Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2021
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Minute for Mission for Immigration Justice Ministry **Bill Weiss**

Prelude "Come, We That Love the Lord" MICHAEL SHEA
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** *Based on Ephesians 2* **Joel Chupp**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

We gather to remember that without you, O God, we have no hope.
Without you we were aliens and strangers to the covenants of promise.
In Christ, you have broken down all dividing walls and hostility between us.
Christ is our peace who reconciles those who are far off and those who are near.
In Christ there is no longer stranger nor alien, but all are citizens of the household of God.
Lord, by your Spirit grow all your children together into your holy dwelling place!

***Opening Prayer**

God of all creation,
Thank you for this holy time set aside each week
to nourish ourselves and find our home in you.
May this be the place where we experience
your Spirit of love and abundance surround us
even as our world is in turmoil.

Empower us with that Love that knows no partiality.
Give us courage to step into the broken places within and around us
and with compassion build your Beloved Community.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession **Joel Chupp**

One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is that
it allows us to claim that we are works in progress, and there is beauty in that.
You don't have to be perfect here.
You don't have to have it all figured out here.

You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next here.
You just have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest.
So friends, let us be honest. Let us pray the prayer of confession together…

Prayer of Confession/Truth Telling

Compassionate One, we are surrounded by the needs of your people and are overwhelmed by their suffering. We confess that so often the harms that comes to them could be alleviated by our willingness to share in their hardship, by our efforts to end the injustice that our systems and lifestyles help to support.

Have mercy on us, we pray. Touch our hearts. Open our eyes anew that we might recognize our sisters and brothers and be glad for the richness they bring to our family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who grows all into God's holy dwelling place. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Joel Chupp**

Beloved of God,
We are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God.
No matter what we have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start.
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God's ways are not our ways.
We loved, claimed, and forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response "Meditation," from *Thais* JULES MASSENET/ARR. BROUGHTON

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 2:1-10

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2**The woman conceived and bore a son;
and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. **3**When she could hide him no longer she
got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among
the reeds on the bank of the river. **4**His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She
saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6**When she opened it, she saw the child. He was
crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. **7**Then his sister said to
Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
8Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9**Pharaoh's daughter said
to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and

nursed it. [10]When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Sermon God's Holy Dwelling Place **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 749** Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

Prayer of the People **Joel Chupp**

With the hope of people who dream, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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. 300** We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIAN

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

Postlude Postlude in g minor FRANKLIN RITTER

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: Ken Shafer – Piano, Organ. Pong Thiemmedh – Guitar

Sunday Service Assistant is Cheryl Weiss.
Refreshments provided by Cheryl Weiss.
Flowers provided by Cheryl Weiss.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt. ELLACOMBE
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle,* 1784; alt. 1868 CMD

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



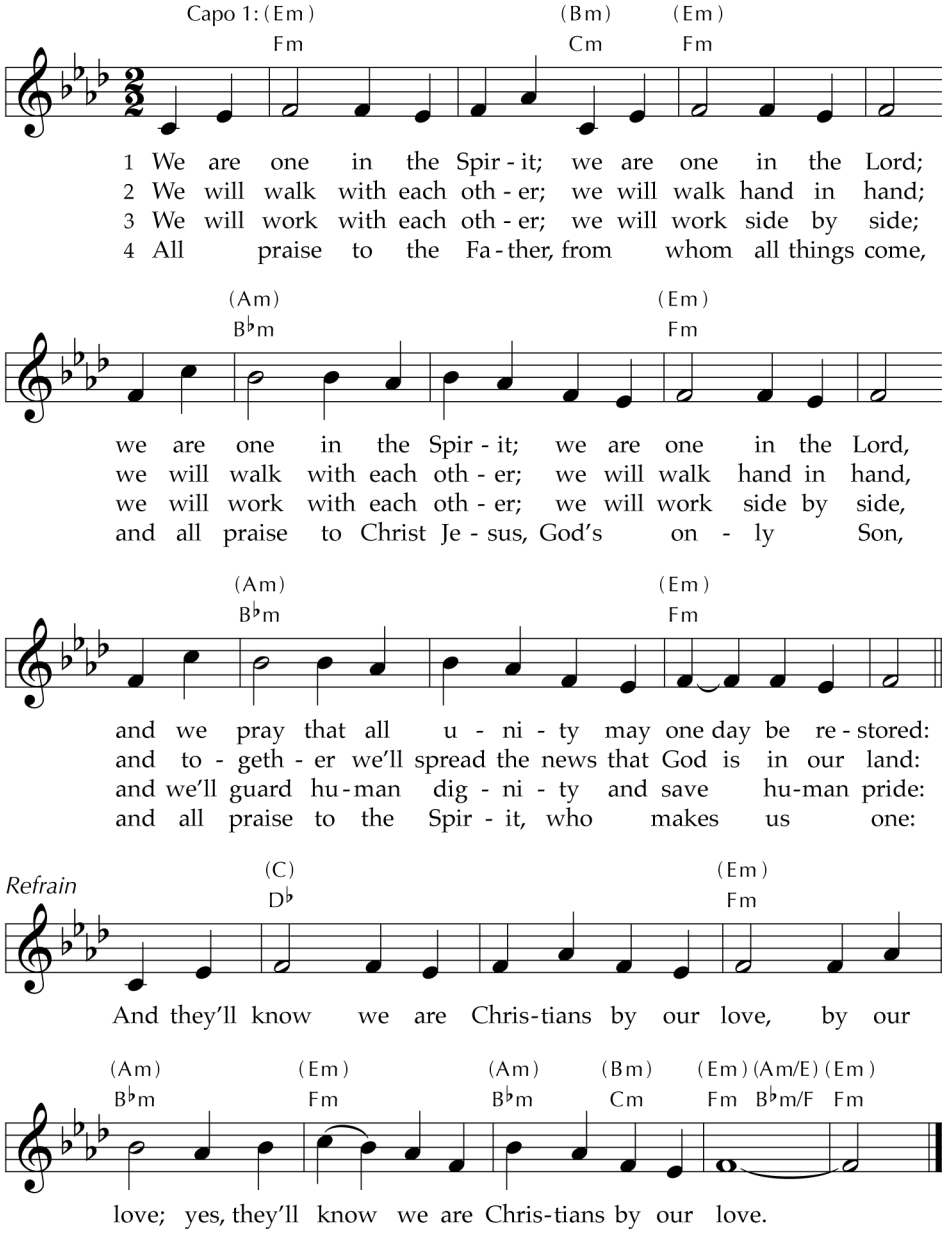
The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988
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WE ARE CALLED
Irregular

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
Text and Music © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

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