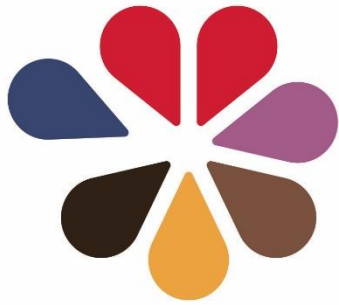




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



God Always has Time for You

Celebration of Worship

July 21, 2024, 10:00 AM

16th 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

Feldeinsamkeit (In Summer Fields)

Charles Ives

*"Quite still I lie where green the grass and tall
And gaze above me into depths unbounded,
By voices of the woodland a constant call,
And by the wondrous blue of Heav'n surrounded.*

*The lovely snow-white clouds drift far and wide,
Like silent dreams through deeps of azure wending,
I feel as though I long ago had died,
To drift with them through realms of bliss unending."*

Text: Hermann Allmers, Trans. Henry Grafton Chapman

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Announcements

Chime

Introit

The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now

Gospel Song

Arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

**"The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh, right now! (2X)
He woke me up this morning, and started me on my way;
The Lord is blessing me right now!"**

***Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 89)**

Pat Tweet

Leader: Holy One is with us. God's hand remains with us.

People: God's love is steadfast. God's strength is enough. We can rest in God's presence.

Leader: Holy Love keeps their covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

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Leader: Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

People: God's love is steadfast. God's strength is enough. We can rest in God's presence.

Invocation

Leader: Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

Jesus, I Am Resting

TRANQUILITY

(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 8.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, you do not journey alone. In community with the Holy One and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship. In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us, faithful to redeem, and affirms our rest and renewal.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

Music for Reflection

En Prière

Gabriel Fauré

*"If the voice of a child can ascend to Thy throne and implore Thee,
Hear the prayer of Thy Son, on His knees all alone here before Thee.
If Thou hast chosen me to teach Thy laws aright to each nation,
I shall serve Thee with joy, almighty God of Light, of creation.
Place the seal of Thy truth on all that I may say, and be near me,
That those now lost in doubt may humbly find the way to revere Thee.
Do Thou forsake me not; Thy sweet mercy's fair glow I would borrow,
To still all evil hearts, to console all their woe and their sorrow.
Reveal Thyself to me, Thou aid in pain and loss; I trust in Thee;
For Thee will I endure the cross, and I shall ever rest in Thy loving arms."*
Text: Stéphan Bordèse, English version by Willis Wager

Scripture

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

God Always Has Time for You

Rev. Davis

Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and

threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(Music may be found on page 8.)

FAITHFULNESS

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

How Great Thou Art

Swedish folk melody
Adapt. Stuart K. Hine

*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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 10.)

REGENT SQUARE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Impromptu in Eb Major

Franz Schubert

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Carolina Sullivan and Lee Wright

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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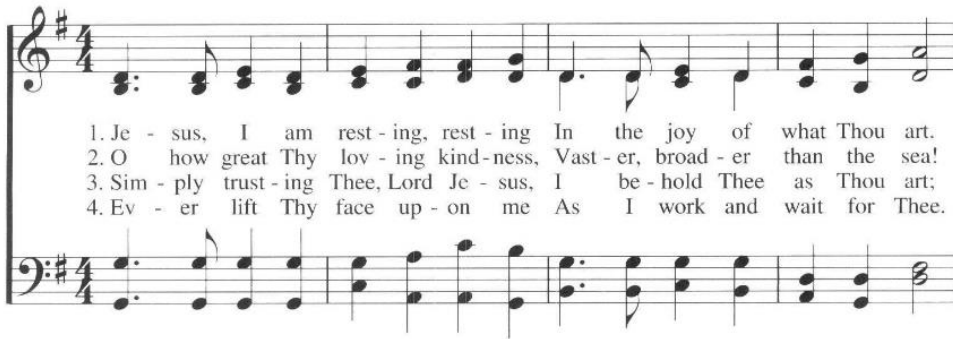
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July 21, 2024 @ 1PM - We will be hosting in the Hallock Lounge a meet and greet and question and answer session with the Candidate for Executive Presbyter for the Genesee Valley Presbytery

