



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16b

Celebration of Worship

April 28, 2024, 11:00 AM

5th Sunday of Eastertide

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the hymn following the sermon to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision"

Announcements

Nancy Brown

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Chime

Introit

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Peter Cutts

*"Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:*

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,

To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:

Come, Holy Spirit, come."

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

*Call to Worship (*responsive reading*)

Nancy Brown

We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.

Let us open our hearts to receive Christ's abundant love.

Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.

Let us seek to produce much fruit in God's Garden where all are welcome.

Come, let us worship the Master Gardener, Creator of all that was, is and forever will be.

Amen and Asè (pronounced "ah-shay" and is Swahili for Amen.)

Invocation

Living God, we embrace your presence in our lives. Help us to grow stronger together in your garden of love. Plant us together in your peace. Root us together in your hope. Transform us together by your equal justice for all. In your loving presence, we pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
(Music may be found on page 7.)

PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *(in unison)*

Creating God, we are grateful for the hope that you offer to us and all creation. Prune us so that we may have a cleansed heart. Help us to grow your garden of love. Water our despair so it can be transformed into your hope. Feed our minds so that all may glean from your wisdom. Nurture our spirits so that we can become more fruitful in our lives. Give us new life, we pray. **Amen.**

Moment for Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Grace

Merciful God, your love for us grows deep and wide. We ask for your forgiveness in those times when we fail to follow your example; when we choose greed over advocating for human rights; and when we choose silence over speaking truth to power. Create in us your power to change our hearts and minds from earthly scarcity to your divine abundance. Renew in us the courage to get into “good trouble” even when the arc of peace and justice is long. Strengthen us to be branches so that all might know of your garden of forgiveness and love. In your mercy, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture

John 15:1-8
1 John 4:7-21

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

The Peace of Wild Things

Jake Runestad

*"When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."*

Text: Wendell Berry, 2012

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon

"I'm Satisfied To Know..."

Rev. Davis

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(Music may be found on page 8.)

^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

Let the River Run

"Let the river run.

Carly Simon,

Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*Let all the dreamers wake the nation. Come, the New Jerusalem.
Silver cities rise; the morning lights the streets that lead them,
and sirens call them on with a song.
It's asking for the taking, trembling, shaking, Oh, my heart is aching
We're coming to the edge, Running on the water,
Coming through the fog, Your sons and daughters."*

***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**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Music may be found on page 9.)**

HYMN TO JOY

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

***Passing of the Peace**

**The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.**

Thank you to.

Liturgist: Nancy Brown

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, Ghalip Ekber

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers, Alan Jones,

Jack and Tim Lambert, Stephen Lloyd

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Forward from 50 - Lighting the Way!
Celebrating Our Golden Jubilee

presents

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

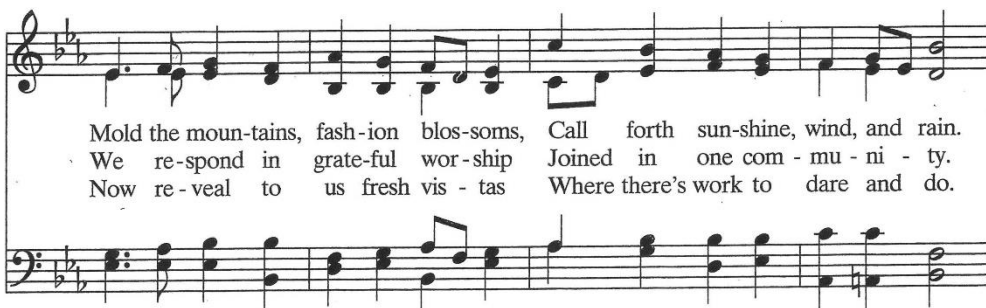
Free Admission - Donations will go to support the June 23rd Annual Jazz Worship.

Jane Parker Huber, 1978

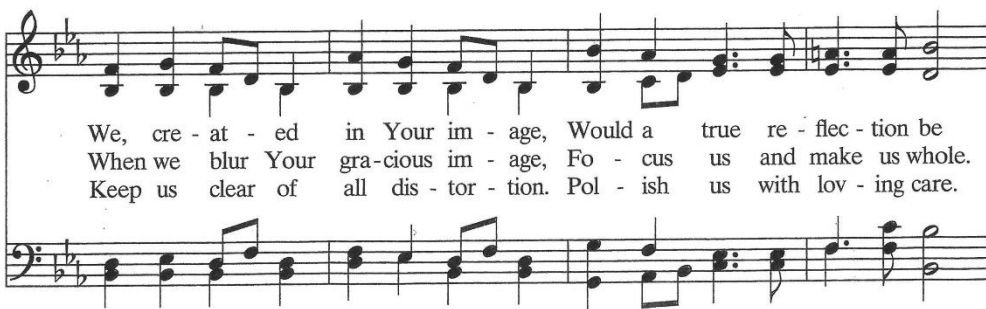
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



