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Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music

Minute for Mission

People to People

Linda Barbu

Prelude

*"Deposuit potentes" (from Magnificat)
Davian Raggio, tenor; Ken Shafer, piano*

J S Bach

*Gathering Words

Lemoine Peart

Truly I tell you, no one can witness the kin-dom of God
unless they are born again.

We die to self-importance
that we might be born into interdependence.

We die to indifference
that we might be born into compassion.

We die to competition
that we might be born into community.

We die to accepting our neighbor's demise
that we might be born into solidarity.

Truly I tell you, no one can witness the kin-dom of God
unless they are born again.

Come! We worship the God of Life Abundant,
of the kin-dom here and now.

***Opening Prayer**

Lemoine Peart

Let us pray ...

God of rebirth, we are surrounded so much that is death-dealing. Amidst our grief and rage, we ask for courage to choose the Ways of Life. We know that despair and isolation are tools of oppressors. So, practice hope with us. Build community with us.

Embolden us to change our lives in real ways for the work of solidarity.

Your Spirit blows where she will, and we are listening, O God,
praying to be ready to move when you call.
May it be so. Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 476**

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

Crashing Waters

Call to Confession

Juli Douglass-Gillespie

*Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children.
Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts.
Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life.
Let us confess our failures to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.*

Prayer of Confession

Juli Douglass-Gillespie

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

**In the mystery of grace, Holy God, forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others.
In the mystery of mercy, touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others.
In the mystery of hope, claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One,
in whom healing, transformation, and life abundant become reality.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Juli Douglass-Gillespie

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst.
Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**No longer lost, we have found our way home,
surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***The Peace**

Juli Douglass-Gillespie

In God's amazing grace is our only peace.
Forgiven once again by grace, let us participate in God's peace together.
I invite you to turn to the people to your left and to your right, behind you and before you,
and share the peace of God with one another using the greeting:

*"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.*

***Musical Offering No. 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy (English, Spanish, English) Argentine Santo**

"Hear my prayer, O Lord" (from Biblical Songs, Opus 99) Anton Dvorak

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, my God. O hide not Thy face from my petition.
Bow Thine ear to me, and hearken unto the voice of my mourning.
Pained sore is my heart within, and trembling hath fallen upon me, the fear of death overwhelms me.
Hear my sighing.
O had I but eagle's pinions, had I wings like the silver dove, far away would I wander.
I would hide me in the wilderness.
On wings I would hasten to hide from the storm and fearful tempest.*

*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. Enikő Ferenczy

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe; how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayer of the People

Lemoine Peart and Juli Douglass-Gillespie

We ask these things through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen— May our future actions grow from here!

*Closing Hymn No. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude

“The Holy City”

Stephen Adams/arr. James Holland

Davian Raggio, tenor; Ken Shafer, piano

The service continues with fellowship.

*The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from Rev. Molly Bolton writing for *Enfleshed: Liturgy That Matters*. The prayer of confession was adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman. The Lord's Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Davian Raggio, tenor; Ken Shafer, piano

*This morning we welcome Davian Raggio, tenor, who is returning for his second season with OLO this summer. Davian is from Texas and a recent graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance. Following the OLO season, he will be attending CU Boulder in the Fall for the Master of Music in Voice Performance program. Welcome, Davian!



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.



GIVE NOW

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, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day – office is closed

Wednesday, May 28

- CAMO – 9 am-12 pm – Orrville
- Killbuck District Eagle Board Review – 6-8 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, May 30

- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, June 2

- Worship Service with Communion – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Celebration of the successful Mustard Seed Campaign with Ice Cream Social following worship – Mackey Patio

Monday, June 3

- Scout Troop 61 – 6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, June 4

- OLO Welcome Picnic – 5-6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

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BAPTISM

476 Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (F#dim7) Gdim7 (Em) Fm

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7) Edim7 (Em) Fm

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
 cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
 round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
 thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7) Gdim7 (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (B) C (Em) Fm

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
 veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Santo, santo, santo

