Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 6, 2022
5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" TERRY OSMAN

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

Jesus is here, revealing God's kin-dom.
We come, curious and doubting,
overwhelmed by life and thirsting for renewal.

Jesus invites us, asking questions and pushing boundaries.
We come, leaving behind the powers to which we cling.

Jesus is here, in the everyday wonders as much as in spectacular signs.
We come, to know life in all its fullness.

***Opening Prayer** **Eric Miller**

You are a God who sees —
you are paying attention, even when we are not.
While we rarely notice those around us,
your eyes miss nothing,
and we give you thanks.

You see the needs of your world,
and the possibilities.
You see the fears and strains,
the hopes and wonders,
the pain and grief.

Give us your vision, that we may see what you see,
and therefore, love as you love.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 37** "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

Call to Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

We look for the sensational miracles, for Damascus-road type of experiences. Yet, in every moment, in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

God, our help in every trouble,
you have promised never to leave us nor forsake us.
You reveal yourself that we may know your grace
and live your abundant life.

We confess that we rarely think of everyday life in miraculous terms.
We simply go along day by day,
and often miss you at work around and among us.

Forgive us for our narrow vision, and our poor attention.
Give us new vision to recognize your subtle signs,
that we may faithfully follow your way.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

Friends,
God meets us in the hard places.
The territories of struggle.
The sites of desperation.
The places of deepest need.
In our fears and our pain.

So rest in this promise:

Nothing can prevent God from loving us.

We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are transformed
into a new community with God and one another.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee" JAMES WALCH

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

Scripture Reading **John 4: 46-54** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

[46] Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine.
Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum.
[47] When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him
to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.
[48] Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."
[49] The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies."
[50] Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live."
The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.
[51] As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive.
[52] So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him,
"Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him."
[53] The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live."
So he himself believed, along with his whole household.
[54] Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Sermon **Pieces of the Puzzle** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. No. 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK
Verses 1 and 2

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

Holy God of wonders, you share your abundance with us,
By offering us Living Water to quench our thirst,
and the Bread of Life to satisfy our hunger. We give you thanks.
You know our needs even when we cannot speak it, or don't think you cared.
When we come to you with questions, like Nicodemus,
or as outcasts, as enemies, like the woman at the well,
when we come with hurts and loss and loneliness.
We give you thanks.

We bring our longing to be made whole,
to be made faithful, to be true to your calling.
We carry with us our cares for those dear to us
and beg for your help to bring them into abundant life—

(Petitions will be lifted by presider)

Pour your Holy Spirit into those gathered here and make all things new.
Speak healing, speak peace, speak hope, speak community into being.
Reach across boundaries of despair, brokenness, and hate.
Unite us with you and one another through your meal.

Open our eyes to see and hearts to trust in your power.
May we live lives that usher others into experiencing life abundant.

We ask 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 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. 697** "Take My Life" HENDON
Verses 1 and 2

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

Postlude "Sortie" GEORGE BLAKE

The service continues with 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.

Note: The Gathering Words and Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

Music:	Organ, Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Flowers		
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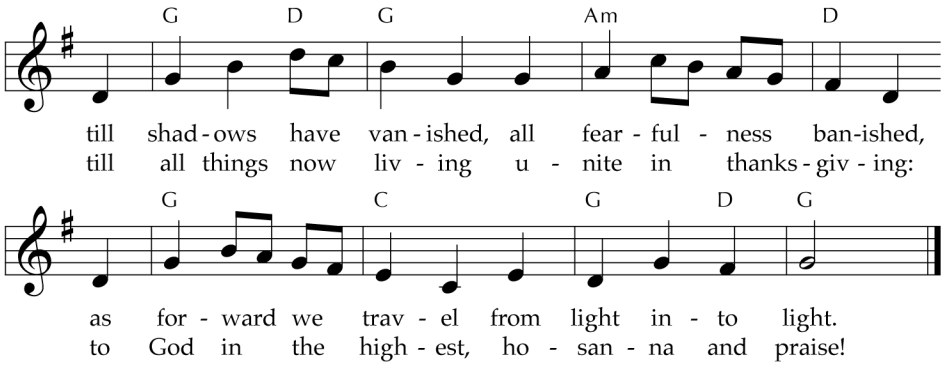
37 Let All Things Now Living



Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
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ASH GROVE
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G D G Am D
till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:
G C G D G
as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

Verses 1 & 2

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
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DUNLAP'S CREEK
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Verses 1 & 2

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Take My Life 697



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
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