



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY...

Celebration of Worship

January 28, 2024, 11:00 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Prelude

Healing Spirit
An improvisation

Words of Welcome

Chime

Introit

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson
Arr. Brandon Williams

*Call to Worship (Psalm 103)

Jai and Raina Bouphavong

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits who

forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with good

as long as we live, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

* Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 7.)

Prayer for Wholeness (in unison)

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from you, but too often we have overlooked these gifts, or hoarded these gifts, or worshiped these gifts.

Forgive us and make us whole, that we may live in right relationship with you, our neighbors, and all creation. In the name of the one who brings us your holiness and your wholeness we pray, Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Mark 1:21-28

Time with Our Children and Youth

Sermon

As One Having Authority

The Rev. Harry Heintz

Scripture

Psalm 111

Music for Reflection

Bless the Lord O My Soul
Text from Psalm 103

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

*Hymn

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit
(Music may be found on page 8.)

EBENEZER

Prayers of the People

*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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Cary Ratcliff

"I will arise and go to Jesus.

Come, ye seekers, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore, Jesus, son of God will save you, full of pity, love and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear savior; Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; If ye tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus."

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.

*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.

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Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Sovereign God, in gratitude we raise these tithes and offerings to you, that Good News may be spread and experienced wide and far, to the glory of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

*Hymn

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

(Verses 1, 4, and 5 - Music may be found on page 10.)

*Prayer of Blessing (responsively)

The God who called us here today is calling us out from this place and into the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us follow where Jesus leads, sharing God's love and grace with a world that is longing for peace. As we go into the world to answer our call, may the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. Amen

Postlude

Prelude in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*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.



Thank you to. . .

Guest preacher: The Rev. Harry Heintz

Liturgists: Jai and Raina Bouphavong

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman, Nyla Thomas

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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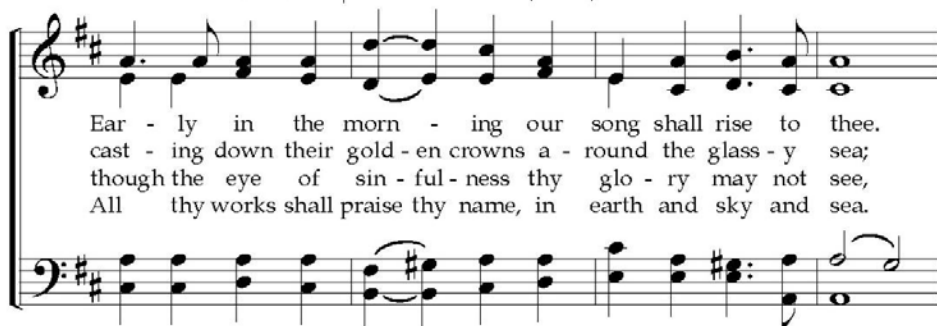
Harry Heintz is a retired pastor. He and his wife moved to western NY in 2013 to be near their daughter, son-by-marriage, and two grandchildren. In his retirement, Harry is active in supply preaching and teaching an occasional course for Northeastern Seminary. He does volunteer work with Mercy Spirituality Center in Rochester and with World Relief, Western NY, in refugee resettlement. He loves to jog, sail his sunfish, kayak, hike local parks, and work in his yard.



1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



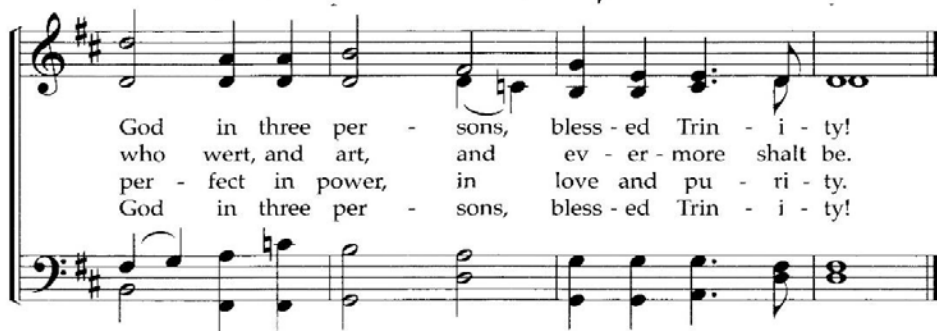
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

Based on Mark 1:21–28/Luke 4:31–37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984
 MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
 Text © 1986 Oxford University Press

EBENEZER
 8.7.8.7.D
 (alternate tune: AUTHORITY, 180)

At Christ's voice the de - mon trem-bled, from its vic - tim
doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac - tured,

mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that was as -
rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our lov - ing
war - ring soul. By the pow - er of your

sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.
fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.



