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150th Anniversary &
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy & Rev. Dr. Tom Shaw**

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 **"Mystery" (from "Earth Mass")** **Paul Winter**

Liturgical Dance Interpretation: Debra Kitko, Juli-Douglass Gillespie,
Adriana Dryer, Enikö Ferenczy

"Mystery" from "Missa Gaia" by Paul Winter

And it lives in the seed of a tree as it grows.
You can hear it if you listen to the wind as it blows
It's there in the river as it flows into the sea.
It's the sound, in the soul of a man becoming free.

And it lives in the laughter of children at play,
And in the blazing sun, that gives light to the day.
It moves the planets and the stars in the sky.
It's been the mover of mountains, since the beginning of time.

CHORUS
Oh Mystery, you are alive, I feel you all around.
You are the fire in my heart.
You are the holy sound.
You are all of life. It is to you I sing.
Oh, grant that I may feel you, always in everything.

And it lives in the waves as they crash upon the beach.
And in the Gods that man has tried to reach.
I feel it in the love we live for so much.

And I know it in your smile my friend, when our hearts do touch.

And when I listen deep inside, I feel best of all,
Like a moon that's glowing white, I listen to your call.
And I know you will guide me, I feel like the tide,
Rushing to the ocean of my heart that opens wide.

Oh Mystery, you are alive…

***Gathering Words** **(based on Isaiah 43:19-21)** **Rev. Andries Coetzee**

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

Let us worship God, who has done great things from generation to generation.
We rejoice in our God, who makes a way through the deserts of this world.
Let us worship God, who caused streams of mercy to flow in the wastelands.
We are the people God has formed through Christ. We worship God and we rejoice!
Let us worship trusting that God's Spirit continues to guide us every day forward.
We praise God for the grace that is bringing forth something new even now.
Alleluia! Amen!

Opening Prayer **Rev. Andries Coetzee**

Holy God of wonder and love,
We gather for worship with thankful hearts
for your amazing grace that has accompanied us from generation to generation.
Open our hearts now and drench us with your renewing Spirit.

May we celebrate with joy all the ways through which
your reign has been revealed in the world
in and through the faithful people of Westminster Church.
May your will guide our daily lives
so that we witness to the new things you bring forth in our midst.
In your name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 404** **"What Is This Place"** **Komt Nu Met Zang**

Call to Confession **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Friends, when we are honest, we recognize our daily need for God's grace to live a life loving God and neighbor as God has loved us. This is why we join our hearts and voices every week in confession as individuals and a community.
We confess our shortcomings trusting God's promises not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope.
Let us do so boldly, praying together our unison prayer of confession…

Prayer of Confession **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Gracious and loving God,
You have promised to be always present in our midst.
We confess that instead of following your lead into the ways of life, we cling to the values of a broken world. We give into fears and jealousies that set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We pursue pleasures and profit that lay waste land and sea. We use your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of compassion and love for self-preservation.

Forgive us, O God. Liberate and heal us from old ways of being,
old hopes and dreams that narrow our vision.
Open our eyes to recognize your Spirit burning in our hearts,
empowering us to be co-creators of your reign of abundance.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Beloved children of God, this we know for certain – we are forgiven by our gracious God.
This good news never ceases to astound us!

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit poured into us day by day,
we are made whole and new and alive to all that is good,
so that we may continue our journey into the future boldly.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***The Peace** **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

In God's amazing grace is our only peace.
Forgiven once again by grace, let us participate in God's peace together.
I invite you to turn to the people to your left and to your right, behind you and before you,
and share the peace of God with one another using the greeting:

"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.

