Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2022
1st SUNDAY IN LENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Prelude "Amazing Grace" TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY/ ARR. BRENT EDSTROM

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

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.
Jesus went into the city to heal.
Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.
Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.
Jesus went to places of peace and connection,
but Jesus also went to the wilderness.
There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.
We are in God's house.
Let us worship Holy God.

***Opening Prayer** **Dorothy Iams**

God of the wilderness places in our lives,
it can be hard to hear you in the desert.
It can be hard to hear you in the city.
It can be hard to hear you, so we ask: make everything quiet.
Pause the chaos.
Still the rushing.
Ease our racing thoughts.

Give us ears to hear your Word for us today which promises that even in the desert
you are full to the brim.
We are listening.
We ache for your good news. Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 619** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA
Verses 1 thru 3

Call to Confession **Dorothy Iams**

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

Prayer of Confession **Dorothy Iams**

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—
Teach us a new way.
Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—
Teach us a new way.
Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—
Teach us a new way.
Teach us to live as you live.
Teach us to love as you love.
Forgive us when we don't.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Dorothy Iams**

Siblings in Christ,
no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander,
no matter how lost we feel,
God's grace is full to the brim.
It overflows in desert places.
It finds us where we are and
it covers us in mercy.

Hear and believe this good news—
God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God, amen.

Musical Response "The Bell of the Afternoon" ENRIQUE GRANADOS

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

Scripture Reading **Luke 4: 1-13** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. **3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." **4** Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8** Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, **10** for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' **11** and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" **12** Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **13** When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. No. 515 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
Verses 1 thru 3

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

God who knows us, we are amazed by you.
Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry,
your joy never gives up.
We wish that we could be more like you in that way.
In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.
In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.
In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.
We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel.
Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.
Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.
Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.
Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.
Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.
Show us a life of expansive faith.
Show us a life of overflowing joy.
Show us a life of absorbing beauty.
Show us a life of engrossing purpose.
Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful
as the one Jesus led.

And until that expansive and holy day,
we will continue to gather at this Table.
Until that day we will continue to look for you in our midst.
So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so that we might catch
a glimpse of your goodness.

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.

Words of Institution **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn No. 450** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Verses 1 thru 2

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

Postlude "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (St. Peter) ARR. A.R. REINAGLE

The service continues with fellowship.



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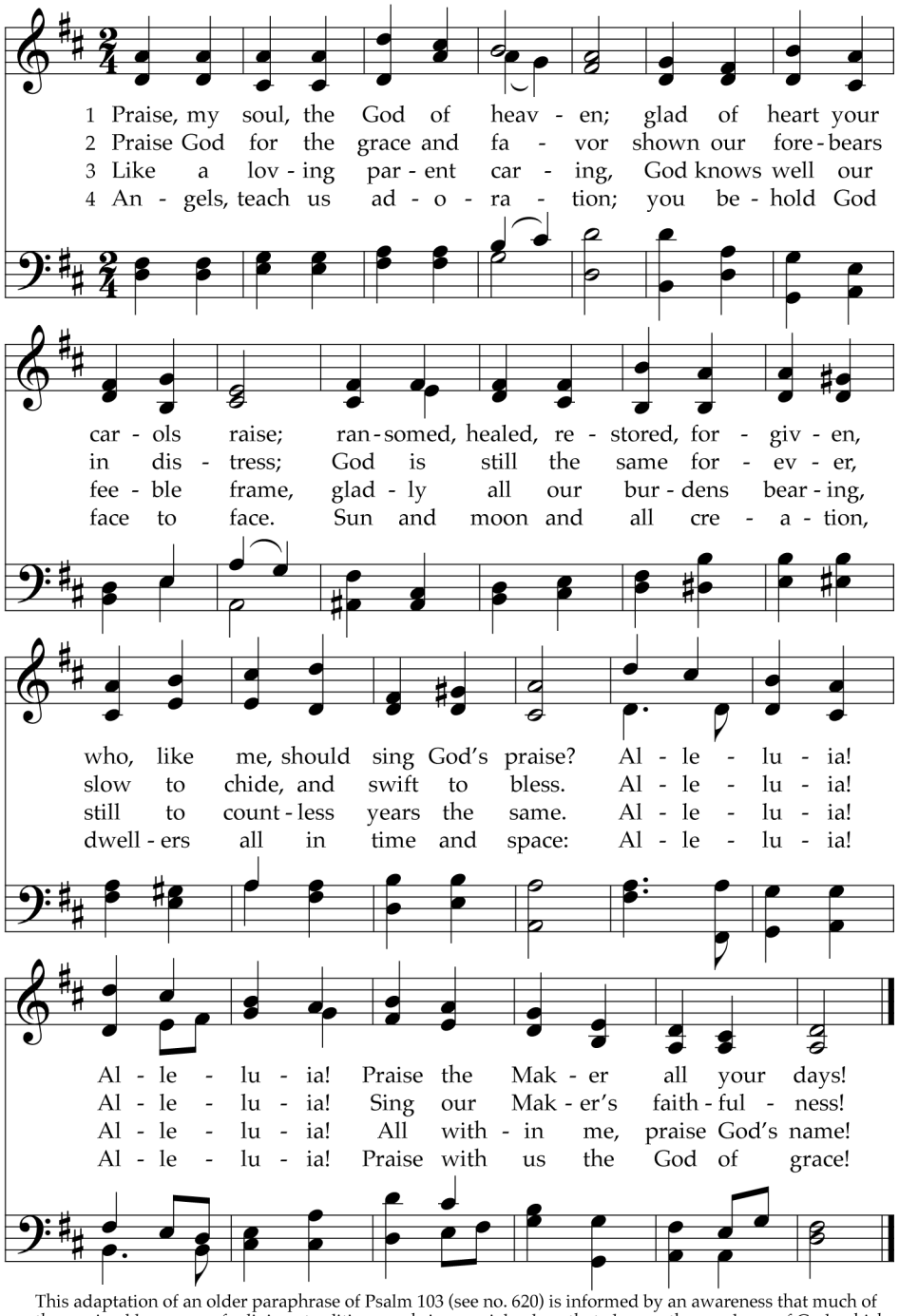
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Verses 1 thru 3

