



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"For You alone my soul waits in silence;

from the Beloved comes
life, love and light."

-from *Psalms for Praying*. Nan C. Merrill

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, January 24, 2021,

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Prelude

Andante Tranquillo Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
from *Sonata III*, for organ
Jason Cloen, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Deb Swift

Chime

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Refrain: "Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity."

Call to Worship

Nancy Brown

Adapted from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2240/worship-connection-january-24-2021>

One: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways
and venture forward with him.

Many: Oh Christ, we are so often afraid.
It is easier for us to remain where we already are.

One: Jesus knows our fears and offers us healing.

Many: Oh Christ, open our hearts and teach us your ways.
Come and be with us for we long to learn from you
and live in your Light.

One: Jesus continues to birth in us a new and right Spirit.

Many: Let us follow the Light of the One who is our Everything,
the One whose Spirit leads us to New Life,
the One who was, who is, and who is yet to be.

One: Come and be with us as we worship you, we ask,

Many: And guide us on the Path you would have us take.

Centering Prayer (unison)

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus—embracing the paradoxes and fluidity of life. Cast aside our fears and doubts. Teach us to trust wholly in you as we remember that Christ tells us not to be afraid. You are with us, Holy One, and that is the very good, most excellent news. We do not have to go through life alone, wondering about a distant Source when our Creator is as near as each breath we take. Because of your Son, Sweet Spirit, we can dare to believe that you love us no matter what we are experiencing. We rejoice that you are with us, Emmanuel. Amen.

Psalm Reading (sung)

Psalm 62:1-7

Musical setting by Lee Wright

from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan C. Merrill

Please join in singing the antiphon:

♩ = 60

For you a - lone my soul waits in si - lence; from the be -

5 Broadening

lov - ed comes Life, Love and Light.

1. For You alone my soul waits in silence; from the Beloved comes my salvation.
Enfolding me with strength and steadfast love, my faith shall remain firm.
2. Yet how long will fear rule my life, holding me in its grip like a trembling child,
a dark lonely grave?
3. Fear keeps me from living fully, from sharing my gifts; it takes pleasure in
imprisoning my soul.
4. Fear pretends to comfort, so long has it dwelled within me;
truly, it is my enemy. (Antiphon)
5. For You alone my soul waits in silence; my hope is from the Beloved.
Enfolding me with strength and steadfast love, My faith shall remain firm.
6. In the Silence rests my freedom and my guidance; for You are the Heart of my heart,
You speak to me in the Silence.
7. Trust in Love at all times, O people pour out your heart to the Beloved;
let Silence be a refuge for you. (Antiphon)

Gospel Reading	Mark 1:14-20 from <i>The Message</i> translation	Nancy Brown
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Hymn	Will You Come and Follow Me Verses 1,2, and 4 (Music at the end of this bulletin)	KELVINGROVE
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Meditation	"Living between Hallelujah and Help!"	Rev. Swift
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Music for Reflection	Come, My Way <i>"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death.</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams Arr. L.W.
	<i>Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.</i>	

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love."*
Text: George Herbert

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Music at the end of this bulletin)

HYFRYDOL

Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude

Improvisation on "Guide My Feet"

Thank you to . . .

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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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