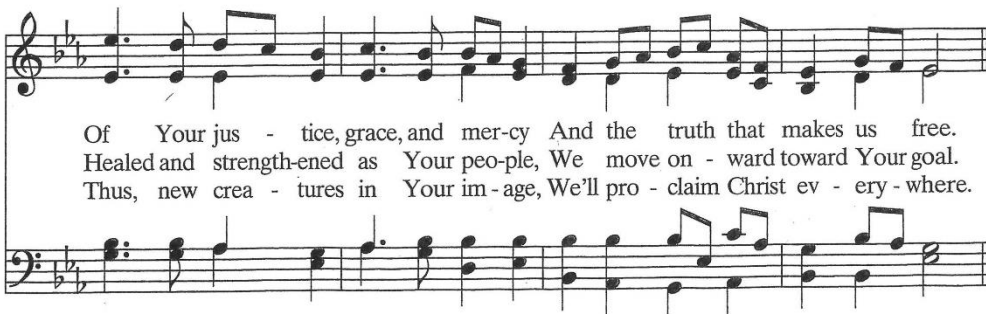
1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.
 3. God, Your word is still cre-at-ing, Call-ing us to life made new.



Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre-at-ed in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be
 When we blur Your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion. Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.



Of Your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.
 Healed and strength-ened as Your peo-ple, We move on-ward toward Your goal.
 Thus, new crea-tures in Your im-age, We'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F[♯]m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

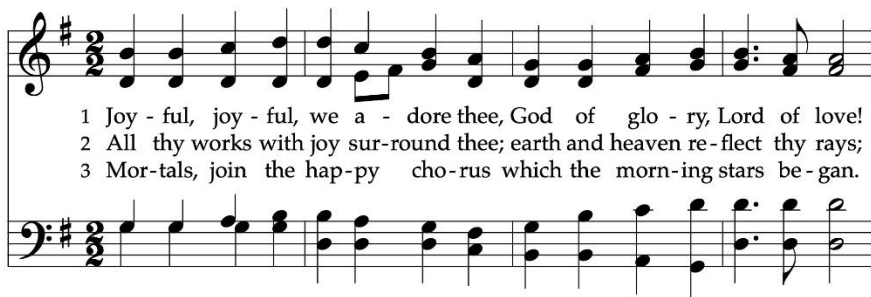
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

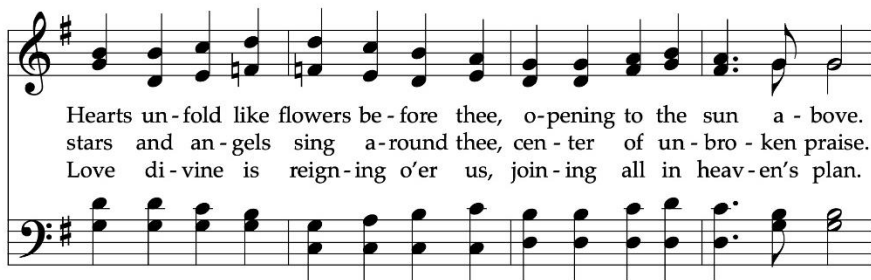
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

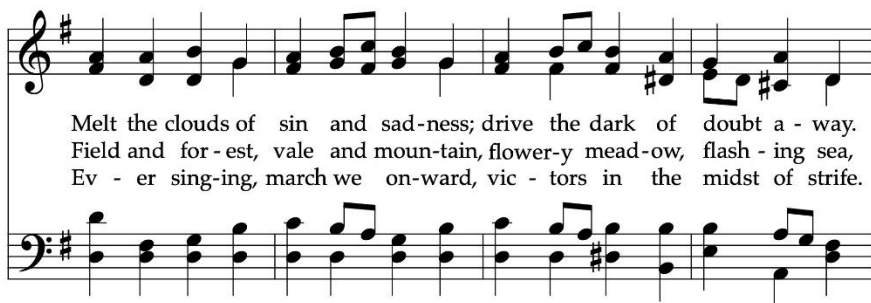
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Tuesday, April 30

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

7:15 Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, May 5

9:45 Sunday Forum-BMISS Update

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship- Rev. Phil Davis

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

5:30 Justice League Mtg via Zoom

Wednesday, May 8

4:00 DEIB Monthly Meeting

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

5:00 Finance Team Mtg via Zoom

7:30 Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Saturday, May 11

12:45 Justice League Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, May 12

9:45 Sunday Forum-DUPC Finances

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship- Rev. Phil Davis

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

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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