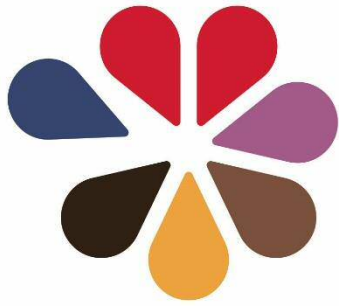




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Out of the mist. . .

Celebration of Worship

March 10, 2024, 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

Adagio Assai, BWV 622

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Chime

Introit

God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie

Alfred V. Fedak

*"God who spread the boundless prairie when the ancient oceans died;
Brought to birth the tribes and nations born in dignity and pride;
Now as one we seek your spirit, reaching for your loving hand,
Called by you our great Creator, sharing in this sacred land.*

*God who raised our rolling foothills crowned with mountain peaks beyond;
Call us now to love and serve you, joyfully will we respond.
God whose glory past and present lights us on our future way,
Now baptize us with your Spirit, build tomorrow's church today."*

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll, 2002

*Call to Worship

Lea Kone

The Heavens declare the glory of God;

The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech

Night after night they display knowledge.

Presence is revealed as we enter both outer and inner terrains of our lives;

We are invited into this time, into this place, into this story.

Let us enter this kinship circle of all creation,

Thanks be to God, we will take this journey together.

* Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King
(Verses 1-4 - Music may be found on page 6.)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer for Wholeness

Giver of Life, we praise You! Bestower of all gifts, we give You thanks, for your steadfast Love endures forever! Who can tell of your generosity in all generations, the rich variety of the living cosmos? You remember us, O Beloved, as we journey through life; help us to live the Mystery, that we may fulfill your divine destiny; that we may co-create with You, that we may live into our divine birthright. Meet us where we are, that we might bring your Light and Life to the broken and to the bruised; guide us to become channels of your grace, so that our fruits may bless others as we grow in trust and in love.

Based on Psalm 106 from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation To Wholeness*,
by Nan C. Merrill

Assurance of Pardon

God's Love is from everlasting to everlasting.

God's love knows no bounds.

Yet, Instead of coming to God with our hurt, we hold it in, or cast it onto others. We are crushed by uncertainty, and impatient for the "not yet." We are too eager to say, "not me, not now."

Nevertheless, God's Love welcomes us, pardons us, and embraces us.

Through the Holy Spirit, God's Love meets us at every beginning, remaking us into new creatures, calling us Beloved.

Scripture

Out of the Mist

Lahab Assef Al-Jundi

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

Earth Song

Frank Ticheli

"Sing, Be, Live, See. . .

This dark stormy hour, The wind, it stirs. The scorched Earth cries out in vain:

*Oh war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain.
But music and singing have been my refuge, And music and singing shall be my light,
A light of song, shining strong: Alleluia! Through darkness and pain and strife I'll
Sing, Be, Live, See. . . Peace."*

Scripture

Matthew 8:1-4

Sermon

Divine Intervention

Susan Richane

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation
(Music may be found on page 8.)

AR HYD Y NOS

^Joys and Concerns

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

The Heavens are Telling

Franz Josef Haydn

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of God's work displays the firmament.
To day that is coming speaks it the day, The night is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word. Never unperceived, ever understood."*

Text by Lidley after Milton's *Paradise Lost*

*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

God, We thank you for Your gracious generosity. Through the sharing of these gifts and the living of our lives, may we become channels of healing and hope. Together, may we walk in the Light with grateful hearts, radiating peace to a world to which we are called as your expression of Love. Amen

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

(Verses 1-2 - Music may be found on page 9.)

Prayer of Blessing

God called us here today, and now calls us out into the world. We are invited to walk from the wilderness into the uncertainties and challenges that lie ahead. Blessed and renewed by the Holy Spirit, may we share God's love and grace with a world that hungers for peace. May the wonders of the Creator, the liberation of Jesus, and the Light of the Holy Spirit be with us, today, and always. Amen

Postlude

Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548

J.S. Bach

Thank you to. . .