2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church
To celebrate, your 50th anniversary team is planning a series of events spanning the entire year:



Forward from 50: Lighting the Way!

Kickoff Events. . .

First Inversion
Presents

the choir of **First Inversion**,
with **Aaron Tan**, piano,
Jonathan Madden, assistant conductor,
Lee Wright, conductor

Dreaming
Music of Inspiration, Imagination, and hope
celebrating the 50th Anniversary of
Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Friday, January 26, 7:30PM | Sunday, January 28, 4:00PM

DUPC Members are invited to attend for free!

All Church Community Luncheon!
Sunday, February 11th, 12:15 PM, in the Hallock Lounge

A catered lunch to celebrate
this beloved community—the
choir will sing, we will share
our dreams for DUPC, and Kim
McConnell will be our Emcee!

Scan here with your phone to RSVP!
(Or sign up at the front desk)



Additional events to include: a piano program by John Williams, an organ-plus concert,
a community PRISM concert, a fall dinner and more! Do you have an idea?
Please share it with your 50th Anniversary Planning Team:
Nancy Brown, Kim McConnell, Becky Parks, Carol Snook, and Lee Wright.



We are 50 years old!!
For some of us, that's a really good deal. For others it's "not yet!!!"

Dear friends,

This year we will be celebrating 50 years together as The Downtown Presbyterian Church. Together we are a community of faith, justice seeking, creative and multifaceted spirituality reflecting tradition and newness. Over 50 years we have continued to build on our tremendous legacy of music making, and of course, the joy that comes from our support, warmth and love of each other as individuals, and collectively as members of the beloved community.

Please join us for our kick-off luncheon on Sunday, February 11th to begin celebrating our Jubilee Year! We will have a delicious catered lunch following worship in the Hallock Lounge. The menu will include lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available.

Kim McConnell will be our fun and fabulous emcee, and members of the choir will join us and help celebrate! If you would like, we invite you to bring a poem/writing/photo/piece of artwork about dreams, light, or hope for the future - created by you or by someone else. We will share them with each other and add them to a memory book of our Jubilee Year.

RSVPs are encouraged - call or stop by the front desk to sign up.

We can't wait to see you there!

Your 50th Anniversary Planning Team,
Nancy Brown, Kim McConnell, Becky Parks, Carol Snook, Lee Wright.

Forward from 50: Lighting the Way!

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.

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 the right 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.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, January 28

9:45 Sunday Forum- Quakers
 10:00 Choir Warm-up
 10:45 Nursery
 11:00 Worship- Rev. Harry Heintz
 11:15 Sunday School
 12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
 4:00 First Inversion Concert
 Dreaming music of Inspiration,
 Imagination, and hope.
 7:00 Congregational Mtg via Zoom

Tuesday, January 30

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

BlackHistoryMonth

Thursday, February 1

4:30 Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, February 04

9:45 Sunday Forum-
 10:00 Choir Warm-up
 10:45 Nursery
 11:00 Worship- Rev.
 11:15 Sunday School
 12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 6

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

5:00 Finance Team Mtg via Zoom
 7:30 Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Saturday, February 10

12:45 Justice League Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, February 11

9:45 Sunday Forum- Book Study
 10:00 Choir Warm-up
 10:45 Nursery
 11:00 Worship
 11:15 Sunday School
 12:15 **50th Anniversary Luncheon**
 Hallock Lounge

Downtown Church Staff

Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Jackie Griffin, Nursery Coordinator
Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher
Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
Ed Verna, Maintenance
Moses Nhial, Maintenance
Tyrone Reeves, Maintenance
Keisha Betts, Office Administrator

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Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
David Mear, Business Manager
Andrea Piccone, Bookkeeper
& Receptionist Coordinator
Kelly Muñiz-Miles, Receptionist

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Lea Kone, co-Clerks of Session
Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Laura
NorrisBuisch, Moderator
Nancy Brown
David Lee
Bob Richane
Mary Rees
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Raina Bouphavong
Pat Tweet

Deacons

Bob Carlisle
Andrea Folan
Elaine Johnson
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