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October 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő 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 in G major" J. S. BACH

***Gathering Words** — **Cheryl Weiss**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Hymn No. 411 "God is Here Today" DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ
(Sung Twice)

Opening Prayer — **Cheryl Weiss**

Let us pray…

Creator God,
the whole earth is yours.
From the beginning of the story,
you have been drawing us toward you.
We give you thanks that you have brought us this far
even when we feel like we have to trudge every step.
Though we don't know how to be your people,
still you coax, call, and carry us forward.

Holy One, you are faithful to your promises.
Show us again today what it means to be people who live close to your heart,
not through our own efforts, but yours.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 664** "Morning has Broken" BUNESSAN

Call to Confession — **Bill Weiss**

As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, God's ways are not like our ways. God's love and commitment to us is relentless. Yet, we often act in destructive and hateful ways towards others and creation. Trusting in God's faithfulness, let us confess our sins before God and one another, praying together…

Prayer of Confession **Bill Weiss**

Gracious God,
we like the status of "treasured" and "beloved"
and often claim it to exclude,
ignoring the breadth of your love and grace
that contains all we can see and understand, and all that we cannot.
We quickly latch on to your promises,
without listening to the end to learn what it means to be your people.

Forgive us when we want the benefits of your love
without the responsibilities of your call.
Teach us again how to be your people:
hear your word, learn your ways, and choose daily to respond to your faithfulness.
Re-orient us to a new way of life in community that gives glory to you.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Bill Weiss**

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope:
The steadfast love of the God never ceases.
God's mercies are new every morning.

Believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" J. SHRADER

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 19: 5-8, 20: 8-11 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

5 Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all
the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, **6** but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'
These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."
7 So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had
commanded him. **8** The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses
reported the words of the people to the Lord.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work. **10** But the
seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter,
your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. **11** For in six days the Lord made
heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the
Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Sermon **Re-oriented into the Ways of Life** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

Prayer of the People **Cheryl and Bill Weiss**

And now we pray with the words that Jesus taught us to pray together:

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
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. 853** "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

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

Postlude "Tarantella" SERGEI PROKOFIEV

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
* Prayers were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson written for the *Bibleworm Collective* following the Narrative Lectionary.

The service continues with fellowship.



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.

Music:	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Organ	Tom Shaw

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Cheryl and Bill Weiss
Flowers	Sandy Schmidt
Refreshments	Cheryl and Bill Weiss

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 11
- Worship Committee Meeting – 1:00 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, October 13
- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, October 16
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall
- Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Songs & Salsa – 5:00 pm – Salem Mennonite Church, Dalton

