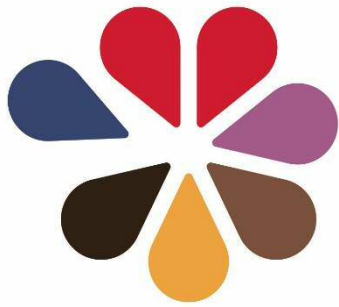
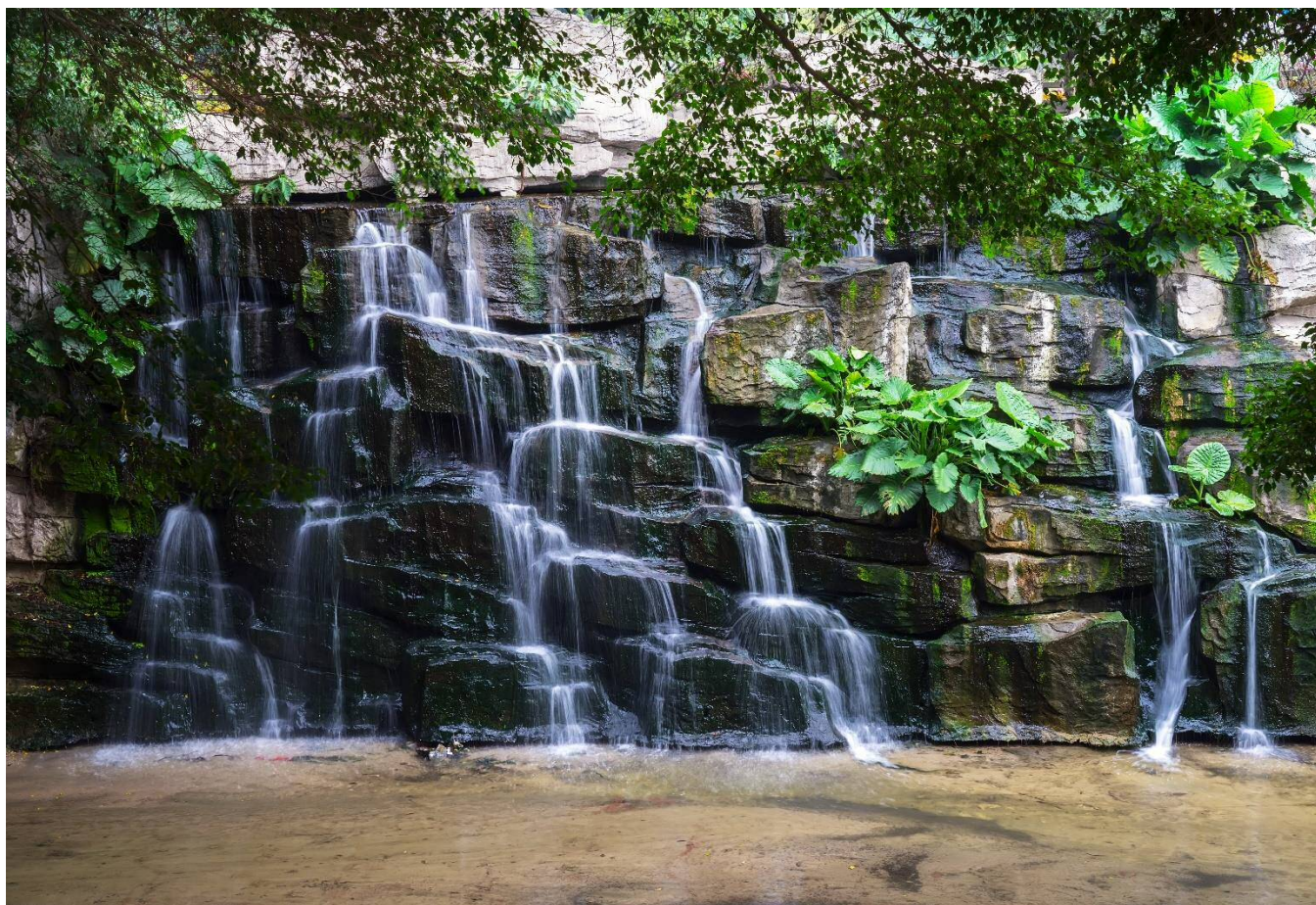




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“...that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

Acts 3:19b (NIV)

Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2024, 11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

Meditation on Suo Gan

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Chime

Introit

Come Away to the Skies

MIDDLEBURY

*"Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day your were born:
On this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.*

*For thy glory we were first created to share both the nature and Spirit divine;
Now created again, that our lives may remain throughout time and eternity thine.*

*We with thanks do approve the design of that love which has joined us to Jesus' name;
So united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of God."*

Text: Charles Wesley

Invocation

Lea Kone

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in
your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be
made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

***Call to Worship**

Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words
of Jesus Christ.

"Peace be with you."

When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words
of Jesus Christ.

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and
light dwells within us.

Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of
God's healing love.

*Hymn

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(Verses 1, 2 and 4 - Music may be found on page 6.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.

Words of Grace

Loving God, thank you for the assurance of your grace. You grant us all your peace. Help us to trust in your peace, especially in times of conflict. Believing you will bring peace in our hearts, and to all the earth. Guiding us, so that all may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace. In his name, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 24:36-48

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anon. 16thc.

*"Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all: the Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
Let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen."*

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Scripture

Acts 3:12-19

Sermon

Refreshing

Rev. Davis

*Hymn

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
(Music may be found on page 7.)

SUO GAN

^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

Down in the River to Pray

Traditional
Arr. J. David Moore

*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

*Hymn

O For a World
(Verses 1-3 and 5 - Music may be found on page 9.)

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*Charge and Benediction

***Passing of the Peace**

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: 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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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988

MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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 Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

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O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a-chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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DUPC Sunday Forum Series

April 2024

What Are Our Tenants Doing?

Sundays, 9:45AM—Shaw Room

April 7

Spiritus Christi Ministries

Lauren Urzetta – Spiritus Christi Hospitality and Youth Minister

Come learn about Spiritus Christi's many ministries including a mental health center, a recovery house, prison outreach, anti-racism coalition, buddy readers, and ongoing work in Haiti and Mexico.

April 14

DUPC Building Tour

Eileen Dietsch, DOO and Staff

Ever wonder about spaces in our buildings seldom seen? Come take a grand tour.

April 21

Faith Groups at DUPC

Alan Dailey – UCLM (United Christian Leadership Ministry)

Rev. Fred Dicks – LIFFE (Love International Faith Fellowship Experience)

Eager to find out more about these two organizations?

This Sunday Forum will give you the chance to listen, learn, and ask questions.

April 28

The Problems with Plastics

Rochester Friends Meeting Earthcare Committee Members

Plastics are ubiquitous and problematic. The Quaker Earthcare Committee will share ways to reduce single use plastic, what plastics are recycled locally, and the health effects of plastics and microplastics. Efforts to regulate plastic use will also be discussed.

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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Celebrating Our Golden Jubilee

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A John Williams Piano Concert



The Great American Songbook

Including narration & musical selections from the 1920's through the 1950's.

Sunday, May 5, 4PM ~ DUPC Sanctuary
Reception to Follow ~ Hallock Lounge

Free Admission - Donations will go to support the June 23rd Annual Jazz Worship.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 16

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 17

4:30 Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

10:00 Personnel Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, April 21

9:45 Sunday Forum-Faith Groups
10:00 Choir Warm-up
10:45 Nursery
11:00 Worship-Rev. Davis
11:15 Sunday School
12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
4:00 First Inversion: Beckoning