



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NO FEAR IN LOVE

Celebration of Worship

July 28, 2024, 10:00 AM

17th 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arr. Dale Wood

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Announcements

Chime

Introit

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

*"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Maker's throne make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer."*

Text: William W. Walford (1772-1850)

*Call to Worship

Bouphavongs

Leader: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Invocation

All: Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

*Hymn

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
(Verse 1 - Music may be found on page 8.)

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, you are enough. God's grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency. Through the Holy One's sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and God's kingdom real in the world.

Scripture

Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21

Music for Reflection When the Lord Redeems the Very Least Albert E. Brumley

"When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast. . .

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.

When the Lord restores the sick and weak. . . When the earth is given to the meek. . . Ref.

When the Lord revives the world from death. . . When the word of God fills every breath. . . Ref.

When the Lord returns in victory. . . When we live in glorious liberty. . . Ref."

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, c. 1991

Scripture

John 6:1-21

Sermon

No Fear In Love

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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples

long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler
(Music may be found on page 7.)

AUSTIN

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

The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley
and Donald Vails

*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

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound
(Music may be found on page 10.)

MC KEE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on

McKee

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Bouphavongs

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lee Wright

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

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

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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AUSTIN
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408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major. The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with similar rhythmic values. The lyrics are placed below the staff.

with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

The second line continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef features some beamed eighth notes, and the bass clef has a few half notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

The third line shows the continuation of the musical phrase. The treble clef has a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and the bass clef follows with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the staff.

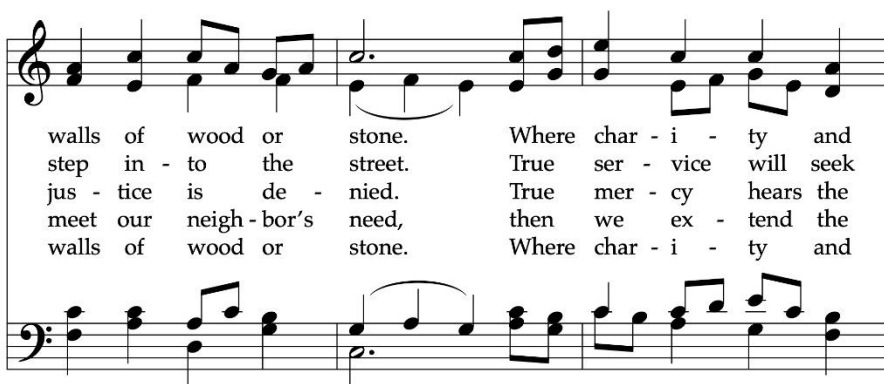
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

The final line of the refrain concludes the phrase. The treble clef ends with a half note and a whole note, while the bass clef has a more active accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the staff.

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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MC KEE
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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

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

7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, August 11

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:30AM Inner Loop Project Mtg

Welcome Visitors!

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.

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