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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday
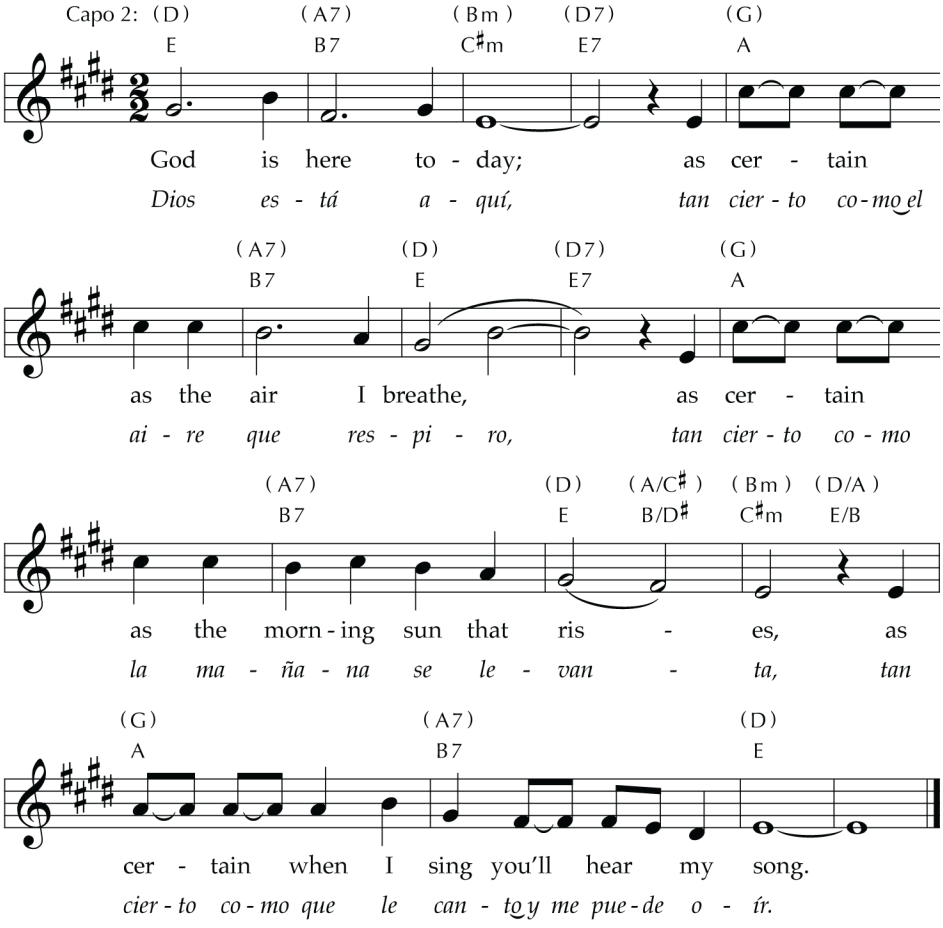
As we move forward to searching for our next office administrator, our office hours may be irregular for the next few weeks. Please contact Pastor Enikő at eferenczy@gmail.com or (804) 426-9392 with questions. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition!

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God Is Here Today 411

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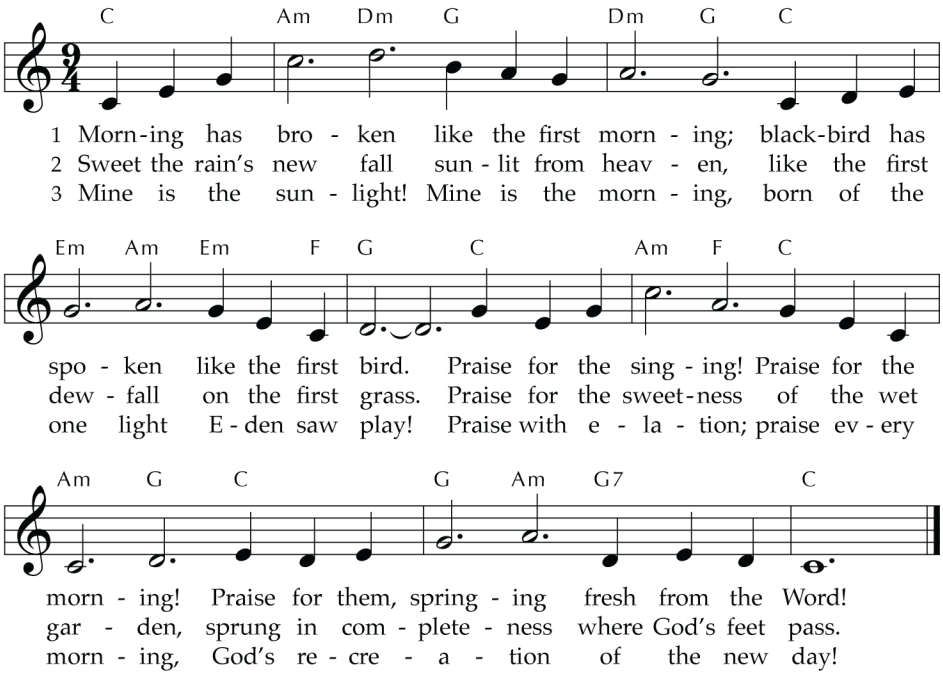


Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

TEXT: Raúl Galeano, 1976; English trans. C. Michael Hawn, 1998
MUSIC: Raúl Galeano, 1976; arr. C. Michael Hawn and Arturo González, 1999
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DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ
Irregular

Morning Has Broken 664

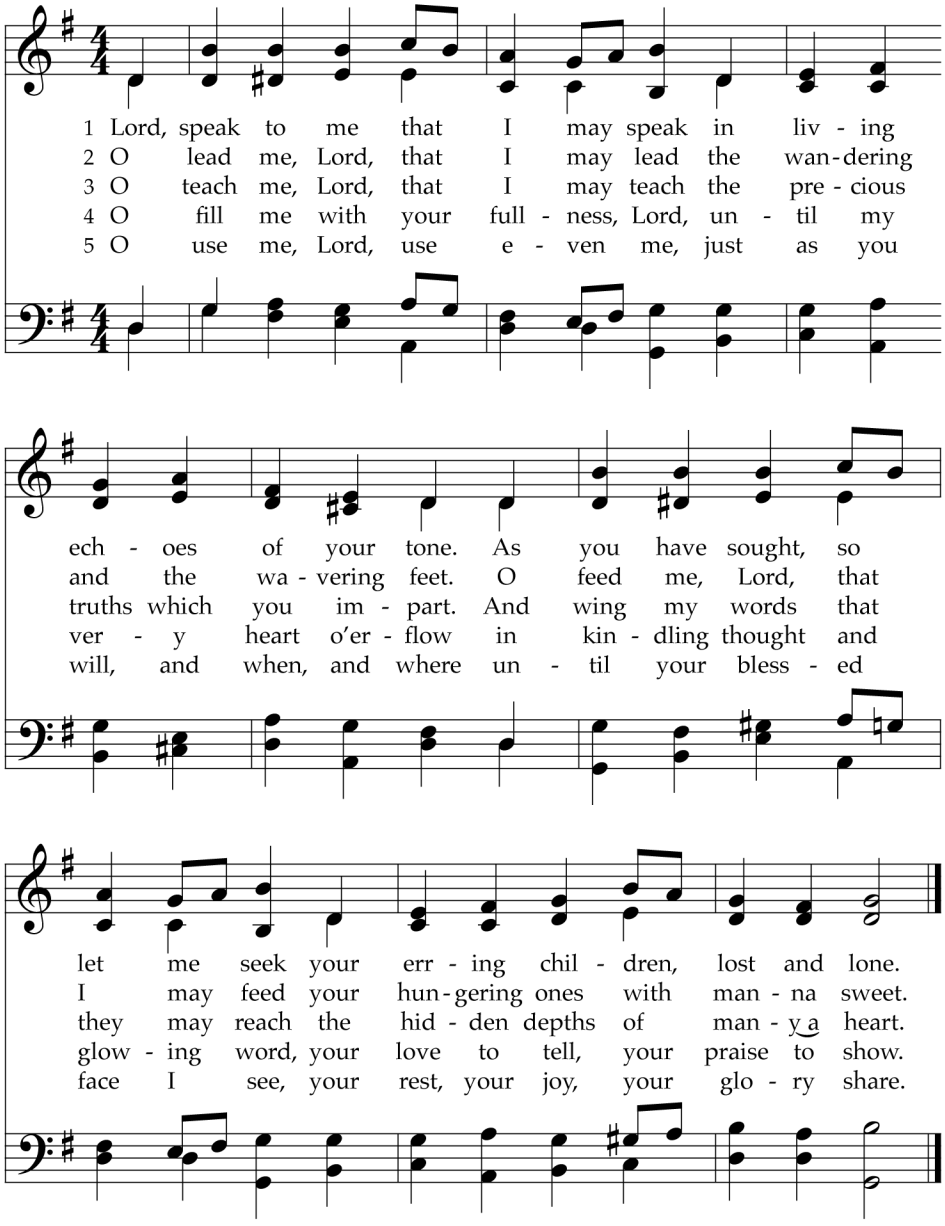