Congregational Response No. 752 "Dona nobis pacem" **Dona nobis pacem**

Musical Offering **"Our God Is Faithful"** **Divine Gbagbo**
In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary
of Westminster Presbyterian Church
Divine Gbagbo, djembe (drum), Ken Shafer, piano; Westminster Choir
{please see anthem text below}

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**

Old Testament Reading **Micah 6:8 (NRSV)** **Rev. Dr. Carroll Meyer**

God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Reading in Scripture and Song **Luke 24:13-35**

Hymn* "On the Day of Resurrection," *v. 1
On the day of resurrection to Emmaus we return;
while confused, amazed, and frightened, Jesus comes to us unknown.

Luke 24:13-16 **Rev. Erin Guzmán**

On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him.

Hymn, vv. 1-2
On the day of resurrection to Emmaus we return;
while confused, amazed, and frightened, Jesus comes to us unknown.

Then this stranger asks a question, "What is this which troubles you?"
Meets us in our pain and suffering; Jesus walks with us, unknown.

Luke 24: 17-24 **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?" They stood still, with sad faces.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"
"What things?" he asked.
"The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered.

"This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free!

Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him."

Hymn, vv. 2-3:

Then this stranger asks a question, "What is this which troubles you?"
Meets us in our pain and suffering; Jesus walks with us, unknown.

In our trouble, words come from him; burning fire within our hearts
tells to us the scripture's meaning, Jesus speaks to us, unknown.

Luke 24:25-29 **Rev. Andries Coetzee**

Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?"

And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went to stay with them.

Hymn, v. 4:

Then we near our destination. Then we ask the stranger in,
and he yields unto our urging, Jesus stays with us, unknown.

Luke 24:30-31 **Rev. Andries Coetzee**

He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.

Hymn, v. 5:

Day of sorrow is forgotten when the guest becomes the host.
Taking bread and blessing, breaking, Jesus is himself made known.

Luke 24:32-35 **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn, v. 6:
Opened eyes, renewed convictions, journey back to scenes of pain;
telling all that Christ is risen. Jesus is through us made known.

Sermon **"See, I Am Making All Things New"** **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Communion Hymn No. 515 **"I Come with Joy"** **Dove of Peace**

Communion

Invitation **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **Rev. Tricia Petraven**

May the God of Emmaus roads, the God of Westminster Church be with you.
And also with you.
Fellow pilgrims, let us give our hearts to God.

We offer our cold hearts to the One who will set them on fire.
Alleluia! Sing songs of glad praise.
Alleluia! We will sing of the risen Lord.

Creator God, we thank you.
You created everything our five senses experience. You provide all that we need.
In our desert places, you bring us bread for every day.
In our thirsty times, you break open wells of new life.
You have done this through every generation – as we have known your faithfulness here at Westminster through our past 150 years.
Thank you.

When we turn from you, you do not abandon us.
You call us back to you and challenge us to be faithful for others.
You turn us toward those in need
and remind us that we are all empty somehow.

You teach us how to live.
When we fall short, you forgive us.
Thank you.

You sent your Son Jesus
to live among us,
to comfort us,
to make us uncomfortable,
and to demonstrate a life of radical love.
Jesus, you embodied for us that love which embraces all,
that is humble enough to learn from a foreign woman asking for crumbs,
and you were willing to grow into a fuller understanding of God's life-giving mission.

You willingly gave up privilege and stood with the broken and the ostracized.
You even gave your life to break the power of death-dealing forces within our world,
Trusting in the divine power that offers new life against all odds.
We thank you.

We look forward to the day when we will feast with you
When the transformation is complete and our world is whole.
Until then, pour out your Holy Spirit on us.
Make us one with Christ.
Send us out into our year One Hundred and Fifty-one

to be your hands and feet with renewed hope
locally and globally, in ways big and small, with courage and hope.
We pray all this through Jesus Christ,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with the words Jesus taught us, 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.

Words of Institution	**Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**
Communion of People	
Prayer after Communion	**Rev. Andries Coetzee**

***Closing Hymn No. 772** **"Live into Hope"** **Truro**

Litany of Commitment **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

As we enter the year 151 of our ministry as Westminster Church, let us commit anew to being co-conspirators with God in building God's reign of abundance in our local and global neighborhood. Join me in the responsive litany:

Bless us, God, with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may live deep within your heart.