ADORATION

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



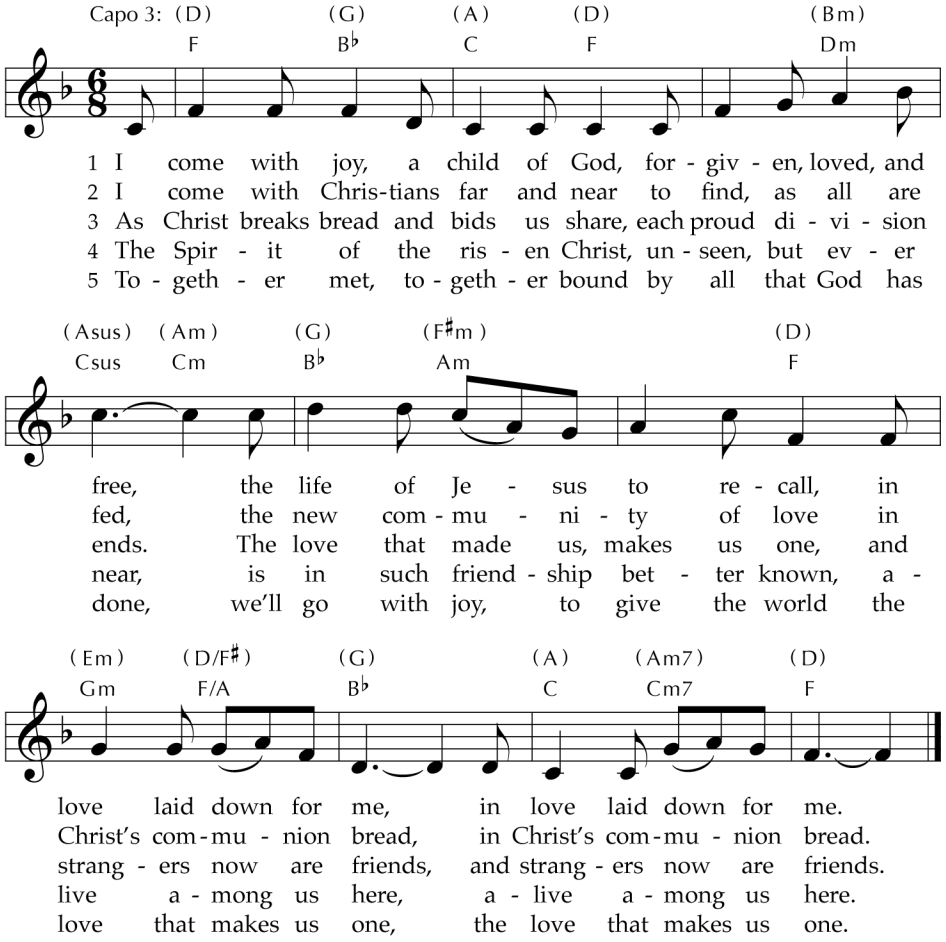
This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974
MUSIC: John Goss, 1869
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LAUDA ANIMA
8.7.8.7.8.7

