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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday
February 4, 2024

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikö 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 **"Rondo"** ***W.A. Mozart***
Bob Iams, piano

***Gathering Words**

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

We come with questions, curiosity, our fears and our doubts.
Fill us with awe and wonder, and a clear sense of your presence, O God.
We come seeking guidance and inspiration.
Challenge us to faithfulness.
We come trusting the promise that you hear us and love us as we are.
Fill us with your freedom and peace so that we proclaim your truth!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, you sent many into the world
to proclaim your kin-dom on earth.
Send us, equip us, and walk with us so that everyone
may enjoy your abundant reign. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 714** **"God of the Fertile Fields"** ***Italian Hymn

Call to Confession

God claims us as beloved and desires our wholeness.
Let us join our voices and confess our failures, our mistakes, our sin and receive God's mercy.
Relying on the Spirit for the right words,
let us pray together our prayer of confession …

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
We confess, though, that sometimes we get tripped up by what we have known,
unable to allow others to grow because we want them to be the person we remember,
unable to grow ourselves because others want us to always be like we've always been.

We confess that sometimes we question your instructions,
unwilling to believe we could ever do what you're asking us to do,
unwilling to trust your guidance.

Forgive us, O God.
Empower us, move our hands and feet and voices,
to not only silently recognize your power
but to speak up and participate in your purpose.
We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God hears our words and make us new,
sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

We hear the good news, we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

Musical Response No. 591 **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"** ***Halle, Halle***

Musical Offering **"Precious Memories"** ***J.B.F. Wright***
Dave Schmidt, guitar

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. Enikö Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Mark 6b-13** ***(CEB translation)*** **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching.

7 He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean
spirits. 8 He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread,
no bags, and no money in their belts. 9 He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two
shirts. 10 He said, "Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. 11 If a
place doesn't welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a
witness against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their
hearts and lives. 13 They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive
oil and healed them.

Sermon **Proclaimers of Good News – Reflections by members of Troop 61**

Communion Hymn No. 526 **"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"** ***Linstead***

Service of Communion **Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, You gather us at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on your dreams and visions of life abundant,
to be nourished by but a taste of what you desire to do among us.

You call us from institutional halls of power, from shelters and the streets,

from classrooms and prison cells.

You call us as we are, from wherever we are, to come and be in solidarity with Christ,
who lives and loves on the margins.

You whisper "come" and live abundantly,
turning from all that claims blessings flow from money, power, or control.
Come, and love relentlessly, following Christ on paths of uncertainty,
taking risks for one another, calling down unjust power from its throne,
and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

You call us to trust that together, we might enflesh new possibilities of healing, of connection, of freedom from all that destroys.

And so we pray: Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renewer of life,
settle on these gifts and all who gather here, that we might be transformed in our remembrance of your radical love, your eternal embrace, and your grace that makes all things news.

Remind us that we are your beloved children,
called, equipped, and empowered to live as light to the world
and to love others as we have been loved.

For the sake of our shared lives, the life of this land on which we live,
and the lives of those yet to come, nourish us and renew our hope
that soon Christ may rise again among us.

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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn No. 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" *Kingsfold

Benediction Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

Postlude "Postlude on 'St. Dunstan's'" *C.W. Douglas*

They who would valiant be against all disaster,
Let them in constancy follow the Master.
No discouragement shall make them once relent
Their first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

The service continues with fellowship.

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*The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were written by Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy.
The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.*
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Bob Iams, piano;
Pong Thiemmedh, percussion; Dave Schmidt, guitar
*Sunday Service assistant/treats: Linda Barbu
*Flowers: Tim Mendiola

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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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb. 4

- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – Mackey Hall
- Worship Service with Communion: Scout Sunday – 10 am – Mackey Hall
  - Launch of the WPC 150th Anniversary Mission Project
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, Feb. 5

- Scout Troop 61 – 6:30 pm – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 6

- Worship Committee – 1 pm – The Lounge
- COW Great Decisions Series – 7.30 pm – Scheide

Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Benevolence Committee – 2 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, Feb. 8

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Saturday, Feb. 10

- Muskingum Valley Presbytery Stated Meeting – 10 am – noon – Zoom
- Chinese New Year Celebration – 12.30 – 2.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Sunday, Feb. 11

- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – Mackey Hall
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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God of the Fertile Fields 714



Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.
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ITALIAN HYMN
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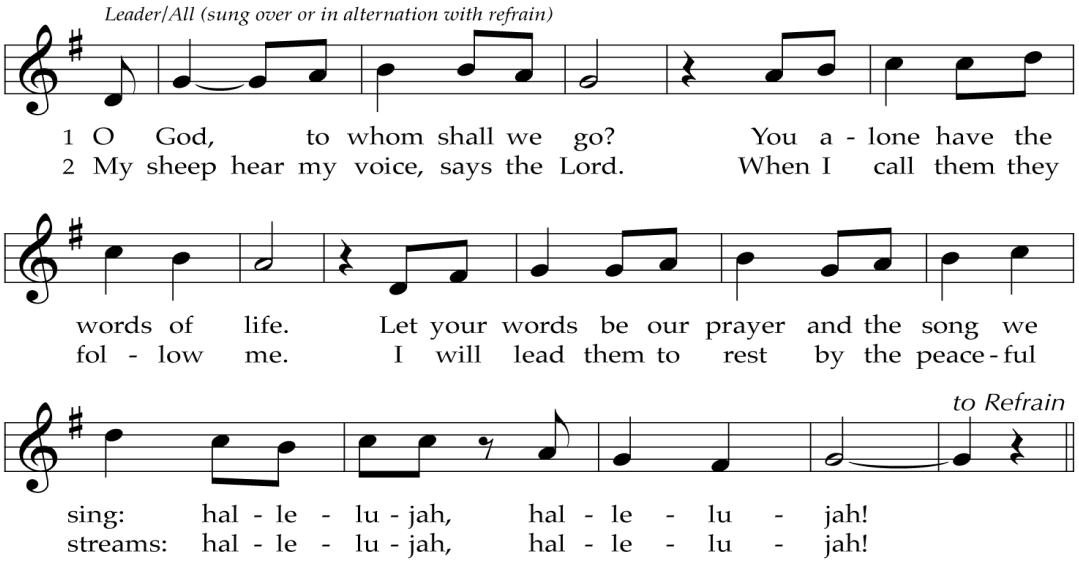
591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain



TEXT: Ref., trad. liturgical text; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1990
MUSIC: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1990; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1990
Text and Music © 1990 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)
Music Arr. © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc.

HALLE, HALLE
Irregular


Leader/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)
1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a - lone have the
2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they
words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
fol - low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace - ful
to Refrain
sing: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
streams: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

LORD'S SUPPER

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975
MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975
Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

LINSTEAD
LM with refrain

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs,* 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

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thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who
poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.