



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Live Into Jesus'
Inclusive Call



To Love Every Person,
Care for Creation,
And Work for God's Justice

10/18/2026

Celebration of Worship

October 18th, 2026, 11:00 AM
21st Sunday after Pentecost
[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Meditation on St. Denio

Words of Welcome

Pastor Kristina

Announcements

Gail Mott

Chime

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Please join in the refrain:

"Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity."

***Call to Worship** (Mary J. Scifres, mod.)

One: The earth has its kings, but God reigns of all.

Many: Praise God above all, the Giver of Life!

One: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

Many: but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.

One: Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

Many: O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways!

One: Come to the Rock, the God of life.

Many: We come, open to the blessing only God can give.

***Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 7.)

*Prayer of Invocation (Mary J. Scifres, mod.)

Loving, living God, be among us now.

Show us your ways. Guide our steps.

Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope
and powerful living.

Help us hear your words,
challenging us to give you all things that are yours.

Help us remember that *all* we are and *all* we have
are gifts from you—gifts to be shared in service and love.

Help us to be a holy people who receive your word with joy
and live your message with love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, mod.)

Holy one, make us instruments of your peace:

where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

(A moment of silence is observed for listening and personal prayer.)

One: Holy One, You call each of us beloved. Each of us cherished.

Each of us desired. Each of us sacred.

Many: For this, we give you thanks now and forever! Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Music for Reflection

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

*"Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.

Glory to our Maker, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.

Foth now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen."*

Text: Michael Dennis Browne

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Circulated and Spent

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

(Verses 1-4 - Music may be found on page 8.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

† Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

It's All Over Me

Negro Spiritual

*"I say it's all over me, and it's keepin' me alive,
King Jesus is keepin' me alive.*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessin' tune my heart to sing thy grace.

Streams of mercy never ceasin' call for songs of louder praise.

I say it's all in my hand, and it's keepin' me alive. . .

Thank God that heav'nly love is all in my heart, and it's keepin' me alive. . ."

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Let songs rise up from earth below;

Let stars and galaxies enthrone;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

"Holy One, we acknowledge that all things have their origin with you.

These gifts we freely give to further your purpose in this place,

in our community, and in the wider world. Amen."

*Hymn

We Walk in Love

Deanna Witkowski

(Music may be found on page 9.)

Benediction

Postlude

Immortal Pilgrims' Jam

A participatory postlude combining elements from two tunes heard today.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Thank you to. . .

Pastor: Rev. Kristina Hansen
Liturgist: Gail Mott

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Isa Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker,
Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman
Alto: Lillian Gundersen, Ruth Dunlop
Tenor: Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Gavin Kosmack
Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

All music and musical texts in this bulletin are reprinted with permission
under One License, License # A-707805 and CCLI License # 21572398

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, October 18

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
7:00PM Sophia Circle

Tuesday, October 20

10:30AM Sacred Studies Group
6:00PM Session Mtg, Hybrid

Wednesday, October 21

10:30AM Sunday Forum Team Mtg, Zoom
7:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, October 23

7:30PM First Inversion: As We Walk

Sunday, October 25

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

The first staff of music is in G major with a capo on the third fret. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a half note.

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

The second staff of music continues the melody from the first staff, with the same key signature and time signature. It ends with a half note.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

The third staff of music continues the melody, with the same key signature and time signature. It ends with a half note.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

The fourth staff of music continues the melody, with the same key signature and time signature. It ends with a half note.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE

13.13.7.7.13

38. We Walk in Love

Words by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon

Music by Deanna Witkowski
New York, NY | 2017

Gospel 3 feel (♩ = 104)

C7sus F Gm/F F Gm7

1. We walk in love u - nit - ed in pur - pose. We
2. We cry for peace and rights for all peo - ple. We
3. We dream a world of jus - tice and kind - ness. We

A7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C7sus

join our hands and lift up one voice. We
wel come friends from far and near. We
build a bridge cre - at - ing new paths. We

Bm7(♭5) B♭m6 F/C F

speak the truth with strength and com - pas - sion re -
fight for those whose voic - es are si - lenced, re -
march with joy as all walk to - geth - er. Em -

Gm F/A Gm/B♭ F/C C7sus C7 F

sound - ing with hope, with cour - age and joy.
sist - ing in faith, un - til all are free.
brac - ing each one, we bold - ly stand.

