



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Keep on a-walkin'

Keep on a-talkin'

Marching up to
Freedom land!

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, August 16, 2020
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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Walk Together, Children

Negro Spiritual

*Call to Worship

One: Come away from the byways of misplaced loyalty.

Many: **Come, seek to meet the God of compassion and peace.**

One: We have come to praise God and give thanks.

Many: **We rejoice in God's steadfast love for all.**

*Hymn

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
(Music on the next page)

MADELEINE

*Centering Prayer (unison)

We rejoice, O God, in your wonderful works. We are amazed to know that you, the Creator of all worlds, are in this place to meet us with love. Enfold us in your presence and give us strength for our journeys. Speak to us in the words, songs, and silences of our worship. Refresh us, renew us, and let your courage take root within us. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 12:9-18

10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Unison
♩ = 54

F C/F B^b/F F Gm⁷ F/A

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis-dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

Gm C F C/F B^b/F F

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach-es,
 mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it-guide and close com-pan - ion,

Gm F/A Gm/B^b Dm Am Gm⁷

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

A Dsus⁴ Dm Gm F/C C⁷ F

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ-teous - ness em-brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

A hymn which seeks to express a trinitarian theology based on scriptural Wisdom images.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1993

Music: Donna Kasbohm, 1995

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MADELEINE

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Alternate tune: PICARDY

Music for Reflection

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

“People, get ready, there’s a train a-coming,
You don’t need no ticket, you just get on board.
All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming,
Don’t need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.

People, get ready for the train to Jordan,
Picking up passengers from coast to coast.
Faith is the key; open the doors and board them.
There’s room for all because He loves the most.

There ain’t no room for the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind just to save his own.
Have pity on those whose chances are thinner,
‘Cause there’s plenty for all where justice is shown.”

Words: Curtis Mafiled, alt.

Second Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly

Chick Corea

“Never be afraid to love; never be afraid to just be.
Catch the way, the change, the doubt; have the courage to be free.
Open your eyes, you can fly.

Don’t clad your eyes with other’s lies; see only what you want to see.
Duplicate this simple truth; have the courage to be free.
Open your eyes, you can fly.”

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

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round
Traditional Civil Rights Song based on a Negro Spiritual

Please join in singing as you feel moved.

Thank you to . . .

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