



# DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,"

# Celebration of Worship

Sunday, February 7, 2021,

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Prelude

En Prière

Gabriel Fauré

Lee Wright, violin, Jason Cloen, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Deb Swift

Chime

Introit

All Night All Day

Negro Spiritual

Call to Worship

Aaron Datro

One: Good people of the church, Lift up your eyes and see.

**Many: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.**

One: Good sisters and brothers in Christ, open your ears to hear.

**Many: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.**

One: Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

**Many: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, Our God...is.**

Hymn

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

PILOT

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

Centering Prayer (unison)

Heal us in your Light and make us better healers, O God. Mend us that we might be better repairers of the breach, we ask. Anchor our hearts in you, so we can reach out to others without losing our balance. We are yours, Sweet Jesus.

Wrap us in your peace. Prepare us to receive you anew, we ask, and restore your right Spirit within us. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Jesus Calls Us

Joel Martinson

*"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless, sea,  
Day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Seeker, follow me."  
As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.  
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idl that would keep us, saying, "Seeker, love me more."  
In our joys, and in our sorrows, days of toil, and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Seeker, love me more than these."  
Jesus calls us! In your mercy, savior, make us hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all."*

Text: Cecil F. Alexander

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

Aaron Datro

Hymn

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

ON EAGLES WINGS

(1) You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in God's shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(2) You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.  
And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(3) For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, 1978, alt.  
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Gospel Reading

Mark 1:35-37 (NIV)

Meditation

"In God's Time"

Rev. Swift

Music for Reflection

Be Thou a Smooth Way

Ralph M. Johnson

*Be thou a smooth way before me, be thou a guiding star above me,  
Be thou a keen eye behind me, this day, this night, forever.  
I am weary, and I forlorn. Lead me to the land of the angels.  
If only thou, O God of life, be at peace with me, be my support,  
Be to me as a star, be to me as a helm,  
from my lying down in peace to my rising anew."*

Text: Carmina Gaedelica I, 171, abridged, tr. Alexander Carmichael

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion Song

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

**"Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace."**

Text and Music: Barbara Hamm  
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May the Spirit be with you  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Light.

Let us give thanks to our Creator God.  
We freely give our thanks and praise.

It is right that we should give our thanks and praise to you in ceaseless joy,  
Holy and merciful God,  
You called us into being and drew us together  
into this community to share our journey and  
grow together in our faith.

Believing in us to carry your message to the  
world, Jesus,  
you claim us as your family.  
You brought us together to share the reconciling  
work of standing with the marginalized and  
empowering the powerless.

And so, in a grateful procession of endless praise  
With the church that was, that is, and that shall be,  
We glorify you, joining our voices with others throughout history, and proclaiming:  
Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosannah in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in  
the name of the Light.  
Hosannah in the highest.

. . . Great is your wisdom, and comforting are your  
Presence, your grace, and the promise of eternal justice.

**You sent to us your own child, Jesus,  
Who reached into unexpected places,  
Calling women beyond the limits of their times,  
Equipping men for nurturing love,  
Welcoming children into your holy embrace.**

. . . And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion,  
The light of the world took bread, broke it and gave it to those gathered – his  
chosen family, saying:

**“This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

And, in the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup, blessed it and gave you thanks, O God, sharing it with those  
gathered, and saying:

**“This is the cup of the new covenant –  
a new way of living in God’s Light.  
Do this, as often as you drink of it,  
for the remembrance of me.”**

Life’s greatest feast is before us as  
We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

(Pastor sings) Through him, with him, in him ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit ...  
all honor and glory are yours almighty God, forever and ever.

♪ AMEN.

Dear God, you transform.

You transform all that is before you  
So that at the touch of your grace  
We are never the same.

Holy God, you illuminate.

You bring light to all people  
Light to the nations  
Light into our hearts  
Light on your Way.

Forever God, we pray for your Spirit.

Transform, illuminate, bless.  
Make these ordinary gifts of field and vine  
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

In so doing,  
Hold us as your own.  
Renew us as your people  
for the sake of the world you love,  
and hear us now as we  
pray with one voice:

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.

Communion of the people

Music at Communion

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for welcoming us to your table, Risen Christ. Remind us that we are always welcome here. Keep us from coming here for solace alone, but help us to use this meal to fortify and nurture us to be your ambassadors in the world. Empower us to live in You as you live in us, for we have been fed by your Holy Presence. We have been led by your Light. May we bask in this glow and share it with others both now and forevermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be;  
through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.

2) Still, schisms, tribulation, and hatred fuel our war;  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore.  
The saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

3) Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Benediction

Rev. Swift

Choral Response

Amen

Justin Wallace

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 7, 2021 for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the request of the Rev. Pat Youngdahl for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Youngdahl and this congregation.

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## Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me

1 Je - sus, Sav - iour, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea, un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild, boi - sterous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar 'twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - erous shoal; chart and  
will when thou bid - dest them "Be still." Won - drous  
land, still sup - port - ed by thy hand, may I

com - pass come from thee, Je - sus, Sav - iour, pi - lot me.  
sov - ereign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - iour, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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