



# **DOWNTOWN**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

“Be still, and know that I am God.”



- Psalm 46:10

# Celebration of Worship

Sunday, August, 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Vocalise

Serge Rachmaninoff

Lee Wright, violin, Jeffrey Thompson, piano

Arr. Kenneth Sillito

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tiberi

Chime

Introit

*Miserere mei*

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

*"Have mercy on me, O God: after Thy great goodness.*

*According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences."*

Translation from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

\*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 86*)

Raina Boupavong

You are great and do marvelous deeds, O Creator; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O God, and I will walk in your truth;**

**give me an undivided heart, that I may praise your name.**

I will praise you, my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your love toward me;**

**you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Music may be found on page 7.

Prayer for Wholeness

Eternal God, we have not always listened to your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
Like the dew that goes away early.  
Forgive us, bind up our wounds, and revive us,  
That we may hear your clear voice speaking to us.  
All this we ask through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*from Romans 8: 1-2*)

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of  
sin and of death.  
Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ, believe the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Psalm 46: 1-3, 10-11

Message for All Ages

Music for Reflection In manus tuas Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)  
*“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
You have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.”*

Scripture Acts 12: 1-19

Sermon Trust and Carry On

\*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah RHONDDA  
Music may be found on page 8.

Invitation to the Offering †

Offertory Music

Hold On

American Negro Spiritual  
Arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Let songs rise up from earth below;  
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts, O God,  
that we offer with grateful hearts.  
Use them, and our lives,  
for the ministry of your Church,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

\*Hymn

God Be With You Till We Meet Again  
Music may be found on page 9.

RANDOLPH

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude

William Mathias

Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Raina Bouphavong

Musicians:

Heather Holmquest, Alan Jones, Andrea McGaugh, Jeffrey Thompson, and Lee Wright

AV Engineers: Donald Fairman and David McDowell,

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†You may give your offering  
in the offering plates near the front of the sanctuary after worship

or

by mailing it to: 121 N. Fitzhugh St, 14614

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**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...**

 From the garden of Jim and Becky Parks in memory of Joyce Button.

## **This Week at Downtown Church**

<u>Sunday, August 8</u> 10:45 Nursery Care 11:00 Worship – Rev. Laurie Tiberi	<u>Sunday, August 15</u> 10:45 Nursery Care 11:00 Worship – Rev. Laurie Tiberi
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## 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.



# God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

*Unison* *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:  
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

RANDOLPH  
 9.8.8.9  
 (alternate tune: GOD BE WITH YOU, 542)





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