Verses 1 thru 3

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.

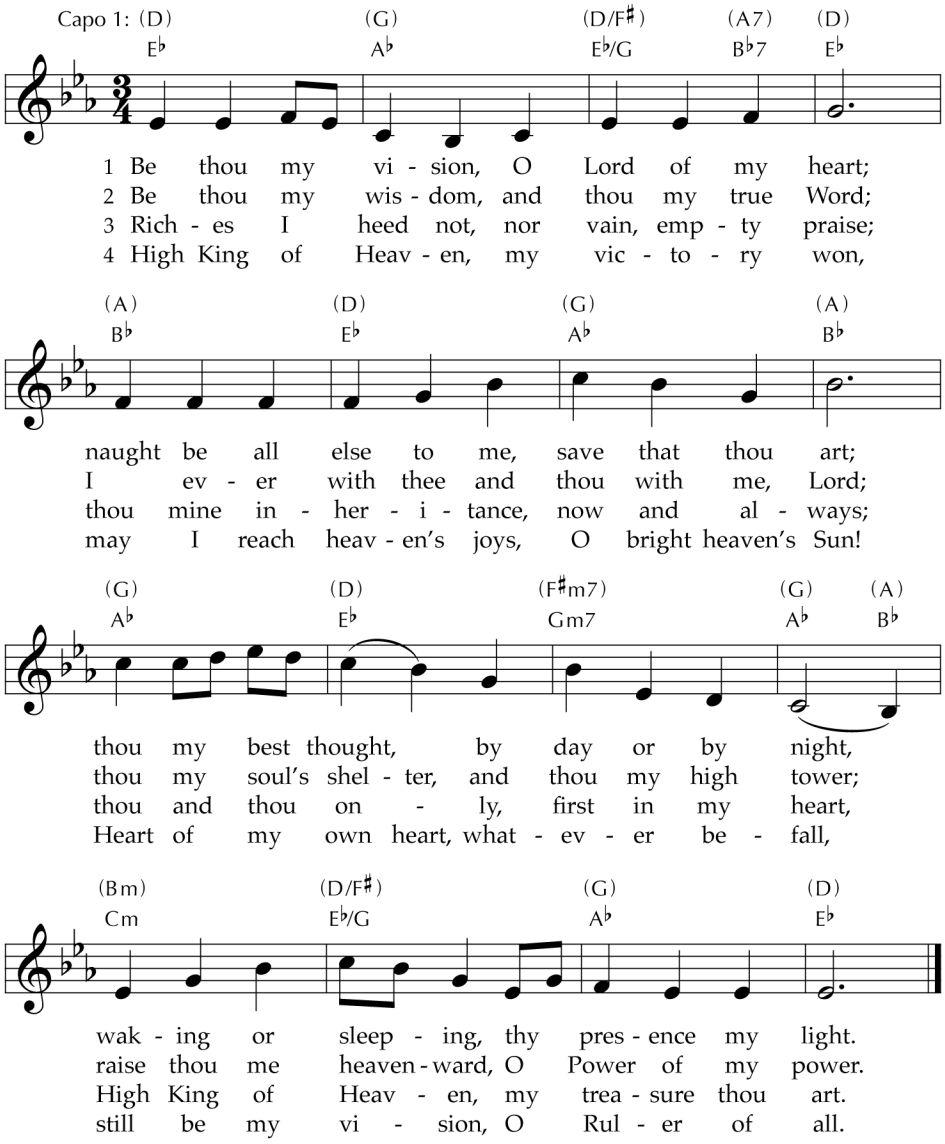
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MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
8.6.8.6.6

Verses 1 thru 2

THE WORD

450 Be Thou My Vision



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE
10.10.10.10