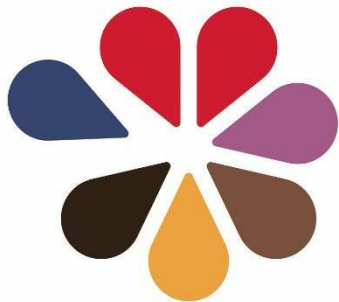




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"THE EARTH REJOICES
ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN,



AT THE HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS
OF GOD'S LOVE."

Celebration of Worship

July 7, 2024, 10:00 AM

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Sure on this Shining Night

Samuel Barber

*"Sure on this shining night of star-made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground.
The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder
wand'ring far alone of shadows on the stars."*

Text: James Agee

Sophia Walter, mezzo-soprano

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Please join in the refrain:

Arr. Richard Smallwood

**"Lead me, guide me, along the way. For if you lead me, I will not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Jesus, lead me."**

*Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 48*)

Pat Tweet

Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

**The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths
of God's love.**

We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator's majesty!

God's name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and recount from generation to generation!

Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!

*Invocation

Eternal God we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.

* Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(Music may be found on page 9.)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.

Moment of Silent Contemplation and Prayer

Words of Grace

Power-filled beloved, the Holy One is with you and fuels your journey. God grants you power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in the kingdom. You have power to make things new in your heart,

in your neighborhood, and in your community. Receive the grace to try even when your way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily. God is with you and will be with you.

Scripture

Psalm 48
Mark 6:1-13

Time with Our Children and Youth

Music for Reflection

Beautiful Things

Michael and Lisa Gungor

*All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, at all*

*All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?*

*Refrain: You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things out of us*

*All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, in you (Ref.)*

*You make me new,
You are making me new (Ref.)*

Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon

"The Apostle Paul Has Personal Problems"

Rev. Davis

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(Music may be found on page 10.)

IN BABILONE

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

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

*"Sing God a simple song, lauda laude
Make it up as you go along, lauda laude
Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things.
For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.*

I will sing the Lord a new song, to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days.

Blessed is the one who loves the Lord,

Blessed is the one who praises Him.

Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes, to the hills from which comes my help.

*I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing lauda, laude.
For God is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand.
And the sun shall not smite me by day, or the moon by night.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, lauda, lauda, laude,
And walks in His ways.
Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, lauda di da di day
All of my days"*

Words: Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

***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

Rev. Davis

***Hymn**

Guide My Feet
(See the hymn insert.)

American Negro Spiritual

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those who trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. As we come to the Lord's table, let us humble our hearts and be open to the call of Your Spirit.

People: **Compassionate God, have mercy on us, we pray.**

Pastor: Let us examine ourselves: our thoughts, our actions, our motives, and our attitudes toward others.

People: **O Holy God, have mercy and forgive us our shortcomings.**

Pastor: Help us to remember our responsibility to our families and our neighbors, our stewardship to You, and the work You have given to our hands.

People: **O Living God, we stand in need of Your grace, strength, and mercy.**

Pastor: As we eat the bread which represents Your body, which is the True and Living Bread, open our eyes to recognize the intimacy that You yearn to share with us.

People: **O Loving God, teach us to love You above all else.**

Pastor: As we drink the cup which represents Christ's blood shed for us, we thank You for the new covenant, "Love ye one another," which is written in our hearts. Let us rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

People: **Tender Father and Mother, may Your great sacrifice of redeeming love renew us for loving service and sacrifice for others.**

Pastor: May this Lord's Supper energize every area of our lives and enable us to transcend our circumstances, our inadequacies, and our enemies.

People: **God who sees us, touch and empower us so that our lives will be renewed.**

Pastor: We praise You, O God, who made us Your own people through the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord.

All: **Abide in us, Savior and Redeemer. Fill us with the life-giving power of Your Spirit, now and forever.**

Prayer

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, And after giving thanks to God, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say

People: **Amen, Amen, and Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

Cristo Redentor

Duke Pearson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

I've Got The Joy
(See the Hymn insert)

*Benediction

Postlude

The Earth Is Yours Michael and Lisa Gungor
*"Your voice it thunders, the oaks start twisting
The forest sounds with cedars breaking
The waters see You and start their writhing

Refrain: From the depths a song is rising
Now, it's rising from the ground
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord
The earth is Yours

Your voice it thunders
The ground is shaking
The mighty mountains now are trembling
Creation sees You and starts composing
The fields and trees they start rejoicing (Ref.)"*