This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
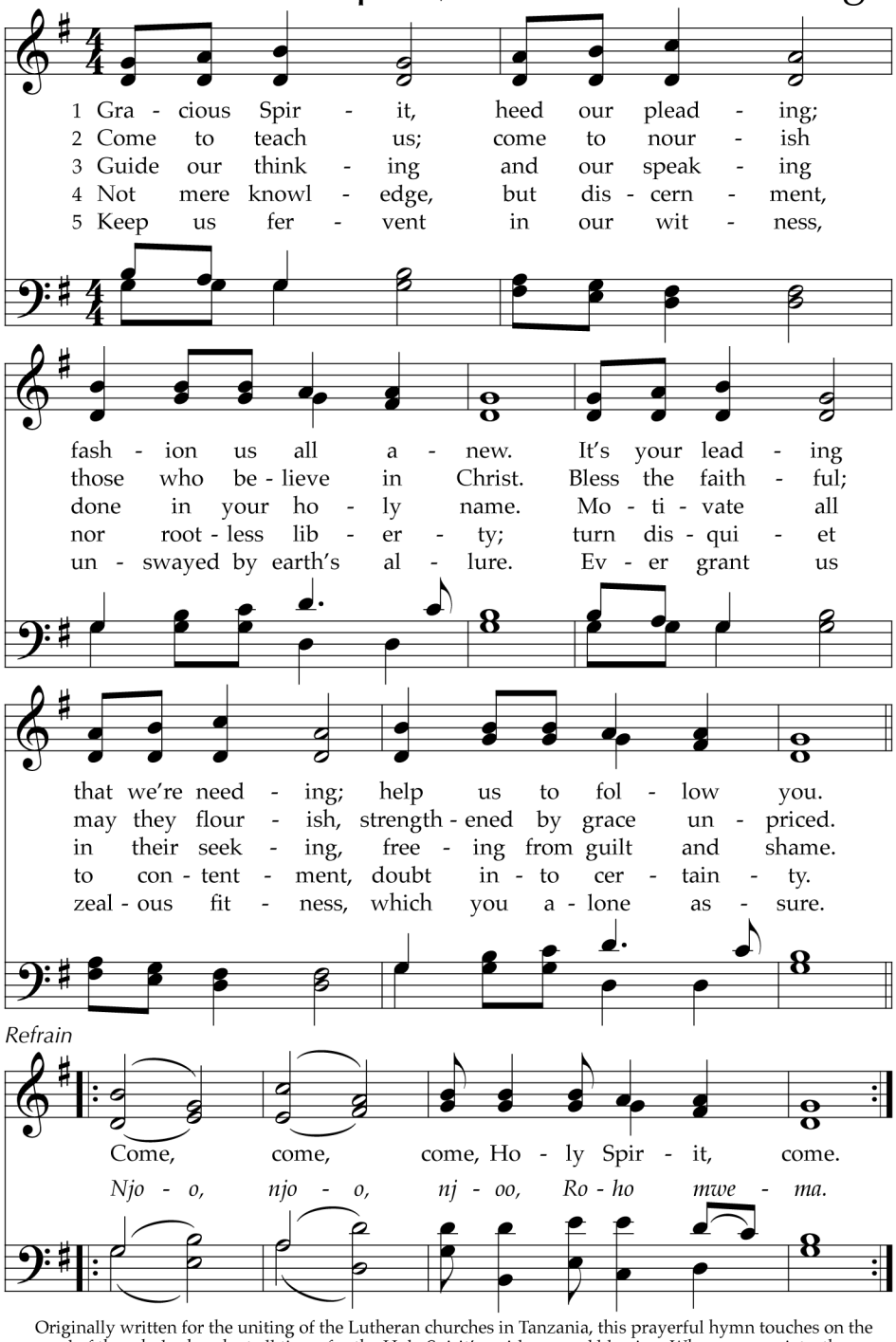


Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

TEXT: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968
MUSIC: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; arr. Egil Hovland, 1993
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NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
CM with refrain