



# DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“God it is who speaks and names us,*



*knows our being, touches base”*

Celebration of Worship  
Sunday, October 11, 2020  
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Prelude Arioso J.S. Bach  
(Bist du bei mir – Be near to me)

Words of Welcome Rev. Deb Swift

Chime  
Introit Love Is Little Shaker Song  
*“Love is little, love is low,  
Love will make our spirit grow.  
Grow in peace, grow in light,  
Love will do the thing that’s right.”* Arr. Kevin Siegfried  
Ben Magruder, soloist

Call to Worship Mary Bookout

One: Come, all who hunger for good news.

**Many: We hunger and thirst for words of hope and healing.**

One: Come, from rural road and city street.

**Many: We gather at the invitation of our loving Creator, who brings us  
together in heart, mind, spirit, and voice.**

Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Center BEACH SPRING

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

### Centering Prayer (unison)

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, and eager to be the Beloved Community that you dream for us. May our hearts be open to you and to your presence in everyone we meet. Help us bring mindful awareness to the fear that can stifle us, the prejudices that may blind us, and the doubt that so often plagues us. We give thanks for your steadfast love and abiding peace as we find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, and move to those places where love is needed. Amen.

### First Reading

Philippians 4:4-9  
From the J.B. Phillips translation

Mary Bookout

### Music for Reflection

Jesus Christ the Appletree

An improvisation using melodies by Elizabeth Poston and Daniel Pinkham  
To an anonymous text published in a collection of Joshua Smith, 1784

*"The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the Apple Tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the Appletree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil - here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

*With great delight I'll make my stay, there's none shall fright my soul away;  
Among the folk that I do see, there's none like Christ the Appletree.*

*I'll sit and eat this fruit divine, it cheers my heart like spirit'al wine;  
And now this fruit is sweet to me, that grows on Christ the Appletree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Appletree."*

Second Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Meditation

Did you RSVP?

Rev. Swift

Music for Reflection

This Gift Is Free

Fred Gramann

*"Come to the waters all who are thirsty.*

*O come and drink. This gift is free.*

*Come to the table all who are hungry.*

*O come and feast. This gift is free.*

*Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you.*

*O come and taste. This gift is free.*

*Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you.*

*O come and sit awhile. This gift is free.*

*Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul?  
Or labor on for that which will not make you whole?*

*Come unto me and taste the food I give.*

*Come unto me so that your soul may live."*

Text: Isaiah 55

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Rev. Swift

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.**

Closing Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy!  
(Verses 1,2, and 4)**

NICEA

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 2. Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 3. Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 4. All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 2. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 3. On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 2. Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 3. Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude

Improvisation on Nicea

Thank you to. . .

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