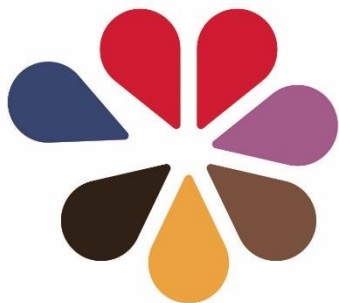




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Celebration of Worship

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany and Communion

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Prelude

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Words of Welcome

Chime

Introit

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamund Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,

Arr. Craig Courtney

Till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Text: James Weldon Johnson

* Call to Worship

Bob Richane

God whispers your name: "Come and worship."

All of us: young, old, child, parent, cousin, friend.

God whispers our names again and again. "Come and worship."

**All of us: proud and strong, humble and weak, lost and searching,
joyous and sad.**

From a whisper to a shout: "COME AND WORSHIP!:"

**ALL of us: word-arrangers, finger-painters, rope jumpers, slow walkers,
belly-laughers, soul singers.**

Right here, right now: light shines, joy brims, and God beckons: "Come
and worship."

ALL of us, here. ALL of us: now

* Hymn

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

(Verses 1, 3 and 4 – Music may be found on page 12.)

Prayer for Wholeness *(in unison)*

O love incarnate: You have called us to this place. You place in our hearts the desire to be close to you, and thus bearers of your love. Many of us, perhaps all of us are searching for love. In Jesus, you have shown love in the flesh. You have shown us active love: welcoming strangers; offering mercy to the outcast, the unclean; feeding the hungry; directly confronting and challenging injustice and judgmentalism. Maybe, just maybe, are you teaching us that in searching for love, we will find it by living that for which we are searching? Are you teaching us—by your own actions—that the art of loving is not finding the perfect person or persons, but loving imperfect persons, perfectly? Jesus, you told us, “As the Creator sent me, so I send you.” So may it be, in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

How far do we have to wander before God’s hand can no longer reach us?

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?”

We respond, “Yes, teacher, you know I love you.”

“Then feed my sheep, tend my lambs, feed my lambs.”

Scripture

Hosea 11:1-9

Time with Our Children and Youth

Black History Month Remembrance

John Griffin

Raina Bouphavong

Music for Reflection

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*“Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Rejoice!
Let us revere and love the living God.
And with a sincere heart let us love one another.”*

Text: Anonymous Medieval

Scripture

Matthew 26:47-56

Sermon

"Mercy and Grace: The Church's Gift for Our Time? Val Fowler

*Hymn

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

(Verses 1-3 and 5 – Music may be found on page 10.)

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Scott Perkins

*"Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.*

*Bless the One whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
he, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.*

*Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;*

*Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored never leave you."*

Text: Johann Franck, trans. Catherine Winkworth

*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*)

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus name. Amen.

*Hymn

Come, Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

(Verses 1 and 2. Music may be found on page 13.)

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

+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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion Selected Canonic Sonata Movements G.P. Telemann

Prayer of Blessing (*in unison*)

Now, Loving God: send us from this place filled with your love. Through this day and beyond, let our hearts sing praises for your mercy and grace. May we live as people who are deeply and humbly grateful for the call of Christ in our lives. May our Spirit cause grace and mercy to be real for those whom we contact; and fill us with sheer wonder at the people and the world who surround us. May it never be said of us that we are so concerned about judgment that we have nothing to say about mercy and grace. Rather may it be said of us, "There is one thing of which you can be certain: we will always give love one more try." * Amen.

[* From the song "Given Myself to Love," by Joe Jencks]

*Hymn

Come, Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

(Verse 3 - Music may be found on page 13.)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro, from Duetto I

Carl Stamitz

*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. . .

Liturgist: Bob Richane

Tony Sun, flute

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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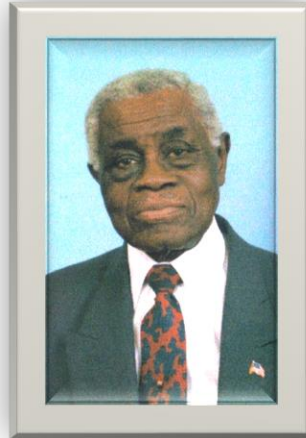
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Val Fowler "He/Him/His" has been a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley since 1990, when he began service at Chili Presbyterian Church. He subsequently served the Honeoye Falls Presbyterian Church. In 1996, he was elected to serve as stated clerk of the presbytery, serving from 1997 to 2016. A lover of music, he plays acoustic finger-style guitar, and sings. From 1998 until the start of the pandemic, Val provided many benefit concerts for churches and helping agencies in our multi-county area. He calls himself a "song finder," on the theory that if he doesn't find songs, learn them, arrange them, and present them no one will ever hear them. Sort of "paying forward" the gift that songwriters have been given. He has always loved the craft of preaching—particularly the challenge of finding and unpacking the intersections between God's love and the world in which we live. The ultimate intersection, he believes, is the Incarnation.

