

May 15, 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter



Leading Worship Today:

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

**Lay Leaders:** Barb Janski

Kathy Quady

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

*Please stand when there is an \**  
*Please read along with all **Bold** text*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Someone who does not run  
toward the allure of love  
walks a road where nothing lives.  
-Rumi*

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God from heaven,

**praise God from the mountaintops;**

Praise God, all you heavenly angels,

**praise God, all you celestial warriors,**

Praise God, sun and moon,

**praise God, you morning stars;**

Praise God, high heaven,

**praise God, heavenly rain clouds;**

Praise, oh let them praise the name of God—

**God spoke the word, and there they were!**

Let us praise the Holy One our God!

\*OPENING HYMN

**#14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong.

**O Lord, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are**

**satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Rejoice and hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE**

***The Gloria Patri #581***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open us, O God, to your presence in the word read and proclaimed, that we might take in what you say to us this day. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**EPISTLE READING**

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor,

12 serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

**#288 Spirit of the Living God**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3&4 (NIV)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2** "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." **3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. **4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

**6** When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **7** Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. **8** Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. **9** Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

**10** When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

**4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. **3** And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." **4** And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" **5** Then

Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

**6** The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7** But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8** When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

**9** But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." **10** Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11** And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Is that your final answer?*

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those  
who have been delivered from death to life".  
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



\*DOXOLOGY

**#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All thanks and praise to you O God, Creator of the cosmos and all that is within it.

We come to you in gratitude for this, another day of life in your beautiful creation.

We give you thanks for the call you have placed on our lives, for your grace made known in Jesus Christ, and for this family of faith into which you have adopted us.

In the silence of our hearts we lift to you now all for which we are grateful...

We give you thanks that when we call to you in prayer you do not leave our intercessions unheard.

In recognition of this truth we pray for the needs of the church, the whole of humanity, and the world.

We pray for your Church, that we and all its members may be faithful disciples;

living the way of Jesus, loving you with our whole selves and loving every one of our neighbors.

We pray for this earth; that it might be freed from the ravages of war, disease, and pollution.

We pray for those in positions of leadership across this nation and around the globe; may they lead with wisdom, justice, humility, and mercy.

We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, especially all those with COVID19 and its effects. We pray also for the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and caregivers seeking the healing of others. We ask for your healing presence to be made known to all in need. Especially, we pray for...

We pray for those in our community in the midst of grief. We pray for those in our community who are in the midst of loss, stress, anxiety, and change. Surround them with your gracious Spirit, that they may know your comfort.

We pray for all who struggle for justice; devoting themselves to ending white supremacy, classism, ableism, transphobia, and all systems of hate, fear, and oppression. Encourage and empower us to seek justice for all people.

We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, who don't have a safe place to call home, who struggle to maintain the basic necessities of life. May all people have enough.

We pray for all the silent intentions of our hearts and minds...

Hear these, our prayers, O God of mercy, and strengthen us for all that is ahead, until the day when you usher us into the blessed Reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

**#757 Today we All Are Called to Be Disciples**

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Larger Print Hymns:** Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

**Children's Bulletins:** Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

#### WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 148.

All other liturgy comes from/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

## MUSIC LICENSES

**#14 For the Beauty of the Earth** | TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt. | MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 | Public Domain

**#288 Spirit of the Living God** | TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926 | MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926 | Text and Music © 1935 Birdwing Music (ASCAP). Korean Trans.© 2001 Birdwing Music (ASCAP) (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com). All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**#757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** | TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 | MUSIC: English County Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 | Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May 15-20, 2022:** Pastor Brian will be out of the office. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Christy or a Session member. Our guest preacher on May 15th will be the Rev. Anna Kendig Flores, the Anti-Racism Coordinator of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

**Volunteers for Pray and Play:** The Faith Formation Committee is seeking individuals who would like to volunteer on a rotational basis during Coffee and Conversation time to supervise our children while they engage in fellowship with each other during Pray & Play. Your responsibility would be to lead the children in a prayer (provided by the Faith Formation Committee) afterward you can choose to supervise the children as they play or unleash your inner child and challenge them to one of the many available games. Please let Christy know if you are interested in becoming part of the Pray & Play team.

**How can we pray for you?** Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



**BPC Prayer List:**

Susan Schermer

John and Charlotte Collins

George Thole

Dolores Penski

Al DeBellis

Jo Hatcher

Jodie and Jimmy, Lanny and Shirley Taylor's Daughter and Son-in-law.

Janice Sorby

Sharon, Lavina & Larry Pattee's daughter

Mark Lawlor

Julie Bernard, Charlie Wilken's daughter

For the peoples of Ukraine and Russia.

For peace in Ukraine and around the world.

