Westminster
Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Prelude "Austrian Hymn" DAVID PAXTON
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** **Rich Drushal**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

In the big flashy moments and in the everyday little things,
God provides.

Whether we have done more than enough or next to nothing,
God provides, and God calls.

Day in and day out,
God provides, God calls, and God teaches us to trust.

We come to worship the One who shows us a new way.

***Opening Prayer**

God of the miraculous and the mundane,
we praise you for your care —
in daily bread and in liberation from all that harms.
With you there is always enough,
even when we do not know how to name it.
Help us today to practice your abundance,
that we may be good stewards of your ordinary miracles each day.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 509** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession **Josie Drushal**

Let us acknowledge our constant need for God's mercy and grace to live as God's children knowing that God's forgiveness and love are ready for those who turn to God. Come boldly and together let us confess our sin…

Prayer of Confession **Josie Drushal**

God of manna and God of sea-parting power,
you know our needs and you act.
We have seen how you provide enough for all,
and yet we confess that we have chosen not to follow in your way.
Though we know our systems lead to death and run contrary to your kin-dom vision,
we admit that we are too afraid to leave them behind,
even for your promise of consistent abundant life.

We don't know how to do everything differently,
so we continue in the way it's always been,
even as we cry out for justice.

Forgive us our constrained imaginations,
our attachment to nostalgia,
our tendency to hoard while others go hungry,

and forgive us when we pray for big miracles
while ignoring your daily sustenance.
Bring us into the wilderness once again
and teach us how to be your people,
living according to your way.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Josie Drushal**

God opens our eyes to the wonder of God's goodness everyday.
In prayers and praise, words and wonder:
We are given enough joy to live each day.

In the unexpected generosity for the lost:
We are given enough compassion for daily service.

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:
We are given enough grace to share each day.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response **"**Ave Verum Corpus" MOZART

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 16: 1-18 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

16 The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin,
which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land
of Egypt. **2** The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **3** The
Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the
fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly
with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go
out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.
5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."
6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought
you out of the land of Egypt, **7** and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your
complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" **8** And Moses said, "When the Lord
gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the
complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has
heard your complaining.'" **10** And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward
the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. **11** The Lord spoke to Moses and said, **12** "I have
heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall
have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the
camp. **14** When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as
frost on the ground. **15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know
what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. **16** This is what the Lord has
commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons,
all providing for those in their own tents.'" **17** The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. **18** But when
they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no
shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Sermon **Wilderness Boot Camp** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

*** Hymn No. 81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

BAPTISM OF JOHN PATRICK "JACK" VENEY

Sentences of Scripture **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Today is a special day because today we get to welcome a new member into our church family! We have a very special and very old way of welcoming people who are new to the faith—it is called baptism.

Christians have been baptizing people for over 2000 years; it is something all Christians hold in common. Not only was Jesus himself baptized, but he also told us to baptize one another. We call this "the great commission."

Jesus said,
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
~ Matthew 28:18-20

In a baptism we use clean, pure water as a sign and a seal of God's love and forgiveness. Jack has grown up in this congregation and, with the love and nurture of his family, and you Westminster Church, he has learned more and more about God and has come to understand God's love more.

Today we gather to honor and celebrate Jack's desire to receive the sacrament of baptism. Baptism is the beginning of that lifelong journey of faith and the moment at which we recognize that God has made Jack a part of our church and a member of the body of Christ.

Presentation **Elder Bill Weiss**

On behalf of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church,
we present John Patrick Veney to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Questions for Baptism **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, John Patrick Veney, do you desire to be baptized?
I do.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.
I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

Question to Sponsor **Elder Bill Weiss**

Do you promise, through prayer and example,
to support and encourage Jack to be a faithful Christian?
I do.

Question to the congregation **Elder Bill Weiss**

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jack by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of this church?
We do.

Thanksgiving Over the Water **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Holy and gracious God,
you have created each one of us
and called us your children.
In you alone we find life.
By your power we are upheld.

We give you thanks for the gift of water
through which you nourish and sustain all living things.
Through the waters of the sea,
you led your people Israel
out of slavery into the freedom of the land of your promise.
In the same way, in our baptism,
you set us free from the powers that bind us
and promise us new life as a part of your covenant people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jack
so that he might know from this day forward
that he is claimed, protected, and upheld by your love.
Strengthen him to serve you with joy,
until that day when you make all things new. Amen.

