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September 25, 2022
16th 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 "Fugue in Classic Style" NICOLA MIASKOVSKY

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

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.
Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough
to step out of comfort into the unknown.
Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, "Save us, O God.
Preserve us for your purposes."

Opening Prayer **Joel Chupp**

Let us pray…

God of steadfast love,
True to your promise to never leave us, you come into the midst of the turmoil of our lives.

Save us from becoming presumptuous about your will for us and for others,
From belittling each other,
From despising others for daring to dream when we are afraid,
From becoming hardened to the suffering of our sisters and brothers.

God of power,
liberate us from the shackles of
What isn't, what doesn't work, what cannot happen.

Raise us up,
Lift our eyes to notice every glimmer of light, no matter how faint,
to see you in all things.
Give us courage to live out of the abundance of your love for all your children.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 410** "God is Calling through the Whisper" W ZLOBIE LEZY

Call to Confession **Joel Chupp**

God created humanity for community—community with each other, with the earth, and with the Holy. Trusting in God's good purpose and forgiving love, we admit that we have not lived up to God's vision for us. Let us pray our responsive prayer of confession…

Prayer of Confession **Joel Chupp**

Loving God, you never play favorites.
Looking at your whole creation, you called it very good…and you made us in your image.
Yet we confess that we have not mastered the ability to love everyone.
We have made love into a feeling and reserved it for a few,
rather than seeing it as a way of living that insists on justice for all.
We lament the divisions, the supremacy, the inherent inequity of our way of limited love.

(brief silence)

God-with-us, you came to live among us, to share our humanity in all its pain and joy.
We confess that too often, our relationships are built on assumptions.
We are not good at listening, or at seeking to understand the other's position.
We assume they know, or feel, what we know and feel,
and so our empathy is limited.
We lament the broken relationships in our past and our present,
the misunderstanding and the pain that we have caused.

(brief silence)

Compassionate God, we are sorry—
sorry for the hurt we have caused,
to those near to us and those we will never meet.
We recognize that pain, for we share it too.
We ask your forgiveness, and your healing grace.
Show us a more excellent way of love for you, for ourselves, for our neighbor.
We ask for your help, in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness **Joel Chupp**

Friends, hear and believe this good news:
through Christ, God's grace is for us all.
In Christ, the old way has gone, and a new way has begun.

Let us live like Christ, trusting God's promise and sharing God's abundant love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "Priere a Notre-Dame" LEON BOELLMANN
from *Suite Gothique*

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
NRSV Bible translation

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the story of the
family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper
to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had
made him a long robe with sleeves. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his
brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not
your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." 14 So
he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So
he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, 15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you
seeking?" 16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 The
man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his
brothers, and found them at Dothan.

18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to
one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we
shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when
Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them,
"Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue
him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of
his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was
empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their
camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers,
"What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and
not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 When some
Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for
twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Sermon **Choose to Dream** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" JUNKANOO

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Joel Chupp**

Prayer of the People **Joel Chupp**

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. 741** "Guide My Feet" GUIDE MY FEET

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

Postlude "Menuet Gothique", from *Suite Gothique* LEON BOELLMAN

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
* The Opening Prayer, and the Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, writing for the *Bibleworm* collective.

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:	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Drum	Pong Thiemmedh

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant	Lemoine Peart & Tim Mendiola
Flowers	Lemoine Peart & Tim Mendiola
Refreshments	Barbara Tartir

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 28

- **CAMO (Central American Medical Operation) – 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Thursday, September 29

- **Book Group / Politics of Persecution – 7:00 pm - Zoom**
- **Dance & Exercise - 8:30 am - The Meeting Place**

Friday, September 30

- **October Newsletter published**

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday

- **Worship Service - 10:00 am - Mackey Hall**

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Pastor Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Minister of Music Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw
Worship Accompanist Ken Shafer
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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday

As we move forward to searching for our next office administrator, our office hours may be irregular for the next few weeks. Please contact Pastor Enikő at eferenczy@gmail.com or (804) 426-9392 with questions. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition!

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GATHERING

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003
MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958
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(this tune in a higher key, 128)

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

Guide My Feet 741



2 Hold my hand …
3 Stand by me …
4 I'm your child …
5 Search my heart …
6 Guide my feet …

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984
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