



# **DOWNTOWN**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



“WRAPPED IN THE RAINBOW”

# Celebration of Worship

Sunday, February 21, 2021,

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Prelude

*Duetto III: Andante non moderato*  
Ben Magruder and Lee Wright, violins

Carl Stamitz

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Deborah Fae Swift

Chime

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

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

Call to Worship

Rosalie Bouphavong

We have so many questions, God!

Who are you? What are you?

How did you make the universe?

How did you make me? Whales, moose and bears?

Why do bad things happen

Even when we try our best to be kind and good?

We have so many questions, God!

Who are you? Where are you?

Do you really love me?

And my friends?

And my not-friends?

And even the people I don't even know?

Do you really forgive us, no matter what?

Can I learn to do that, too?

We have so many questions, God!

Who are you? Are you really here right now?  
As we worship? As we sing? As we pray?  
As we talk and listen?

Be here God! Because we have lots of questions.  
And maybe, just maybe,  
Our questions will bring us closer to you.

Hymn

God of the Sparrow  
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

ROEDER

Centering Prayer (responsive)

Jai Bouphavong

Spirit, remember us.  
Sometimes we forget to breathe, to pause.  
We race through the day.  
We forget to stop long enough to take a deep breath and think of you.

We could blame the computer.  
We could blame pressures of work, or school, or family  
The importance of little things  
The chores we have to do.

We know the wisdom of pausing.  
We know we should stop.  
But we push on.  
And we forget to breathe and see you around us.

We sigh,  
And we push on, thinking it a virtue.  
Spirit, remember us.  
Make us teachable.



Music for Reflection

Down in the River/My Hope Is You  
Negro Spiritual/Third Day

Arr. Tim Lambert

*"As I went down down in the river to pray  
Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sisters/brothers let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down.*

*O sisters/brothers let's go down,  
Down in the river to pray."*

*"To You, Yaweh, I lift my soul  
In You, O God, I place my trust  
Do not let me be put to shame  
Nor let my enemies triumph over me  
My hope is You!*

*I am, O Lord, filled with Your love  
Yaweh, You are my salvation  
Guard my life and rescue me  
My broken spirit shouts  
My mended heart cries out*

*My hope is you!  
Show me Your ways  
Guide me in truth  
In all my days  
My hope is You"*

Songwriters: Bradley B. C. Avery / David Carr / Johnny Mac Powell / Mark D. Lee / Samuel Tai Anderson  
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Invitation to the Offering

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.

Prayers for 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

In the Bulb there Is a Flower  
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

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Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude

*Duetto III: Fugato*  
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Carl Stamitz

Thank you to . . .

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A special meeting of the congregation of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church is called by the Session, to be held at noon on February 21, 2021 for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the request of the Rev. Kate Kelly for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Kelly and this congregation.

At that Zoom meeting we will vote on Kate's request. We will also vote to dismiss the PNC that called Kate, with our appreciation. The Session will also share our plan for pastoral leadership as we move forward.

## In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

### Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.



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