Bless us, God, with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

Bless us, God, with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
so that we may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

Bless us, God, with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness to all God's children. Amen.

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

(in English and Hungarian)

Postlude **"Volta Fantasy"** **Kwabena J.H. Nketia**

Divine Gbagbo, djembe (drum), Ken Shafer, piano

The service continues with fellowship.

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*Please stand in body or in spirit.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*The Communion Prayer was adapted from the Ukirk Worship Resource. All other prayers were written by Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy.
*J. H. Kwabena Nketia (1921 - 2019) is considered a pioneer among African composers as well as "Africa's premier ethnomusicologist." Volta Fantasy refers to a heartland region of Ghana. It incorporates African melodies and rhythmic structures, yet is in sonata form.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Divine Gbagbo, djembe (drum), Ken Shafer, piano; Westminster Choir
*Flowers: Barbara Tartir

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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.

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, May 5, 150th Anniversary Sunday Celebration
- **Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – Mackey Hall**
- **Anniversary Worship – 10 am – Mackey Hall**
- **Anniversary Banquet & Program – 2:30 pm – Kittredge Dining Hall**
- **Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place**

Monday, May 6
- Scout Troop 61 – 6:30 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, May 8
- Benevolence Committee – 2 pm – The Lounge
- Evening Vespers – 7 pm – Chupps' Home (157 Park Ave.)

Thursday, May 9
- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Friday, May 10
- **COW Baccalaureate Ceremony – 4 pm – McGaw Chapel**

Saturday, May 11
•**COW Commencement Ceremony – 1 pm – Gault Recreation Center**

Sunday, May 12
•Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – Mackey Hall
•Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
•Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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(link to the WPC 150th Anniversary webpage: **https://wpcwoo.org/150)**

GATHERING

404 What Is This Place



This text by a 20th-century Jesuit beautifully captures the fundamental truth that "church" is not primarily the building but the people who come together in order to be nourished by Word and Table so that they may show forth Christ's redeeming presence in the world.

TEXT: Huub Oosterhuis, 1968; trans. David Smith, 1970
MUSIC: *Nederlandtsche Gedanckclanck*, 1626; harm. Bernard Huijbers, 1968
KOMT NU MET ZANG
9.8.9.8.9.6.6

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Dona nobis pacem 752

Sim shalom

Rabbu habna salamann tamman



**May be sung as a canon.*

HEBREW

שים שלום עלינו

ARABIC

ربٌّ هبنا سلاماً تاماً.
ربٌّ هبْنا السلام .

Whether sung in Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, or any other language, there is no common human prayer deeper than the longing for peace: peace among people and peace in our hearts. The style of this familiar musical setting suggests that it dates from the late 18th or early 19th century.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
Music Arr. © 2012 Eric T. Myers

DONA NOBIS PACEM
Irregular

Our God is Faithful

Anthem for SATB

In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Westminster

Divine Gbagbo, January 2024

Praise God! Praise God! Our God is faithful; Sing praise to God.
Our God is faithful; forever faithful. Our protector, praise be to your name.

Praise God for faithfulness. Praise God whose mercy endures forever and ever, Amen!
We are called to serve; Our God has called us to serve as witnesses,
torchbearers and ambassadors of good news, of the Gospel of Christ.

Our God is faithful; Our God is faithful. Come, come, come,
Oh enjoy the faithfulness of God. Come, come, come, come,
enjoy the faithfulness of God. Our God is faithful; Our God is faithful.

Our protector, praise be to your name. Praise God for faithfulness.
Praise God whose mercy endures forever and ever, Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

I Come with Joy 515



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company
Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE
8.6.8.6.6

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

772 Live into Hope



This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
Text © 1980 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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