Performance Suggestion:

- Step on beat 1, Clap beats 2 & 3.

Deanna writes: "After writing the tune, I looked at 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' as a starting point in creating a list of positive key words to include in the lyrics."

Editor's note: Optional piano part available at deannawitkowski.com.

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to PDF: <https://songs.justicechoir.org/WeWalk>



Copyright © 2017, Lyrics: Witkowski and Colon/Music: Deanna Witkowski (BMI)

Licensed for free, non-commercial distribution.

Other inquiries or permissions: deannawitkowski.com





Sunday Forum October 2026

Finding Welcome in Times of Change

What's Going On with America? Immigration Updates and Actions

Cassandra Bocanegra

October 4

Cassandra Bocanegra has worked in the world of immigration for many years, and the immigration landscape keeps changing and remains overly complicated. Come find out more about what is happening and what individuals can do to support the collective movement to protect our community members.

Awareness and Support for our Immigrant Neighbors in Downtown Rochester

Maria Garcia & Cassandra Bocanegra

October 11

DUPC is right around the corner from a federal building. Our presenters from Enlace Services and NYIC will share about the current building and concerns for its planned expansion. What should we know about what the modifications could mean for our neighborhood and for our neighbors at risk?

What Has God Called Us to Do with Our Resources?

**Pastor Alan Dailey, Jim Humphries,
and Willie (Wilma) Wood**

October 18

Our guest panelists formerly of John Knox Presbyterian Church will share their experiences of selling their building to another congregation and finding a new place for worship with their neighbor, Greece Baptist Church. How did this major change bless each of the three congregations involved?

Spiritus Christi - Can't Hold Back the Spring

Reverend Myra Brown & Ministry Leaders

October 25

For 25 years Spiritus Christi has been our sister congregation within these walls. At this forum Rev. Myra and other Spiritu ministry leaders will share their history -what brought them here, how they have grown and thrived as a parish, and their ideas for new projects and partnerships.

Sundays, 9:45AM—The Shaw Room & via Zoom

Welcome Visitors!

**We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.**

Nursery Care is available for young children 6 years and under either in the church library or C-23 on the second floor. Check with an usher. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if they would like.

Sunday School - Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Young Disciples" and then will follow their teacher to the Sunday School room.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online, you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

***An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments!

Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person (s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

The Downtown Church Staff

Jackie Beltran, Accounting Specialist
Keisha Betts, Nursery Coordinator
Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist
Shawn Bradshaw, Maintenance
Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Rev. Kristina Hansen, Senior Pastor
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
Drena McMillan, Evening Receptionist

David Mear, Business Manager
Moses Nhial, Maintenance
Penelope Paredes,
Sunday School Teacher
Robin Sheikh, Office Administrator
Michael Stagles, Maintenance Lead
Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
Ed Verna, Maintenance
Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,
Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Pat Tweet - Clerks of Session
Jacque Hancock and Carol Samuel - co-Moderator

Session

The Rev. Kristina
Hansen, Moderator
Nancy Brown

Jason Cloen
John DeHority
Sally Allison

Jim Vesper
Pat Tweet
Mary Rees

Deacons

Andrea Folan
Helen Ganotis
Jacque Hancock
Elizabeth Katz

Stephen Lloyd
Grania Marcus
Sandy Morales
Gie Oey

Becky Parks
Carol Samuel
Kelley Sheils
Marilyn Terpening

121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14614
Telephone: (585) 325-4000 ~ Fax: (585) 325-6023
E-Mail: office@DowntownPresbyterian.org
www.DowntownPresbyterian.org

