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May 22, 2022
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Minute for Mission — **Lemoine Peart**

Prelude — "Sonatina" — LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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** — **Ferenc Relle**

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

I invite the left side to read the regular print petitions and the right side the **bold ones**.
We join our voices in the last petition.

We give thanks for you!
And we give thanks for you!

Seeing you brings joy, for together we share in God's grace.
Seeing you brings hope, for together we share so many stories we can build on.

We hold you in our hearts, praying that you may know life in all its fullness.
We hold you in our hearts, praying that you may bear fruit for Christ's kingdom.

All: May you overflow with love more and more, as together we seek God's face.

***Opening Prayer** — **Ferenc Relle**

Glory be to you, O God,
for you bring your work to fruition,
in your time.
We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for you call all people to share in your good news,
in every place.
We rejoice in you, Holy Spirit,
for you give gifts, seen and unseen,
in your wisdom.
Wherever we find ourselves today, and however we arrived at this moment,
lead us through your love to your way.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 468** "In My Life" LORD, BE GLORIFIED

Call to Confession **Candy Relle**

God desires life in fullness for all God's creation. Let us confess the ways we fail to live in ways that are lifegiving to ourselves and to others, knowing that God longs to bring new life to fruition in us. God is ready to forgive and renew us so let us pray…

Prayer of Confession **Candy Relle**

You call us to share your good news,
and to let you handle the rest, O God.

We confess that we are prone to distraction,
comparing ourselves to others,
wondering how to copy them or by judging their methods.
We allow this spirit of comparison to steal both our joy and our focus,
and fear that we are not prepared enough to join in your kin-dom work
because we can't do it the way others do.

Forgive us for taking our eyes off you,
for our simultaneous jealousy and judgment.
Forgive us for hesitating to follow you.

Remind us again that it is your work in us,
your love made known through us,
your word spoken through our voices
that brings life.
Strengthen our weakness that we may serve you with joy.
We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Candy Relle**

Friends, hear this good news:
God longs for us
and is eager to bring the work of love to fruition in us.
In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and empowered
To join God's kin-dom work with joy.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response **"**Adagio" from Piano Concerto in a minor EDVARD GRIEG/ARR. LANI SMITH

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

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

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, **4** always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy **5** for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.**8** For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight **10** to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, **11** having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, **13** so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, **14** and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

15 Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. **16** These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; **17** the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. **18** What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Sermon **A Community Overflowing with Love** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 754** "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Ferenc and Candy Relle**

Prayer of the People **Ferenc and Candy Relle**

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who 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. 693** "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

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

Postlude "Verset" GIOVANNI BATTISTA MARTINI

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.

GIVE NOW

You may also go on-line 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.

*Note: The prayers were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 22
- Sunday Service – 10:00 – Mackey Hall
- Ice Cream Social & Plant Sale - 11 am - outside Mackey

Tuesday, May 24
- Congregational Care Committee – 1:00 – The Lounge
- Immigration Justice Committee – 3:00 – Zoom

Wednesday, May 25
- CAMO Volunteering – 10:00 am – CAMO, Orrville OH
- Session – 6:30 pm – The Lounge

Sunday, May 29
- Sunday Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

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Music:	Drum, Organ, Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Piano, Organ	Ken Shafer
	Tambourine	Pong Thiemmedh

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Ferenc and Candy Relle
Flowers	Dorothy Iams
Refreshments	Ferenc and Candy Relle

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468 In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified



This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978
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PRAYER



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1974
MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974
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Though I May Speak 693

The Gift of Love



As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972
MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972
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