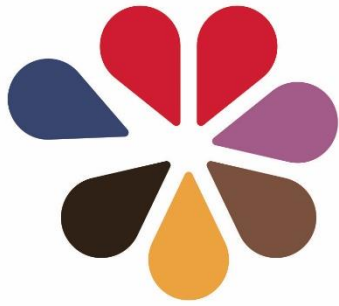




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Peaks and Valleys

Celebration of Worship

February 11, 2024, 11:00 AM

Transfiguration of Christ Sunday

Camp and Retreat Center Sunday

[Click Here to Watch](#)

Prelude

Bagatelle No. 25 in A Minor

Sam Schroeder, piano

L.V. Beethoven

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

David Lee

Creator God,

In the beginning you shaped our world and made us in your image.

Redeeming God,

Your love is greater than anything else.

Sustaining God,

You are with us now.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn

Lord, Prepare Me

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(Music may be found on page 8.)

Prayer for Wholeness (*unison*)

Awesome God,

Let us be present with you now, and until we come to you in worship again.

We hear your voice around the corners of our lives;

God, help us bring your wisdom to the center of who we are.

Replace our fixation on production with patience;

Override our need for control with blessings.

Set our sights farther than today's to-do lists and tomorrows anxieties;

that we may see the mountains brought low and the valleys made a plain.

Relax our jaws; open our hands; drop our shoulders; quiet our fears.

You are the God of life. You are with us now. We give you thanks, O God.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Patient and Loving God, how often we disregard you, and yet - there you are
ever reminding us

that **WE ARE LOVED** and **WE ARE FORGIVEN**, always. Amen

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-12

Time with Our Children and Youth

Black History Month Remembrance

Susan Richane

Music for Reflection

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

William H Harris

"The eyes of all wait upon thee, O God; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

For thou art righteous in all thy ways: and holy in all thy works.

For thou art nigh unto all them that call upon thee faithfully.

Thou wilt fulfill the desire of them that seek thee: thou also wilt hear their cry and help them.

For thou preserveth all them that love thee."

Text: Psalm 145:15-20, alt.

Scripture

Mark 9: 2-9

*Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit
(Music may be found on page 9.)

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Prayers of the People (United Church of Canada, 1968, rev. 1980, 1995)

+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

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg

*"Alleluia. All shall be Amen and Alleluia, all shall be Amen.
We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love, behold our end which is no end.
All shall be Amen, Amen!"*

Text: Saint Augustine

*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*)

Creator God, your artistry is magnificent - from mountaintops to seashores to galaxies full of stars. Let us take the time today to sit and simply be in awe of this world that you have created that we may enjoy and revel in. Amen

*Hymn

Spirit of the Living God
(Music may be found on page 10.)

LIVING GOD

*Prayer of Blessing (*unison*)

Holy God you have called us to your mountaintops, and into your deserts. You have called us in times of joy and in times of sorrow. You have called us not because of what we are capable of on our own, but because of what we are capable of with you alongside us. As we go out into the world, may the grace of Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always.
Amen

Postlude

Fugue in F Major, BWV 540

J.S. Bach

*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: Lea Kone

Liturgist: David Lee

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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Lea Kone (She/Her)

Lea recently joined the staff of the Memorial Art Gallery, as the Creative Workshops Manager, and recently concluded 9 years of service as the Executive Director of Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake.

Lea is the Co-Clerk of Session for Downtown United Presbyterian Church, is a past Moderator of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and a past Board Member of the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center Associations (PCCCA). She also serves as a Cohort Coach and Curriculum Writer for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Office of Christian Formation. Additionally, Lea currently serves as the Treasurer for the People's Pantry of Rochester. She is also almost complete with her credentials to be certified as a professional coach through the International Coaching Federation.

When she is not working, coaching or volunteering, Lea can usually be found traveling (and eating!) around the world, cooking delicious food for friends and family, going to pub trivia with her Presbyterian colleagues, walking her dog Meiko and spending time with her twin nieces, Izzy and Ellie.

DUPC BLACK HISTORY MONTH REMEMBRANCE



Pearl Rugless O'Mealley, a beloved well-recognized faithful member and deacon of our congregation. A long-time community leader, and Pearl was the 2021 recipient of the New York State Senate Commendation Award, which recognizes exceptional people who have made a lasting contribution to their community through volunteerism, leadership, and charitable work.

She held positions in organizations that focused on diversity and entrepreneurship including former Vice-president of the Genesee Street Merchants Association, Board Member of United Nations' Rochester Chapter, a member of the NYS Cosmetology Association, member of the Grapevine Association, and board member of Sojourner House.

The Jamaica native was the founder of the local Caribbean Club and is credited for helping immigrants from Jamaica settle in Rochester. Most importantly, she credits the warm hearts she encountered when she first came to Rochester in the mid-1950s as inspiration for her life's work. "Just kindness, you know?" Rugless-O'Mealley said. "God gave you the health and strength to be kind to one another."

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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Irregular

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT AND MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.'

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.'

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.'

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of the hymn concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.'

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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LIVING GOD
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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.



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.

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 13

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

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

Wednesday, February 21

4:30 Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

10:00 Personnel Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 27

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

The Downtown Church Staff

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Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Laura Norris-
Buisch, Moderator
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David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King
Jim Vesper

Raina Bouphavong

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