



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Sing to God with thanks in your hearts.”

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, May 3, 2020
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Down in the Valley to Pray

Negro Spiritual

Melodies from three 19th century collections, harmonized by Lee Wright
Marisa Miller, Alan Jones, and Lee Wright

*Call to Worship from Marion Wright Edelman

One: Good morning, God of Love!

Many: **Help us to feel, ask, dance;**

One: Help us to see, learn, laugh;

Many: **Help us to dare, act, be.**

*Hymn 376

[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Centering Prayer (unison)

Thank you, God, that you love us beyond all telling, today and forever. Thank you for the gift of springtime, when bird songs greet us in the morning, and when flowers and food spring forth from the earth. May this be a season of rebirth in our souls also. Let gentleness be our strength. Let justice be our joy. Teach us to dream deeply and to live courageously until your blessings flow freely for everyone. We pray in the name of Jesus, who says, "I have come that you may have life, life in all its abundance." Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 6:9-14

Music for Reflection Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus?
Negro Spiritual, Arranged by Undine Smith Moore
Marisa Miller, mezzo-soprano

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-16

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection How Can I Keep from Singing? Robert Lowry
Original words by Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn, adapted by Gwyneth Walker
Music arranged by Lee Wright

*" My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living!
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving!
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing.
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing?"*

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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