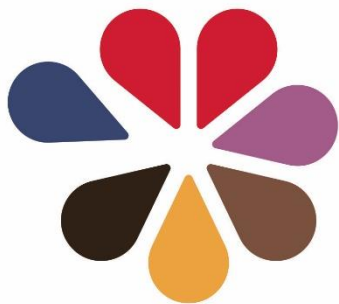




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE
THE JOY OF CHRIST.**



Celebration of Worship

May 12, 2024, 11:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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 first hymn to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Niagara Falls
Magnolia Waltz Nancy and Randall Faber
O Sole Mio Eduardo di Capua, arr. Faber
Rise and Shine Trad., arr. Faber
Andrew McAleavey, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Announcements

Chime

Introit

Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

Leonard Burks

"Every day is a day of thanksgiving.

God, you've been so good to me. Every day you're blessing me.

Every day is a day of thanksgiving.

We will glorify your name today!"

*Call to Worship

Nancy Brown

Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

We give God all our praises.

Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.

Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.

Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

Invocation

Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River
(Music may be found on page 6.)

HANSON PLACE

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.

Words of Grace

Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all. Strengthen us to do better and to become better together in our relationship with you and all of creation. Hear our prayer, O God. **Amen.**

Scripture

Romans 13:8-10

Time with Our Children and Youth

Choir Recognition

Lee Wright

Music for Reflection I Know I've Been Changed American negro spiritual
Arr. Damon H. Dandridge

Nyla Thomas and Carolina Sullivan, soloists

Scripture Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Love & Prayer Rev. Davis

*Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN
(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 7.)

^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 Measure Me, Sky! Elaine Hagenberg
"Measure me, sky!

Tell me I reach by a song nearer the stars; I have been little so long.

Horizon, reach out! Catch at my hands, stretch me taut,

Rim of the world: widen my eyes by a thought.

Sky, be my depth, wind, be my width and my height,

World, my heart's span; Loveliness, wings for my flight."

Words: Leonora Speyer

*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 When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG
(Verses 1-3 and 5 - Music may be found on page 8.)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Down by the Riverside American negro spiritual
 The Entertainer Scott Joplin
 Andrew McAleavey, piano Arr. Faber

*Passing of the Peace with a **SURPRISE ENDING**
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

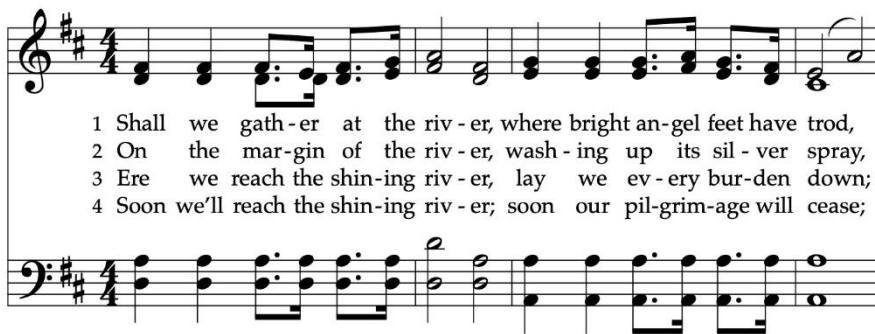
Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers, Alan Jones,

Jack and Tim Lambert, Stephen Lloyd

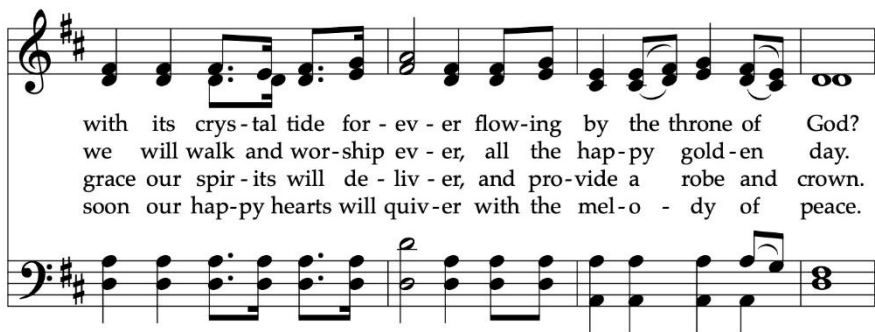
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1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

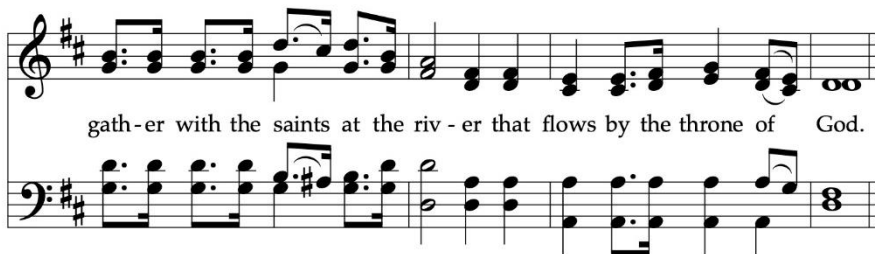


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; stanzas 1–3, trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.;
 stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.
 MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

CRUSADERS' HYMN
 5.6.8.5.5.8

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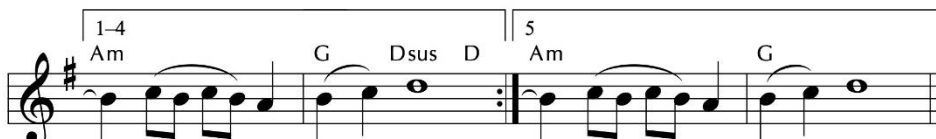
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1972, alt.
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904, alt.
 Text © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

ENGELBERG
 10.10.10.4
 (this tune in a lower key, 485)

DUPC Sunday Forum Series

May 2024

In Here, Out There, Around the World

Sundays, 9:45AM—Shaw Room

May 5 - Building Minds in South Sudan Update!

Sebastian Maroundit, BMISS co-Founder

Come hear where these villager-made bricks will be going ... and much more. Mayen Abun is thriving thanks to the work we have done there. Come hear about it and ask your questions.



May 12 - DUPC Church Finances

DUPC Finance Committee, Sam King, Chair

Our hard-working Finance Team members will provide some details about the current state of DUPC finances, and will respond to your questions, concerns, and suggestions.



May 19 - Rochester Celebrates Juneteenth

Josie McClary & Pastor Wanda Wilson, Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission

What does the Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission have planned for this year's celebration of Juneteenth? Come find out more about what is in store and how you can be involved.



This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

9:45 Sunday Forum- DUPC Finances
10:00 Choir Warm-up
10:45 **Nursery in Library**
11:00 Worship- Rev. Phil Davis
11:15 Sunday School- Sebastian &
Susan Richane
12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 14

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

10:00 Personnel Mtg via Zoom

Friday, May 17

10:30 Friday Book Group via Zoom

Sunday, May 19

9:45 Sunday Forum-Juneteenth 2024
10:00 Choir Warm-up
10:45 Nursery
11:00 Worship- Rev. Phil Davis
11:15 Sunday School
12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
7:00 Sophia Circle via Zoom

Tuesday, May 21

10:30 Bible Study 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 below 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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The Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.,
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Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Jackie Griffin, Nursery Coordinator
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
David Mear, Business Manager
Moses Nhial, Maintenance

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& Receptionist Coordinator
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Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher
Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
Ed Verna, Maintenance
Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,
Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Lea Kone, co-Clerks of Session
Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Philip B. Davis,
Moderator
Nancy Brown
David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper
Raina Bouphavong
Pat Tweet
Mary Rees

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