



# **DOWNTOWN**

## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



“Yes, You bless us  
and raise up new hope...”

-Psalm 85, Trans. Nan C. Merrill

Celebration of Worship  
Sunday, August 9, 2020  
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

All Night, All Day

Negro Spiritual

**\*Call to Worship**

One: On the day I called, you answered me:

**Many: You increased my strength of soul.**

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart.

**Many: I rejoice in your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

\*Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
(Music on the next page)

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**\*Centering Prayer (unison)**

**Eternal God, as we search for courage to meet the challenges of these times, we find you right here besides us. "Be assured," you tell us, "I will not leave you." New every morning is your grace, O God, and your help is available in every moment. Let our trust in you center us by day and by night. We pray in the name of Jesus, who calls us to live in the shelter of your love, where there is more than enough to bless us all. Amen.**

First Reading

Psalm 85:1-3, 8-13

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## 103 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

G C G

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

D G C

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

G D7 G *Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,

C G D G D G

lean-ing, safe and se-secure from all a-larms; lean-ing,  
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

C G D7 G

lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 lean-ing on Je-sus,

Music for Reflection      Keep Your Hand on the Plow      Negro Spiritual

*"I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me, I am the way."*

*Keep your hand on the plow, hold on!*

*When my way gets dark as night, I know the Lord will be my light.*

*Keep your hand. . .*

*If dat' plow stays in yo' han,' It'll lan' you straight in the promised land.*

*Keep your hand. . ."*

Second Reading      Matthew 14:22-33

Meditation      Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection      We'll Understand It Better By and By      Charles A. Tindley

*"We are often tossed and driv'n*

*On the restless sea of time.*

*Somber skies and howling tempests*

*oft succeed a bright sunshine.*

*In that land of perfect day,*

*When the mists have rolled away,*

*We will understand it better by and by.*

*Refrain: By and by when the morning comes,*

*When the saints of God are gathered home,*

*We will tell the story how we've overcome;*

*For we'll understand it better by and by.*

*We are often destitute*

*Of the things that life demands.*

*Want of food and want of shelter,*

*thirsty hills and barren lands.*

*We are trusting in the Lord,*

*And according to his Word,*

*We will understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

*Trials dark on ev'ry hand,  
And we cannot understand,  
All the ways that God would lead us  
to that blessed Promised Land.  
But we're guided by God's eyes  
As we journey through the skies  
For we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

*Temptations, hidden snares  
Often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed  
for some thoughtless word or deed.  
And we wonder why the test  
When we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]"*

## 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.

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

### Improvisation on Jesus

### Thank you to . . .

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