



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship

June 12, 2022, 11:00AM

A Service of Lamentation and Commitment

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Prelude Andante J.S. Bach
from the "Italian Concerto," BWV 971

Words of Welcome Rev. Laurie Tiberi

Reading "Hymn for the Hurting" Windsor Wade
by Amanda Gorman

Lighting the Candle of Remembrance and Tolling of the Bell

*Call to Worship Sally Allison

Come let us go to the mountain of God,
that we may walk the path of the Most High.

**That we may beat our swords into plowshares,
and our spears into pruning hooks.**

We gather today in remembrance of all those killed or harmed by gun
violence.

**We are a nation at war with ourselves,
a people who have forgotten who we are.**

We gather today to remember
that we are each a child of God.

**We gather to claim our belonging to each other
and our commitment to living the way of God's peace.**

Come let us go to the mountain of God,
that we may walk the path of the Most High.

**That we may beat our swords into plowshares,
and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Neighbor shall not lift up weapon against neighbor.
Neither shall they learn violence any more.
And none shall be afraid,
for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill
(Music may be found on page 11.)

Prayer for Wholeness (unison)

Holy God, today we remember
mass killings in ordinary life,
in schools, places of worship, grocery stores, hospitals.
Today we remember deaths, and fear of death.
Listening at last
we rise up to face the horror; we confess ourselves complicit.
Forgive, O God, our wrongful action and our inaction.
Forgive our silence and indifference.
Lead us in love, for Jesus' sake.
Inscribe our hearts with justice and guide us in the ways of peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*from Isaiah 2:4*)

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

We acknowledge that their lives, too, are devastated
and their hopes dashed.

For their sake and for ours, we remember
that pain goes in many directions from each act of violence.

○ God of peace, we commit ourselves to peacemaking:

We will stand up to violence.

We stand together expressing our unity,
our connection to each other and to You,
our hope for healing and for transformation.

May your Spirit move through us,

Help us to transform and heal our communities.

And let us begin by transforming ourselves. Amen.

† Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
(realm/Spirit/kin[g]dom) 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 (realm/Spirit/kin[g]dom), and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

†† Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round Freedom Song

*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**

Holy God, we long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.
May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.

***Hymn**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(Music may be found on page 10.)

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

***Charge and Benediction**

Let us now go out into the world in peace, to make peace.
O God, make us instruments of your peace.
Renewed in our faith and inspired to act,
Let us be the peacemakers the world aches for;
And, by being peacemakers,
let us find the peace we long for.
May the grace and peace of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all.
And let all God's children, wherever they may be, say: **AMEN.**

Tolling of the Bell

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Sally Allison

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lee Wright

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Today's Call to Worship is adapted from *Worship/Vigil/Action Resources for Times of Gun Violence*, from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

The Prayer for Wholeness is adapted from "Gun Violence Litany" by the Rev. Joanne Engquist.

The Litany of Remembrance is adapted from "Vigils Against Violence" by Pat Long and Vandy Bradow.

The Prayer of Dedication is from the Iona Community, Scotland.

The Charge and Benediction includes part of the "Peacemaking Benediction" by Samuel A. Trumbore.

This Week at Downtown Church

<p><u>Sunday, June 12</u></p> <p>11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Preacher - Rev. Laurie Tiberi</p> <p>Liturgist - Sally Allison</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 14</u></p> <p>10:30 Bible Study Zoom Meeting</p>	<p><u>Sunday, June 19</u></p> <p><i>Happy Father's Day</i></p> <p>11:00 Annual Jazz Worship Service</p> <p>Preacher - Rev. Laurie Tiberi</p> <p>Liturgist - Nancy Brown</p>
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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.

†About the “Prayer of Jesus”

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray is found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Both gospels use the Greek word *Basileia*, which can be translated into English as any of the following: kingdom, kingship, domain, reign, sovereignty, realm, dominion. In keeping with both long tradition and this congregation’s recent practice, as well as DUPC’s welcoming of diversity in the expression of theological views, the Session and Interim Pastor have decided to offer more than one word choice at this point in the prayer. Please choose from among the options provided, or use a different word if you prefer. The pastor will step away from the microphone after beginning this prayer, so that no one word choice dominates the sound of our corporate prayer.

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

*** An asterisk indicates “please rise in body or spirit”**

†† When local pandemic numbers are high, we do not pass the collection plates down the pews. Instead, you are invited to place your offering in the plates (located in the front, on the table near the pulpit) so that they may be brought forward during the offertory prayer, and then placed on the communion table.

“If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers”

○ WALY WALY

1. If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

2. If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.

3. If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.

4. God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —
That works for peace and justice, too.
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

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753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

G Em F#m Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
to Stanza 4
 loved as to love with all my soul.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

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