The Baptism

John Patrick "Jack" Veney,
I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Welcome **Elder Bill Weiss**

Through baptism, Jack has been made a member of the household of God.
I charge you, the people of this congregation,
to love and nurture him,
so that he may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome Jack into Christ's church,
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage,
and support you in your life of faith.

Presentation of the Certificate of Baptism and Bible **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Closing Hymn No. 488** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" WATERLIFE

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

Postlude "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" JOHN ZUNDEL/ARR. DALE WOOD

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

Music:	Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
	Organ	Divine Gbagbo
	Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Refreshments		Lynne Hamrick
Flowers		Dawn Kridel
Sunday Assistant		Lynne Hamrick
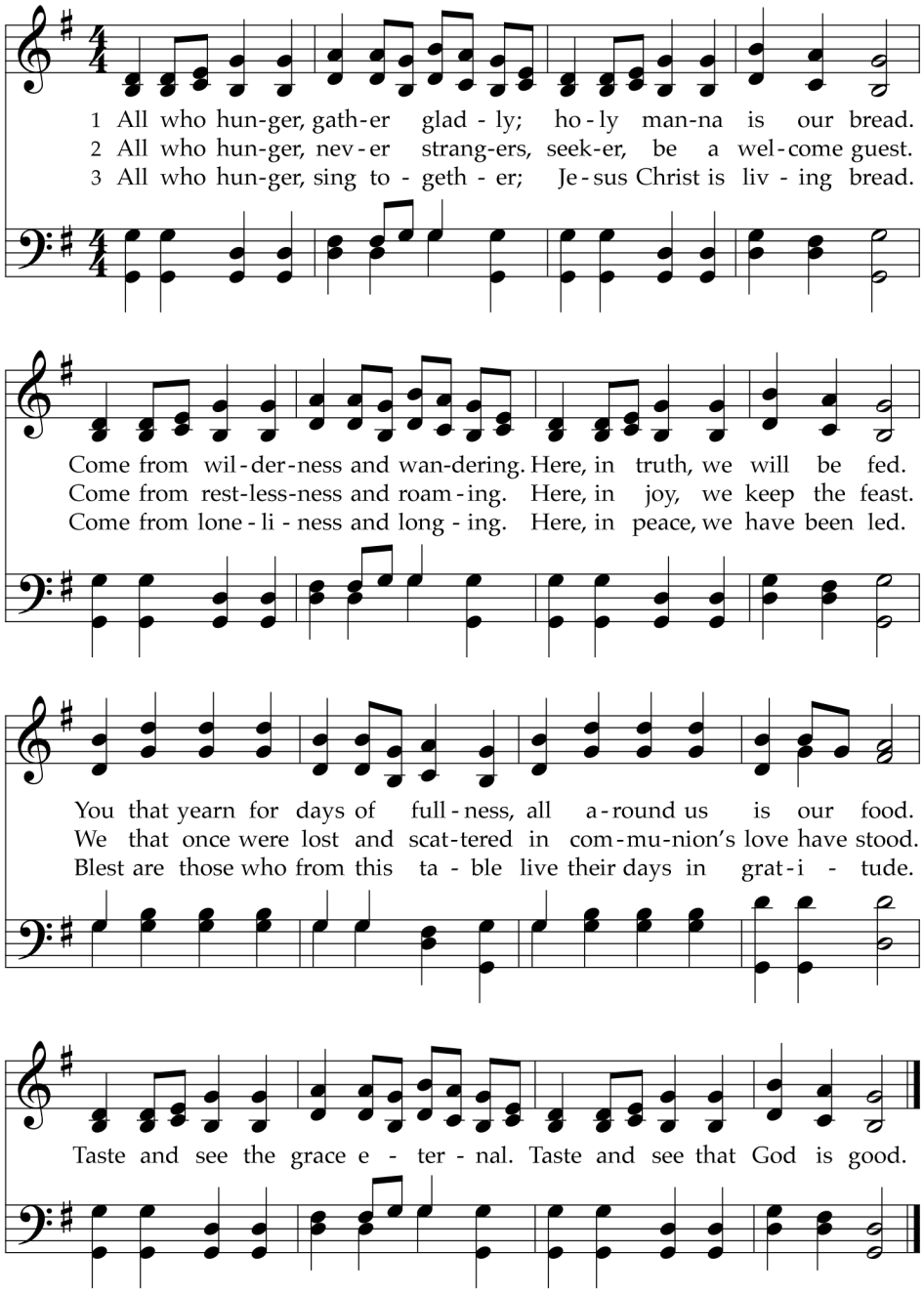
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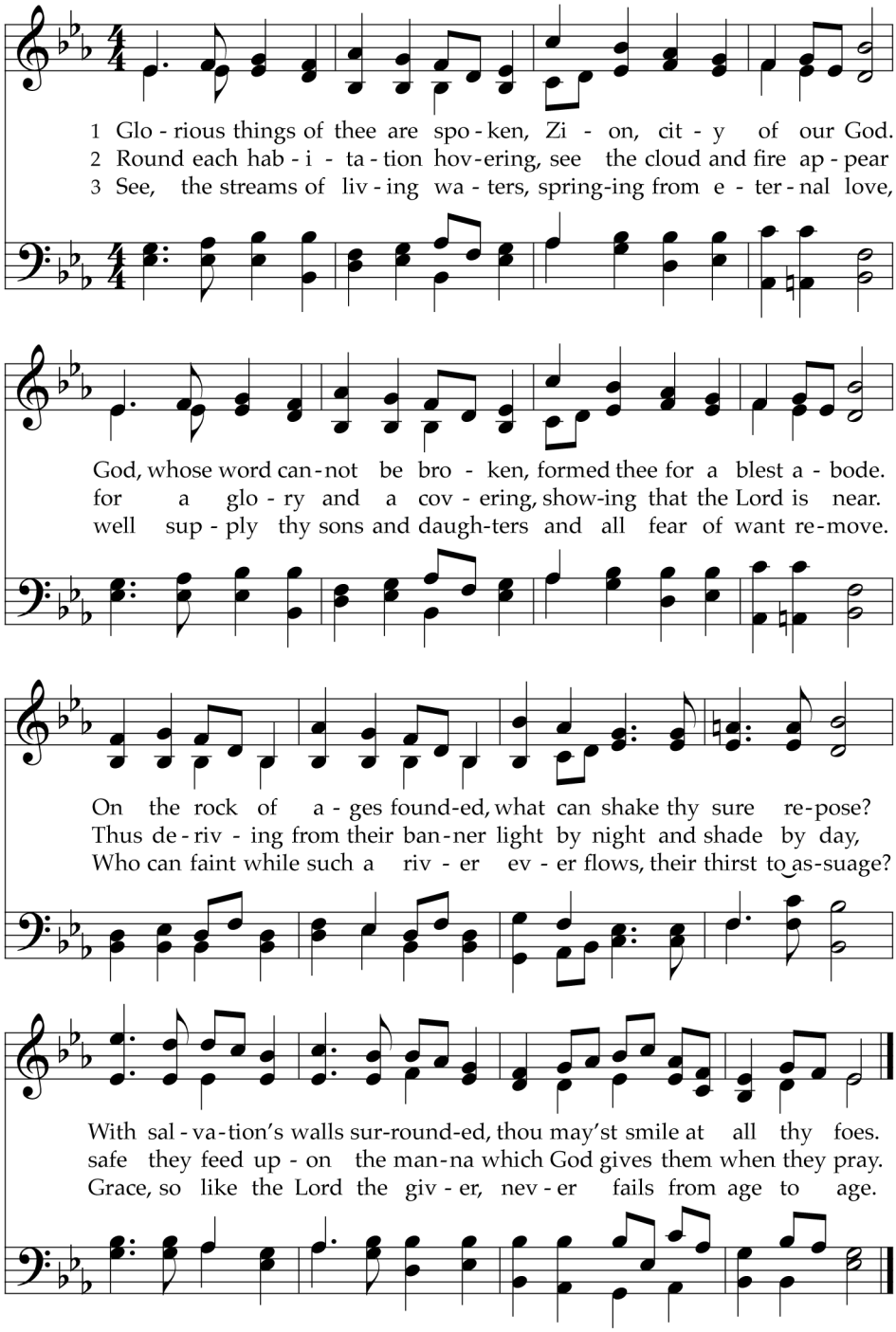


