Westminster Presbyterian Church

MAY 30, 2021
TRINITY SUNDAY

Prelude "Veni Creator" PETER STEAMS
Kenneth Shafer, organ

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

Gathering Words **Sherry and Eric Miller**

Blessed is every creature and creation – unique and particular.
Each, a testimony to God.
Through our diversity and differences, divinity is encountered.
The glory of God is revealed in our midst.
Extravagant and expansive is the image of God.
Holy is the collage of life.

Opening Prayer **Sherry and Eric Miller**

God of Multiplicity,
you move fluidly among us without concern for boxes, binaries, or the bounds of doctrine. Wild and free, you are beyond control or consumption. Over and over, you reveal yourself in new ways, in an abundance of forms: Surprising us. Transforming us. Freeing us from forces that limit our sense of what's possible.
May your Spirit come and help us to perceive.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
Fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing;
Help us to follow you.

Refrain
Come, come come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema.
Njoo, njoo, njoo, Roho mwema.

2 Come to teach us; come to nourish
Those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful; may they flourish,
Strengthened by grace unpriced. (Refrain)

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
Done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
Freeing from guilt and shame. (Refrain)

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
Nor rootless liberty;

Turn disquiet to contentment,
Doubt into certainty. (Refrain)

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
Unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
Which you alone assure. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession **Sherry and Eric Miller**

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 mold our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Sherry and Eric Miller**

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.

Musical Response Meditation on "St Agnes" WILBUR HELD
Kenneth Shafer, organ

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Sermon Uncomfortable Calling **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3 Breath on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Prayer of the People **Sherry and Eric Miller**

We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

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 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude

Kenneth Shafer, organ

*Note: The Gathering Words and the Opening Prayer were adapted from *Enflesh: Liturgy that Matters.* The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Thom Shuman.
The Lord's Prayer is a retranslation from the Aramaic by Mark Berry from the Emerging Church Movement.

Music: Ken Shafer – Organ