For those with dementia or alzheimers and their caregivers.

For those with COVID 19 and their caregivers.

For all nurses, doctors, and healthcare professionals.

For the Presbytery of the Twin Cities area in the midst of leadership transitions.

For neighboring congregations in the midst of transition.

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# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

## Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

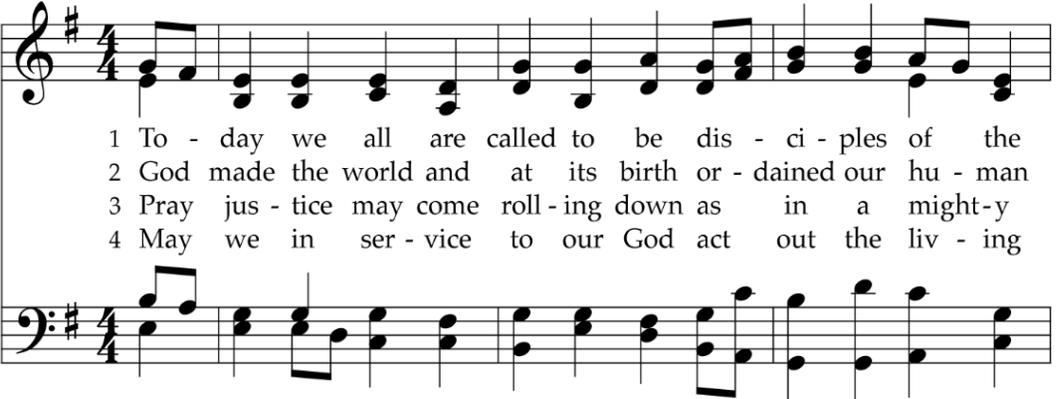
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## SPANISH

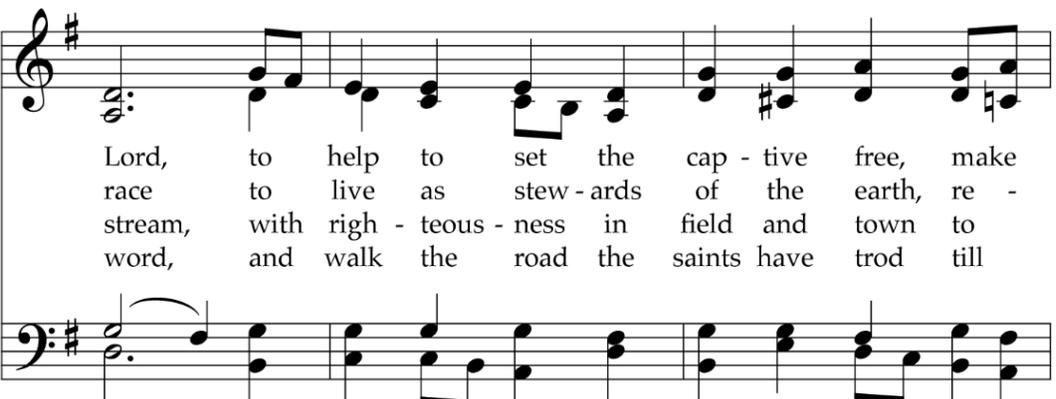
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*  
*Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.*  
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

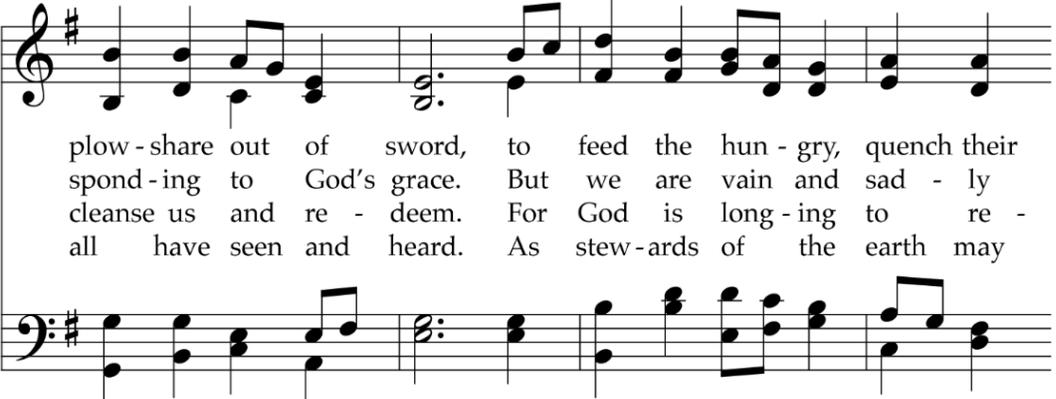
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

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.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

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.