



**DOWNTOWN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



“The Touch”

# Celebration of Worship

Sunday, June, 27, 2021,

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Prelude Two Preludes, from the *Orgelbüchlein* J.S. Bach  
Lee Wright, organ

Words of Welcome The Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch

Chime

\*Introit We Are Happy to Share Traditional Kenyan  
"We are happy to share, happy to share one another's burdens.  
That's why we are here."

\*Call to Worship Kim McConnell

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in God's word I put my hope.

\*Hymn Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness GENEVA  
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

\*Centering Prayer (unison)

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come, enter into our worship. Fill us with your wonder and gentleness. Come, Holy Spirit, enter into our lives. Fill us with your courage and strength as we answer your call. Come, Holy Spirit, enter into our day that we might be refreshed & nurtured as we go into the world boldly to touch your people with kindness and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



\*Prayer of Dedication

God of wonders, you amaze us by your faith in what we can do and who we can become. Bless us as we share these gifts. May we know our oneness with all your people, near and far, and learn to love one another as you love us all. Amen.

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

Rev. Norris-Buisch

\*Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

(Verses 1-2 Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Music at Communion    Precious Lord, Take My Hand    Thomas A. Dorsey

Prayer of Blessing

God of summer, you reveal our oneness with all creation as you nourish us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be healers and prophets, that your dreams for the world may be fulfilled in these days, to your glory and deep joy. Amen.

\*Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

(Verses 3-4 Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

\*Benediction

Rev. Norris-Buisch

Postlude

Prelude in A Major  
Lee Wright, organ

J.S. Bach

**WELCOME to everyone who is visiting this morning!**  
**We are happy that you are here and invite you to come again.**

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.

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

**We give thanks for the flowers...**

 Given in loving memory of John and Rosalind Russell and Ernest and Marie Poland by their family.

**Thank you to . . .**

Officiants: The Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch and Kim McConnell

Musicians:

Juli Elliot, Alan Jones, Jeffrey Thompson, and Lee Wright

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\* We gratefully receive your offerings through the mail to the church office, or in person during worship in the basket located near the front of the sanctuary.

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## **This Week at Downtown Church**

<u>Sunday, June 27</u>	<u>Sunday, July 4</u>
10:45 Nursery Care	10:45 Nursery Care
11:00 Worship – Rev. Laura Norris Buisch	11:00 Worship – Sr. Barbara Moore

## Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

GENEVA 8.7.8.7 D

Paul Gerhardt, 1648

Trans. John Christian Jacobi, c. 1725; alt.

George Henry Day, 1940

1. Ho-ly Ghost, dis-pel our sad-ness; Pierce the clouds of na-ture's night;  
2. Au-thor of the new cre-a-tion, Come, a-noint us with Your power.

Come, O source of joy and glad-ness, Breathe Your life, and spread Your light.  
Make our hearts Your hab-i-ta-tion; With Your grace our spir-its shower.

From the height which knows no mea-sure, As a gra-cious shower de-scend,  
Hear, O hear our sup-pli-ca-tion, Bless-ed Spir-it, God of peace!

Bring-ing down the rich-est trea-sure We can wish, or God can send.  
Rest up-on this con-gre-ga-tion With the full-ness of Your grace.

## 793 O Christ, the Healer



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for  
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies  
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our  
 4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -  
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to  
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we  
 knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those  
 nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -  
 mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
 heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.  
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshipping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

## 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

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