

DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



In the
Midst
of Us

Celebration of Worship

September 10, 2023

23th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prelude

Invocation in B Flat

Alexandre Guilmant

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laurie Tiberi

Chime

Introit

A Path to Each Other

Jocelyn Hagen
and Timothy Takach

“Each word a stone
We can build a wall
Or a
path
to
each
other.

Text: Julia Klatt Singer

* Call to Worship

Pat Tweet

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; unite our hearts to revere your name.

We give thanks to you with our whole heart, and we will glorify your name together forever.

Help us to teach our children, and our children’s children, to meditate on your instruction and give praise to your name.

Help us to teach them through words and actions what it means to follow Jesus, and to embrace the grace you bestowed on us through him.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Earth and All Stars
(Music may be found on page 7.)

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Prayer for Wholeness *(in unison)*

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do, but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, this is the Good News:
In Christ, God brought us back to our true home, to hope, to love, and to life.
Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

*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.

Scripture

Psalms 139: 7-12

Music for Reflection

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
*"Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.*

Harold W. Friedell

*As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to our Creator
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully.”
Text: Percy Dearmer*

Scripture

Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon

In the Midst of Us

*Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail
(Music may be found on page 8.)

TWENTY-FOURTH

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

Peace Is

Fred Small

Arr. J. David Moore

*" Ref. Peace is the bread we break
Love is the river rolling
Life is a chance we take
When we make this earth our home
Gonna make this earth our home.*

*Feel the cool breeze blowing through the smoke and the heat
Hear the gentle voices and the marching feet
Singing call back the fire, draw the missiles down
And we'll call this earth our home. Ref.*

*We have known the atom, the power and pain
We've seen people fall beneath the killing rain
If the mind still reasons and the soul remains
It shall never be again. Ref.*

*Peace grows from a tiny seed
As the acorn grows into the tallest tree
Many years ago I heard a soldier say
When people want peace, better get out of the way. Ref."*

*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 *(in unison)*

**Help us to be generous givers, O God, both of our money and our lives,
that we might make a difference in this city and this world. We ask this
through Jesus Christ, who gave all that he was that we might know life in
all its fullness. Amen.**

*Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God SOUTH-AFRICAN
The choir will sing once in Zulu, then the congregation joins:

Vs. 1 – We are marching in the light of God...

Vs. 2 – We are praying in the light of God...

Vs. 3 – We are singing in the light of God...

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prelude and Chaconne in C Major

D. Buxtehude

Thank you to . . .

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Daniela Sosa, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Kathryn Borden, Elizabeth Jackson, Emmalouise St. Amand

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

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

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Earth and All Stars

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Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

David N. Johnson, 1968

A^b Cm B^bm A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b Fm D^b

1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets Sing to the
 2. Steel and ma - chines, Loud pound - ing ham - mers Sing to the
 3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes Sing to the
 4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom Sing to the

A^b B^bm Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b E^b D^b A^b E^b Cm Fm A^b B^b E^b

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers

Fm Fm D^b Cm B^bm Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b E^b

Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

E^b A^b D^b A^b D^b A^b E^b A^b Fm D^b A^b Fm B^bm E^b A^b

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

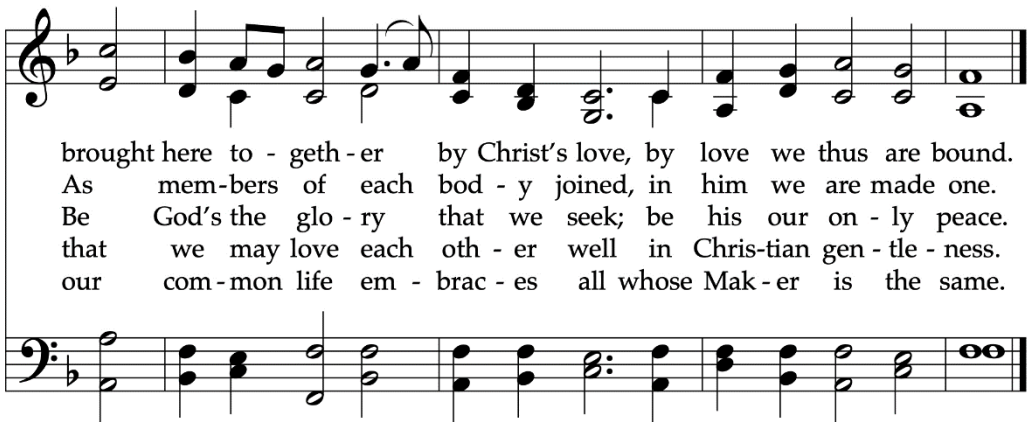
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Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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The Downtown Church Elders and Deacons

Session

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Sam King
Ed Saphar
Jim Vesper

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Andrea Folan
Marie Gibson
Jacque Hancock
Elaine Johnson
Stephen Lloyd
Grania Marcus
Becky Parks
Carol Samuel
Kelley Sheils
Marilyn Terpening

Coming Up at Downtown Church

<p><u>Monday, September 11</u></p> <p>4:00 PNC Meeting via Zoom</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 12</u></p> <p>10:30 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 14</u></p> <p>5:00 Finance Team Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>7:30 Property Team Meeting via Zoom</p> <p><u>Friday, September 15</u></p> <p>12:00 Round Table Book Group via Zoom</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 17</u></p> <p>9:45 Sunday Forum</p> <p>10:00 Worship Music Rehearsal</p> <p>11:00 Worship Service Preacher – Rev. Laurie Tiberi Liturgist – Pat Tweet</p> <p>12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>7:00 Sophia Circle via Zoom</p>	<p><u>Monday, September 18</u></p> <p>4:00 PNC Meeting via Zoom</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 19</u></p> <p>10:30 Bible Study via Zoom</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 20</u></p> <p>2:00 DEIB via Zoom</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 24</u></p> <p>9:45 Sunday Forum</p> <p>10:00 Worship Music Rehearsal</p> <p>11:00 Worship Service Preacher – Rev. Laurie Tiberi Liturgist – Nancy Brown</p> <p>12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:00 First Inversion: Holding On Through Song V</p>
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Welcome Visitors!



†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 front of the sanctuary.

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