

DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



With Words That Help and Heal

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

April 30, 2023

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Prelude	Adagio from <i>First Organ Sonata</i>	Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Words of Welcome		Rev. Tiberi
Chime		
Introit	God Be in my Head Text: See Benediction (Pg. 5)	John Rutter
* Call to Worship		Pat Tweet
Call to Worship O God, open our lips, And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise. God is faithful in words, gracious in deeds, just in all ways, and kind in all things. My mouth will speak God's praises, and let all bless God's holy name forever and ever. Amen. Let us worship God.		
*Hymn	Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure (<i>Music may be found on page 7.</i>)	WINCHESTER NEW

Prayer for Wholeness

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O God, forgive them all because of your great goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *(1 John 3:1)*

“See what love God has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.”

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

Time with Young Disciples

Music for Reflection Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace Samuel S. Wesley

“Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on Thee.

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

*O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
for Thine is the Presence, the power, and the glory, forevermore.”*

Text: Isaiah 26:3, alt.

Scripture

Proverbs 12:18 James 1:26 Matthew 15:10-11 Proverbs 18:21
James 3:5-6 Matthew 12:36 Proverbs 15:1 Colossians 4:6
Ephesians 4:32 Psalms 141:3

Sermon

With Words That Help and Heal

*Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

REDHEAD

*(Music may be found on page 8. *In stanza 2, please sing "and by acting lovingly" rather than "and with actions brotherly.")*

Prayers of the People

† 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

Prayer of St. Francis

Mari Esabel Valverde

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

*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

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill
(Music may be found on page 9.)

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

*Charge and Benediction *(15th century; author unknown)*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and in my departing.

Postlude

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

J.S. Bach

Thank you to . . .

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Kat Kirby, Nicole Kulakowski, Anna Martin, Joan Sussman

Alto: Kathryn Borden, Liz Jackson, Emmalouise St. Amand

Tenor: Liam Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

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This Week at Downtown Church

Sunday, April 30

9:45 Sunday Forum – Efforts & Climate Change

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship Service

Preacher – Rev. Laurie Tiberi

Liturgist – Pat Tweet

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in the Hallock Lounge

Monday, May 1

4:00 PNC Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 2

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, May 3

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 7

9:45 Sunday Forum – Stories from Israel/Palestine: Snapshots from the Mosaic of Peace Conference

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship Service

Preacher – Rev. Laurie Tiberi

Liturgist – John Williams

11:15 Sunday School

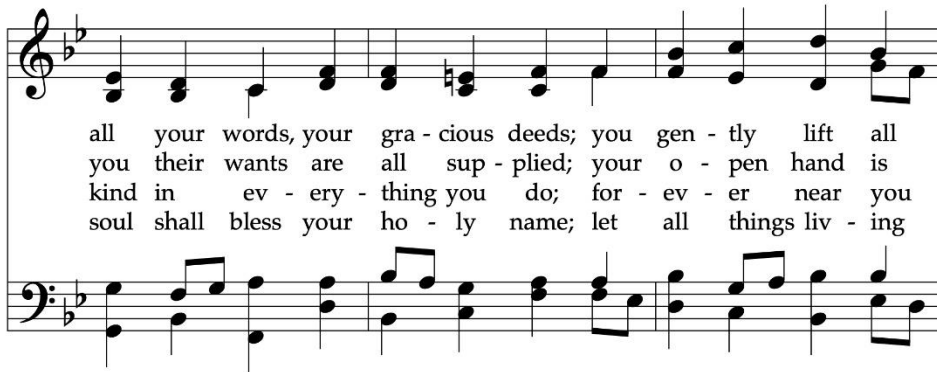
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Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 42

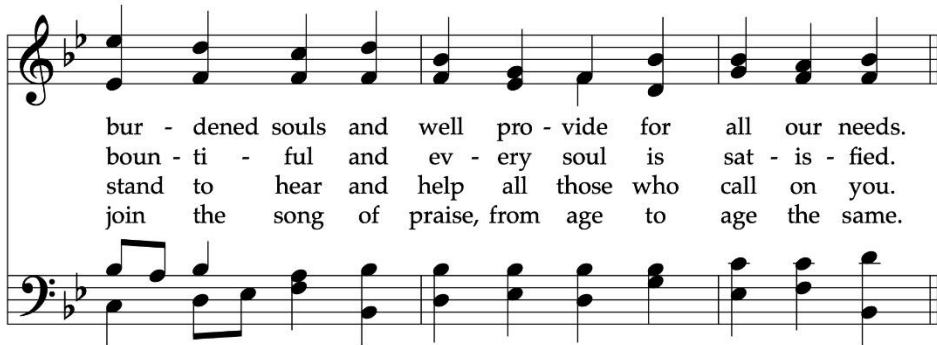
(Psalm 145)



1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in
2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by
3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and
4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my



all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all
you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is
kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you
soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing



bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.
boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.
stand to hear and help all those who call on you.
join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

This paraphrase of verses from the latter part of Psalm 145 celebrates God's providential care for all creation, especially for those in any need or trouble. This anonymous German tune was apparently introduced to English hymnody by John Wesley in a 1742 music collection.

