLIS' CANON
LM