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August 28, 2022
12th 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 and fugue in B flat Major" J. S. BACH

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

Come, let us ground ourselves in the sacred wonder of this ordinary day,
for the Holy infuses all of our lives.

Let us gather together expectantly,
for the Living God sets the table for all Her Beloveds.

Let us rejoice,
for Love is not earned but freely given.

Our birthright is Belonging,
Let us welcome one another in.

Opening Prayer **Cheryl Weiss**

Creating One,
you welcome us to the path of healing
and invite us to the ways of radical love.
We desire to mirror your compassion
while at the same time honoring our own wellbeing.

Grant us wisdom to hold boundaries that support our thriving,
that we may be hemmed in from relationship dynamics that cause us harm.
May we feel the balance of what is ours to do
and what is ours to release into your Mysterious Peace.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 407** "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" NUN DANKET ALL'UND BRINGET EHR'

Call to Confession **Bill Weiss**

The path of faithfulness is the past of humility. Let us open ourselves before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith, saying…

Prayer of Confession **Bill Weiss**

Merciful God,
We tend to jockey for the highest position
and the most honorable seat at your table.
All are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first.
We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours.

Forgive our hierarchal ways.
Forgive our lust for prestige and power.
Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Isaiah 43:1) **Bill Weiss**

"Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."
Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

Musical Response Chorale prelude on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" J. S. BACH

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

Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
(Common English Bible translation)

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

7 When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. **8** "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. **9** The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. **10** Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. **11** All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

12 Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. **13** Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. **14** And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

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

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

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

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ with the words that you 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. 187** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

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

Postlude "Toccata in d minor (adapted)" J. S. BACH

* The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from Enfleshed: Liturgy That Matters. The Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Forgiveness were adapted from Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, editor of The Presbyterian Outlook.
* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

The service continues with fellowship.



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.

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Music: Organ, Piano	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Bill & Cheryl Weiss
Flowers	Dawn Kridel
Refreshments	Dawn Kridel

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 4
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, September 6
- Church Office Closed

Thursday, September 8
- Book Group – 7:00 pm - Zoom

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Pastor Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Office Administrator Judy Mowrer
Minister of Music Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw
Worship Accompanist Ken Shafer
AV Assistant/Event Steward. Tony Mendiola
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Office Hours: 8:30 am–1:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday
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Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



The subtle changes between the first and last stanzas here are important; they reveal how the gift of the Holy Spirit transforms and widens our concern from ourselves to the world around us. The tune is named for the text it first set, "Now let all thank and bring honor."

TEXT: Andrew Reed, 1829, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, c. 1647

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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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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young,* 1836, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

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