The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990
MUSIC: William Moore's *Columbian Harmony,* 1825
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(alternate harmonization, 396)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
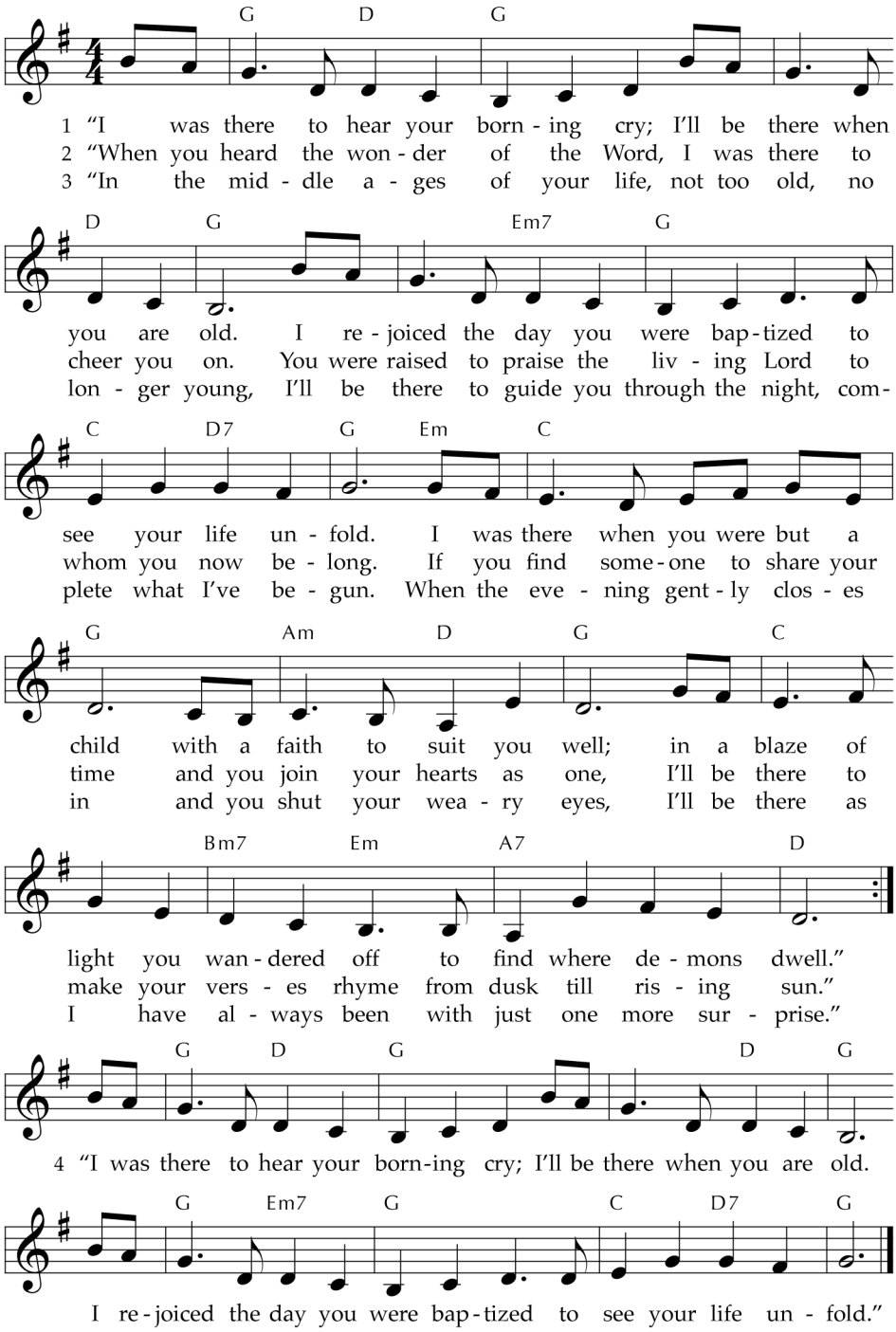


The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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BAPTISM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

TEXT and MUSIC: John C. Ylvisaker, 1985
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