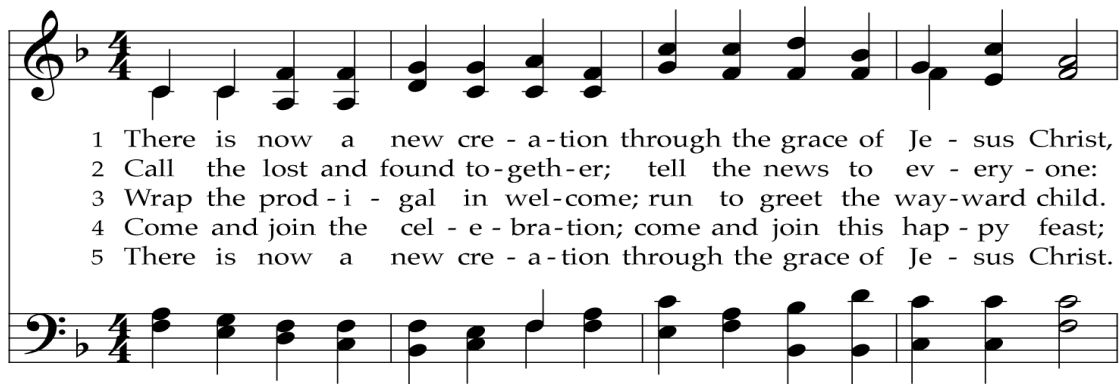
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. Argentine

ARGENTINE SANTO
6.7.8.5

774 There Is Now a New Creation



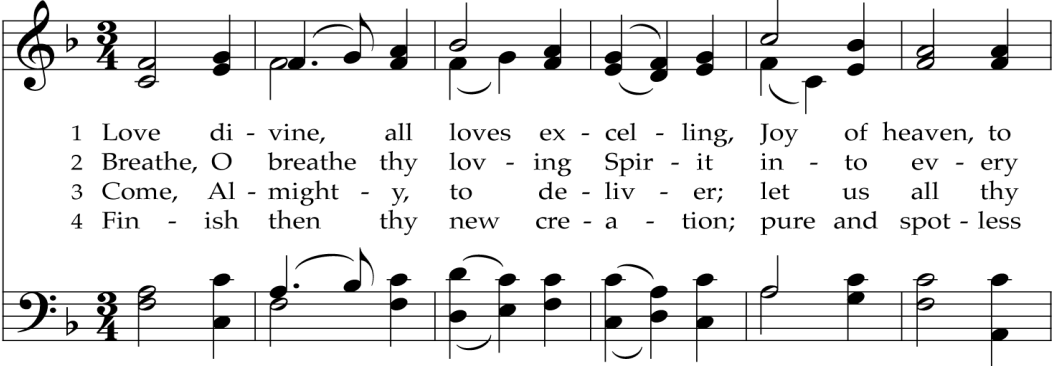
1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

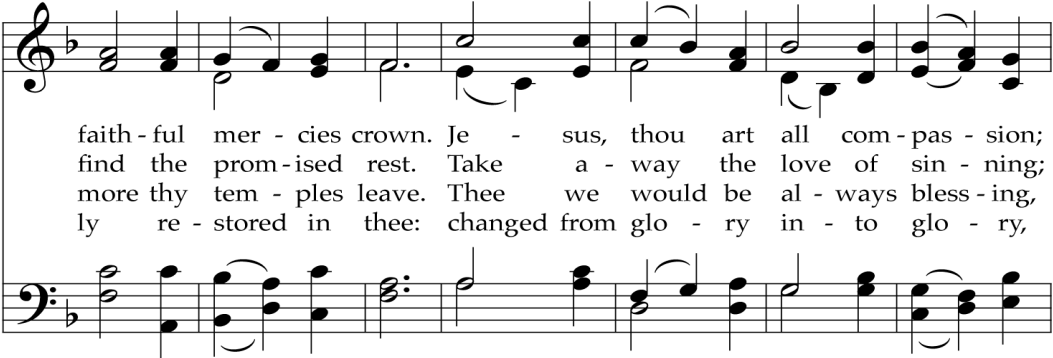
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.