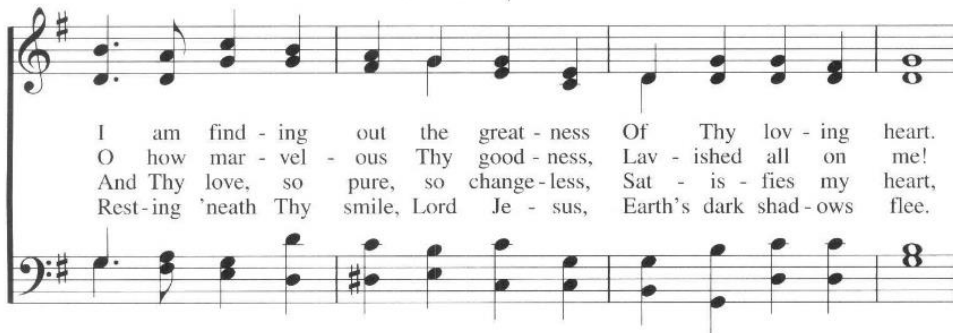
August 11, 2024 @ 11:30AM - Presentation and Discussion with representatives of the City of Rochester about the Inner Loop Project in the Shaw Room

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting 462

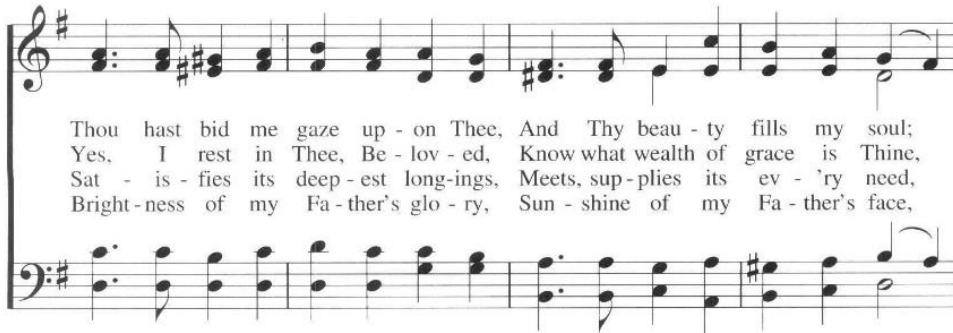
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28



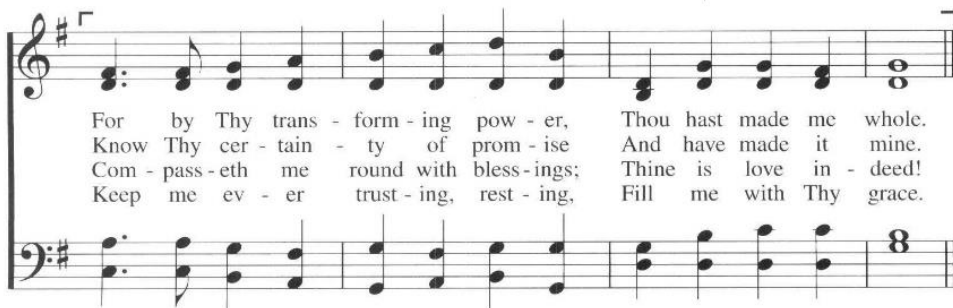
1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing In the joy of what Thou art.
 2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, Vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art;
 4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me As I work and wait for Thee.



I am find - ing out the great - ness Of Thy lov - ing heart.
 O how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, Lav - ished all on me!
 And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, Sat - is - fies my heart,
 Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, Earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, And Thy beau - ty fills my soul;
 Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
 Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, Meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
 Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, Sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
 Know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise And have made it mine.
 Com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed!
 Keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, Fill me with Thy grace.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16



1. Christ is made the sure foun- da - tion, Christ the head and cor- ner- stone,
 2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to - day:
 4. Here vouch- safe to all thy ser- vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,




cho - sen of the Lord and pre- cious, bind - ing all the church in one;
 in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
 • with thy wont - ed lov - ing- kind- ness hear thy peo - ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for - ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,
 laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One,




ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 • and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.



This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, July 21

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:00AM Worship- Rev. Phil Davis
11:00AM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Sunday, July 28

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:00AM Worship- Rev. Phil Davis
11:00AM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 4

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:00AM Worship - Rev. Lynda Myers
12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 8

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg via Zoom
7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

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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