DUPC BLACK HISTORY MONTH REMEMBRANCE JOHN GRIFFIN

John Griffin was a proud and active member at DUPC until he passed in March of 2020 at the age of 101!

He was a loving husband to his wife Mattie and a supportive and joy filled father to 6 children, 56 grandchildren and many great grandchildren as well.



CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY

Saturday, March 2, 2024



- For New & Experienced Church Leaders & Church Members
- Offering 6 Courses—2 of which are offered twice—and Worship Online
- Registration deadline: 2/26/24

SCHEDULE:

9 – 10:45 a.m. Introduction & Workshop Session 1

10:45 – 11 Break

11 – 11:30 Worship *

11:30 – 1 p.m. Workshop Session 2

* Worship will be led by Acts of Faith participants from various locations around the country—as they do with their weekly eWorship services. The Acts of Faith model was created by South Presbyterian Church as a 21st century embodiment of the first century Christian community.

Course Topics: Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy Training, Ruling Elder Training, Deacons Training, PGV Website, Google Drive and More Training, Property Guys From Around the Presbytery (featuring Don Fairman and David McDowell), PCUSA's Long Standing Support for Justice in Palestine.

REGISTER: <https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Black History Month

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

2:00 Ordination of Clif Genge

Reception to follow Service

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

Tuesday, February 13

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

4:30 Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom

4:30 DEIB Meeting via Zoom

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 18

9:45 Sunday Forum Mtg-Beyond

Resistance Book Study

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day- Building is Open

Tuesday, February 20

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

2:30 Personnel Meeting via Zoom

7:00 Session Meeting via Zoom

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 Our Children and Youth” 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 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.



+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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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For all gen - ders here, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for all gen - ders here, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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Music © 2006 Brian Mann (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBCMusik)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus-tice and joy!

You are Cordially Invited
to the
Service of Ordination
Minister of the Word and Sacrament
for

Clif Genge

Saturday, February 10 ~ 2PM

The Downtown United Presbyterian Church

121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester NY, 14614

Reception to follow in the Hallock Lounge

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your child-ren to - - ge - ther
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7



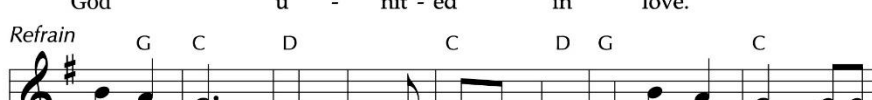
to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as chil - dren of

G C Dsus D



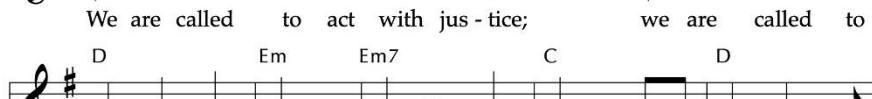
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 God u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C



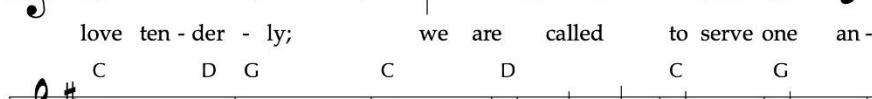
We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

February 2024
DUPC Sunday Forum Series
Sundays, 9:45AM—Shaw Room

Beyond Resistance

The Institutional Church
Meets the Postmodern World

by John Dorhauer

Come join the discussions of this thought-provoking book led by
several members of the congregation.

Beyond Resistance presents a call “to move the institutional church
out of a modality of denial and into a perspective of hope.”

Copies are available to loan.
contact David Lee for more information.

February 18th and 25th

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!

All Church Community Luncheon!

Sunday, February 11th, 12:15 PM, in the Hallock Lounge

**A catered lunch to
celebrate this
beloved community!**

Kim McConnell will be our Emcee!

**The food is provided! So instead of a
dish to pass, bring a poem, a quote, or
other inspirational tidbit about
dreams or light to share!**

**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.



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