TEXT: Joy F. Patterson, 1989

MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847, alt.

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Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

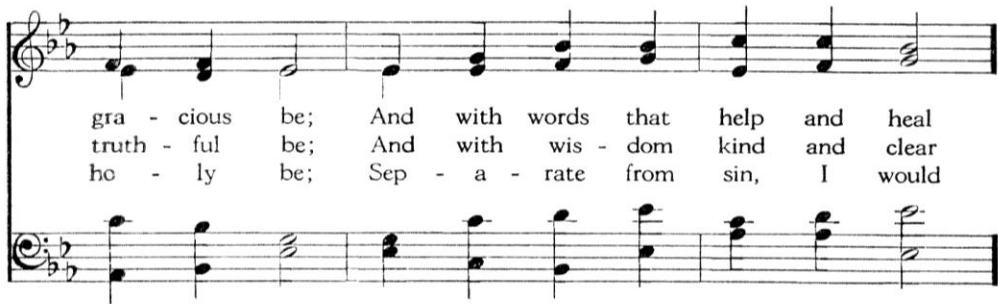
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Thomas Teke Lynch, 1855

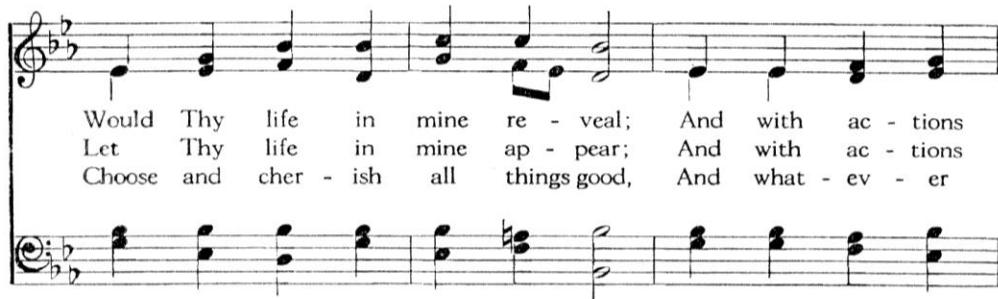
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Richard Redhead, 1853



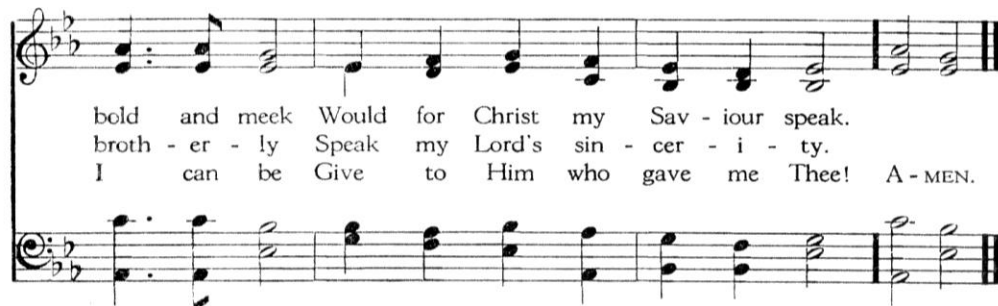
1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would
2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would



gra - cious be; And with words that help and heal
truth - ful be; And with wis - dom kind and clear
ho - ly be; Sep - a - rate from sin, I would



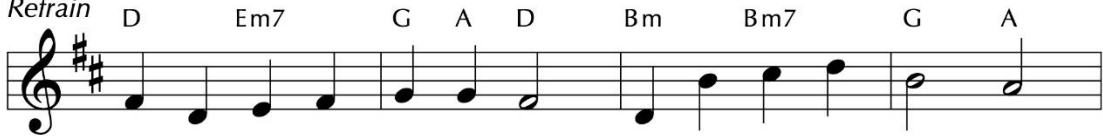
Would Thy life in mine re - veal; And with ac - tions
Let Thy life in mine ap - pear; And with ac - tions
Choose and cher - ish all things good, And what - ev - er



bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - iour speak.
broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
I can be Give to Him who gave me Thee! A - MEN.

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Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 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



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.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in room C24.

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Young Disciples” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids for the Time with Young Disciples if they would like to.

†**You may place your offering** in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to make your contribution to the church.



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. Please choose from among the options provided, or use a different word if you prefer.

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.

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

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the Hallock Lounge.

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