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February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday
After Epiphany

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 — **"Corrente"** — ***G.F. Handel***
Bob Iams, piano

***Gathering Words** — **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

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

Holy Wisdom gathers us together with tenderness and care.
With gentleness, She calls us into the dwelling place of God.
Our pain, our fears, and all our unmet longings - they are safe in Her embrace.
In the company of God, we tend honestly to the state of our souls.
The Beloved One says, "come."
Let us choose to worship and serve the One
who blesses us with life.

***Opening Prayer.** — **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

Let us pray…

Spirit of Truth, come and search our hearts.
What attention might our souls need?
Where there is resentment building, pain unaddressed, or unresolved
conflict still weighing heavy, tend to our needs.
Guide us in your wisdom as we seek healing and repair.
Help us to support one another in the sacred labors of nurturing love from within. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 37 — **"Let All Things Now Living"** — ***Ash Grove***

Call to Confession **Eric Miller**

Into the shadows of our isolation, God speaks the words of life and community. Through God's graceful, healing presence, God redeems our woundedness and restores us to wholeness.
Trusting in God's gracious provision, let us together confess our limitations and proclaim God's faithfulness. Let us join our voices in praying the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession **Eric Miller**

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church—as a community of people united in love and care for all your children.
We confess that we often forfeit reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. We are quick to jump to conclusions, to assume, to judge.
We are slow to listen, to seek understanding, to show compassion.

Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness, and working for reconciliation.
Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus' name, we ask. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 544 **"Bless the Lord"** *Taizé*
(sung multiple times)

Assurance of Forgiveness **Eric Miller**

Friends,
God's forgiveness dwells in our hearts; Christ's love fills us;
the Spirit's peace guides our steps.

Our feet are set on the journey.
Walking in faith and hope with our God,
we will be partners in building a peaceful and wholesome world.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen

Musical Offering **"Andante" (from Concerto no. 21)** *W.A. Mozart*
Bob Iams, Piano **(arr. T. Kendall**

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. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Matthew 5:21-26**
(Common English Bible)

21 "You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, *Don't commit murder,* and all who commit murder will be in danger of judgment. 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment.

If they say to their brother or sister, 'You idiot,' they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, 'You fool,' they will be in danger of fiery hell. 23 Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift. 25 Be sure to make friends quickly with your opponents while you are with them on the way to court. Otherwise, they will haul you before the judge, the judge will turn you over to the officer of the court, and you will be thrown into prison. 26 I say to you in all seriousness that you won't get out of there until you've paid the very last penny.

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 372 **"O for a World"** ***Azmon***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Sherry-Hatter Miller and Eric Miller**

Prayer of the People **Eric Miller**

We ask these things 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. 366** **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** ***Hyfrydol

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Postlude **"Postlude on St. Dunstan's"** ***C.W. Douglas, arr. D.E. Wagner***

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*The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.*
The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Robyn Michalove.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Organ – Tom Shaw; Piano – Bob Iams
*Sunday Service Flowers/Treats – Sherry-Hatter Miller and Eric Miller

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.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12

- Contemplative Prayer – 8.30 am – Church Lounge
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- 33rd Annual Souper Bowl of Caring
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Immigration Justice Meeting – 11.30 – Church Lounge

Monday, February 13

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, February 15

- Session meeting – 6.30 pm – Church Lounge

Thursday, February 16

- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place
- Book Group – 7 pm – Zoom (Jane Goodall's ***Book of Hope***, chapters 1-2)

Sunday, February 19

- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

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37 Let All Things Now Living



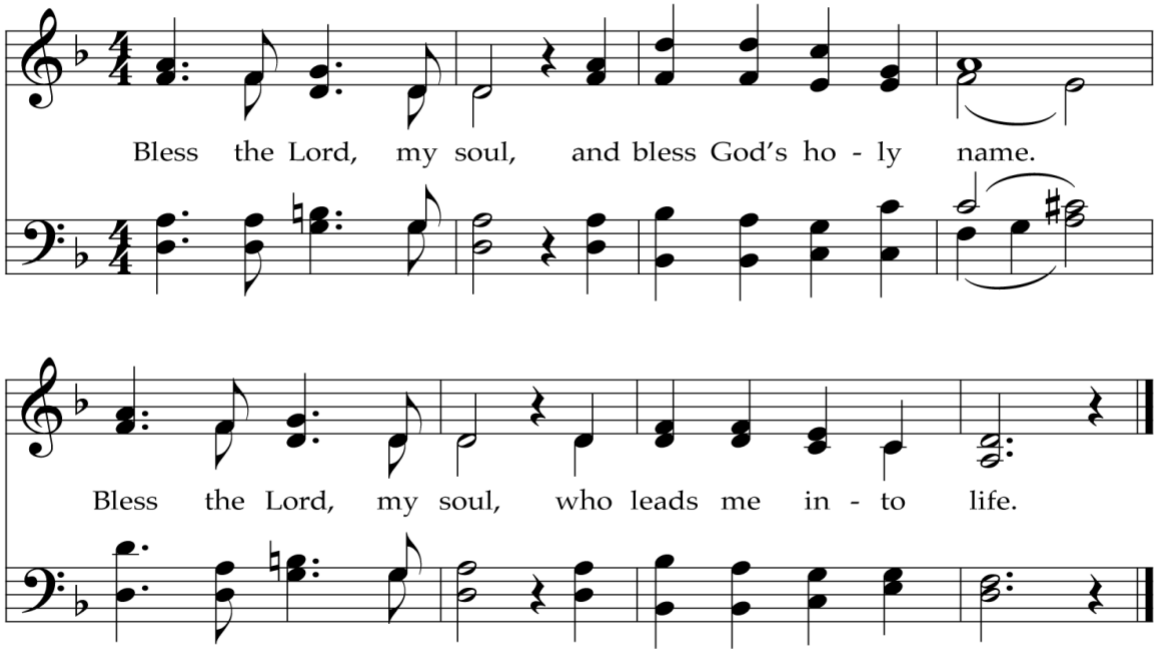
Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company
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SENDING

544 Bless the Lord



This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
Text and Music © 1984, 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

O for a World 372



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL
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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.