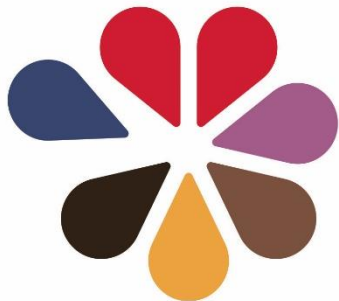




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“You are the Light of the world.”

-Matthew 5:14a

Celebration of Worship

August 4th, 2024, 10:00 AM

18th 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

Meditation on "This Little Light of Mine"

Words of Welcome
Announcements

The Rev. Lynda Myers

Chime

*Introit

We Are Marching in the Light of God
Please join in singing and playing percussion.
Verses will be called by a worship leader.

South African

*Call to Worship

Bob Richane

L: God said, "Let there be light."

P: And there was light.

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P: And the light shone in the darkness.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

A: And the light shall not be quenched.

***Invocation**

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts. Teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, **AMEN.**

*** Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine
(Music may be found on page 8.)

AFRICAN-AMERICAN

Prayer for Wholeness

God, you choose to share your light with the world despite our unwillingness to answer your call to become the light of the world. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we have been too preoccupied with ourselves to find them. You have called us to be peacemakers, yet we have encouraged the arms makers with our fears and our fortunes. We have seen the light, but we have refused to walk in it. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know we are created to be. Gently move us into service in your name. **AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Do not be afraid. God is with you! You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be.

People: God's love for us is eternal! **AMEN.**

Scripture

Jonah 1:1-4, 1:7-10

Music for Reflection

Shine on Me

American Negro Spiritual

Please join in singing the refrain:

"Shine on me, shine on me. Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me."

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

Rev. Lynda Myers

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow
(Music may be found on page 9.)

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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

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson
and F.L. Eiland

*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. Lynda Myers

*Hymn

Womb of Life and Source of Being
(Verses 1 and 2 - Music may be found on page 10.)

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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.

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.

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

Womb of Life and Source of Being

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(Verses 3 and 4 - Music may be found on page 10.)

*Benediction

Postlude

Et in Terra pax

François Couperin

from Mass for the Parishes, 1690

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Bob Richane

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lee Wright

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

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Rev. Lynda Myers Bio

At the age of 4, Rev. Lynda Myers met God outside of religion on a dairy farm in upstate NY. She has been on a quest ever since to deepen in her relationship with God and to share with others what it means to be in deep, meaningful relationship with the Divine through Christ.

Lynda is an honors graduate of SUNY Cortland who received a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School. Rev. Myers is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church USA and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). When she is not providing pulpit supply, Rev. Myers is Spiritual Care Chaplain at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Myers desires to serve the world and the church. Her's is a ministry of the universal church. Her message is rooted in God's love and her mission is to be an outrageous expression of that love to everyone she meets, wherever she finds herself.

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

This Little Light of Mine 118

$\text{♩} = 80$

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it

Oh

shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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 harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935–

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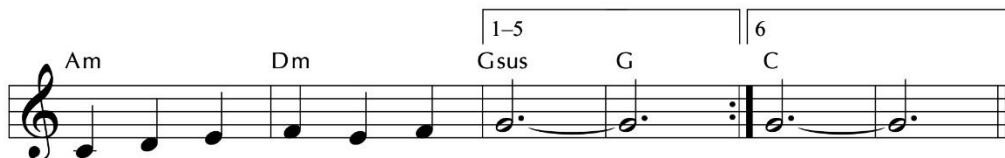
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

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Womb of Life and Source of Being 3

Capo 1: (G) A^b (A^m) B^bm (C) D^b (G) A^b (E^m) F^m

1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) D^b (D^{sus}) (D) E^bsus E^b (G) A^b (G7) A^b7 (C) D^b

rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
 be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(A^m) B^bm (D^{sus}) (D) E^bsus E^b (A^m) B^bm

you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
 know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
 whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
 one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) D^b (G) A^b (A^m) B^bm (G) (D) (E^m) A^b E^b F^m

gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
 aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(B^m) Cm (D) E^b (G) A^b (G7) A^b7 (C) D^b (D7) (G) E^b7 A^b

sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Old and new metaphors drawn from Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19–23; Hebrews 5:1–10; and Genesis 1:1–2 combine here to express faith in and praise to the Triune God, identified as Source, Word, and Spirit. The second line of stanza two is adapted from Charles Wesley (see no. 119).

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 8

7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 14

4:30PM DEIB Mtg via Zoom

Thursday, August 15

10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, August 18

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
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.

The Downtown Church Staff

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Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper
Raina Bouphavong
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