Guest preacher: Susan Richane

(You may read about Susan on pg. 10)

Liturgist: Lea Kone

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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All Creatures of Our God and King

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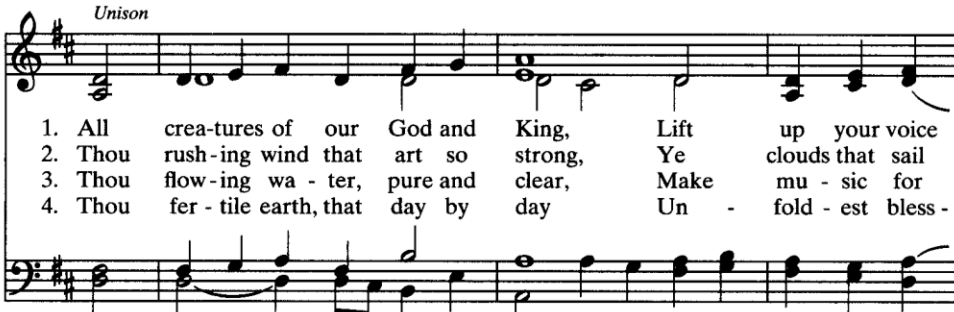
Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison



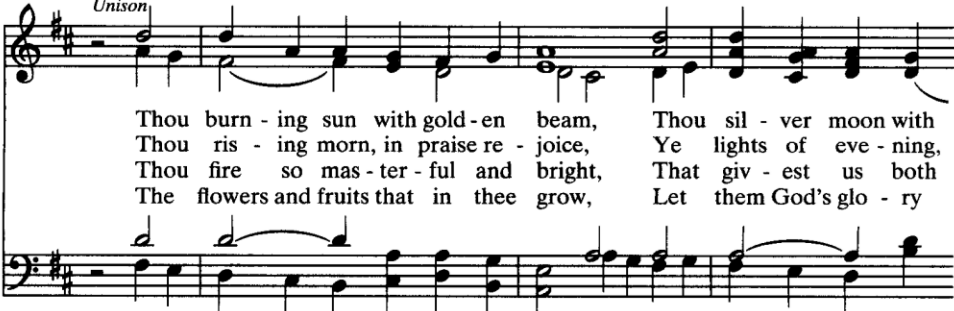
1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for
 4. Thou fer-tile earth, that day by day Un-fold-est bless-

Harmony



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 in heaven a-long, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison



Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, Thou sil-ver moon with
 Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, Ye lights of eve-ning,
 Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, That giv-est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo-ry

Harmony



soft-er gleam,
 find a voice!
 warmth and light, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 al-so show!

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5. And everyone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on God your care!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the Fruit of All Creation

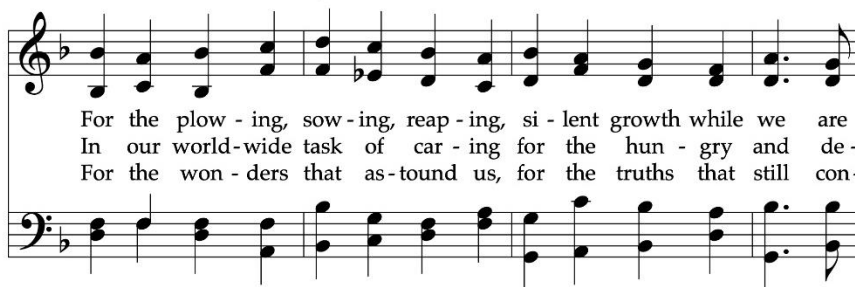
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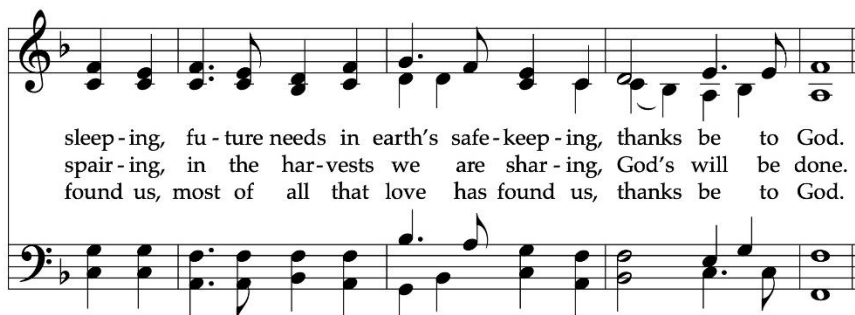
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