*Passing of the Peace

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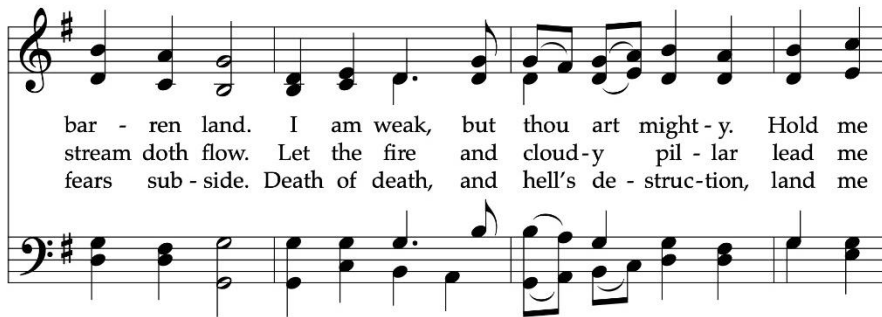
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Musicians: Tim Lambert, Sophia Walter, and Lee Wright
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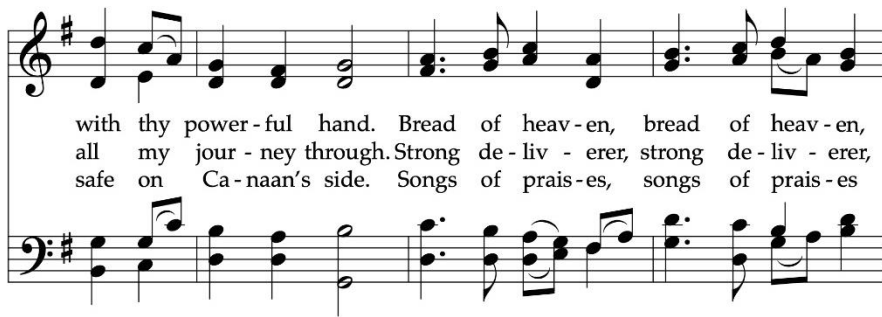
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.
MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

IN BABILONE
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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Wednesday, July 10

4:30PM DEIB Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, July 11

5:00PM Finance Mtg via Zoom

7:30PM Property Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, July 14

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal

10:00AM Worship – Rev. Phil Davis

11:00AM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 16

7:00PM Session Mtg via Zoom

Wednesday, July 17

4:30PM Sunday Forum via Zoom

Thursday, July 18

10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom

Saturday, July 20

11:00AM Rochester Pride Parade

DUPC marching w/Pres. Pride Posse

Sunday, July 20

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal

10:00AM Worship- Eli Henry

11:00AM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Welcome Visitors!

Children will be invited forward during the “Time with our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor.. 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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Guide My Feet

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1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

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I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

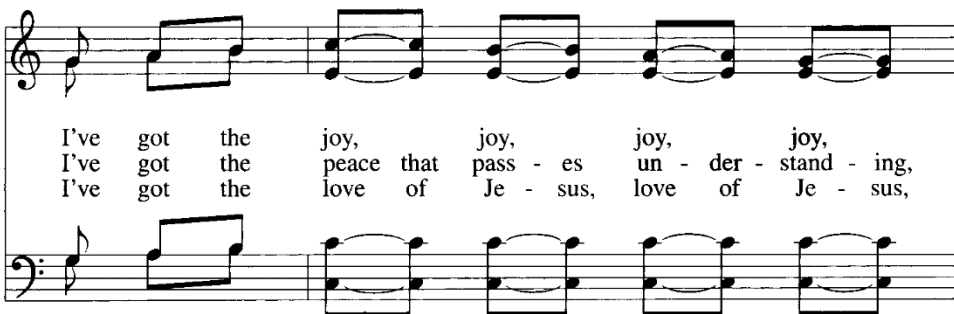
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1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
 3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
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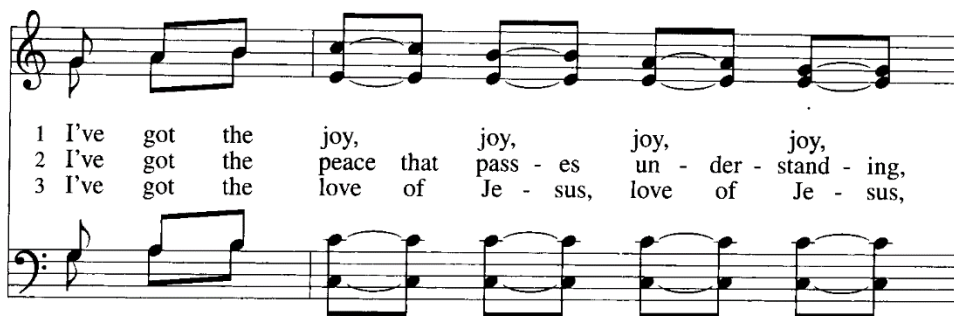
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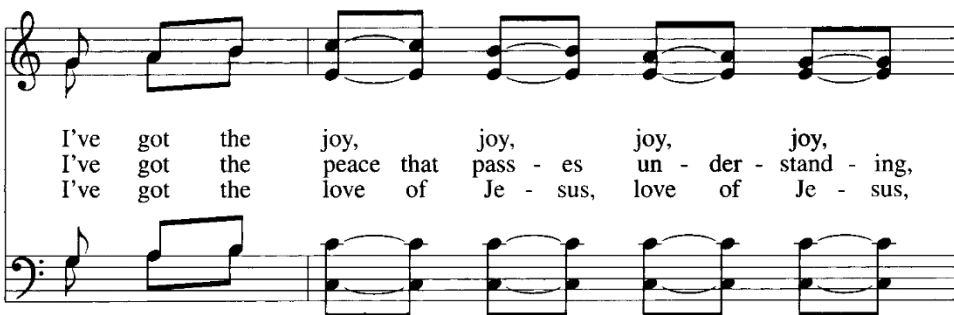
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 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
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