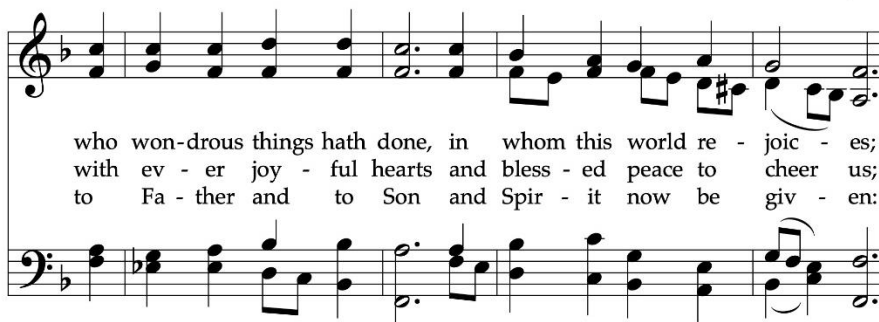
sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Susan is an elder at Downtown Church, where she and her husband Bob became members close to 4 decades ago. She has served in many capacities, most notably as Parish Deacon for 7 years. Her leadership roles have been varied, and through these Susan has found opportunities for creative engagement, and has received spiritual fulfillment. Susan has spent her adult life in the field of early childhood education; as an administrator, teacher, trainer, consultant, and resource specialist. This passion continues into the present, and her delight in children's literature continues to be shared with city children, friends, and grandchildren. Susan enjoys writing, and authored the book, *In the Loop of Earth and Sky*. She hopes to publish a second book, *Channels of Light* this year. Susan continues to find joy in what she calls "artful and heartfelt ministries."

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

<u>Tuesday, March 12</u> 10:30 Bible Study via Zoom 6:30 Deacons Meeting via Zoom <u>Wednesday, March 13</u> 4:30 Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom 4:30 DEIB Meeting via Zoom 7:00 Choir Rehearsal <u>Thursday, March 14</u> 5:00 Finance Team Mtg via Zoom 7:30 Property Team Mtg via Zoom	<u>Sunday, March 17</u> <i>Daylight Savings Time—Turn Clocks Ahead</i> 9:45 Sunday Forum - Book Study 10:00 Choir Warm-up 10:45 Nursery 11:00 Worship - Rev. Laurel Nelson 11:15 Sunday School 12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
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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.

^Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request slip (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

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

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Beyond Resistance
The Institutional Church
Meets the Postmodern World

MARCH
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by **John Dorhauer**

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

MARCH
17

March 3rd will be a time for attendees to share thoughts and ideas, and discuss the recently posed questions.

March 10 & 17 - led by Leah Kone and/or Nancy Simpson

MARCH
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The Science of Gratitude

Presenter: David A. Orange

Research shows gratitude does more than just help us to feel good—being grateful can also support greater mental and physical health for ourselves and our communities.
Come learn more about the many benefits of gratitude.



On Easter Sunday, the Worship bulletin will again include an insert which will list loved ones, remembered or honored, when you make a donation of any amount to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**. Payment can be made by check (payable to Downtown Church with OGHS in the Memo line) or payment made via credit/debit card through the church website (Please check “Other Gift” and include a note in the memo field). These gifts must be received by **Monday, March 25, 2024**.

As has become our tradition, two bouquets of Spring Flowers will grace the chancel, and a third arrangement of flowers will adorn the Communion table. This arrangement will be delivered to the Presbyterian Home after the Easter Worship service.

To remember a loved one or honor a special person with your gift, complete and return the form below.

Please print or type:

In memory or honor of: _____

From: _____

Please return the completed form with your donation by Monday, March 25, 2024 or send an email to the church office at office@downtownpresbyterian.org.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.