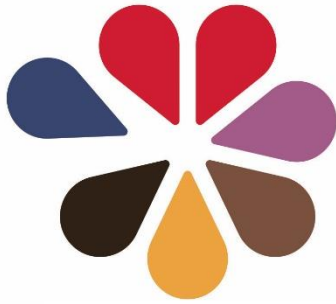




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

-Ephesians 4:32 (NRSV)

Celebration of Worship

August 11, 2024, 10:00 AM

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Click Here to Listen](#)

*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

Where'er you walk

G.F. Handel

*"Where'er you walk, cool gales shall fan the glade
Trees where you sit shall crowd into a shade.
Where'er you tread, the blushing flowers shall rise
and all things flourish where'er you turn your eyes."*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Announcements

Chime

Introit

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Please join in singing the refrain:

"Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

*Call to Worship

Pat Tweet

One: Give praise to the Holy One at all times and bless their name.

Many: Hope in the Holy One! For with the Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: Let God's radiance pour out upon you and make you shine brightly in the presence of the Most High.

Many: Hope in the Holy One! For with the Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: O experience and recognize the goodness of our God with all our senses and be glad in the safety of God.

Many: Hope in the Holy One! For with the Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Invocation

All: Everlasting God, we come before you at this moment in time. We bring the concerns of the day, the burdens of our hearts, gratitude for your presence, and hope for the future. We gather as people in need and with abundance, in despair and with joy, in uncertainty and with confidence. We rest in the assurance that wherever we are on life's journey, you receive us with love, compassion, and acceptance. Embolden us to be as welcoming and hospitable to one another as we gather in your name, to hear your voice, and to give you praise. Amen.

*Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 7.)

BEECHER

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Redeemer, forgive us. We confess to our words and actions that grieve you. We speak words that divide and alienate rather than words that heal and invite dialogue. Help us to move past bitterness, anger, and resentment toward reconciliation, gratitude, and hope. Make us new not only for ourselves. Renew us for life in community with our neighbors, friends, and foes. Guide us in the path of life and love. Forgive and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Redeemed, the Holy One hears your cries and responds to your call. New life in Christ awaits you. Receive the redemptive power of the Spirit at work with you and through you to a world that can and will be redeemed and restored in the name of our Blessed God.

Scripture

Psalm 130:1-8
John 6:35, 41-51

Music for Reflection

At the River

Arr. Aaron Copland

Scripture

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon

A Few Reminders

Rev. Davis

Affirmation of Faith – Excerpt From: “The Confession of 1967”

All: God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

*Hymn

In the Garden
(Music may be found on page 8.)

GARDEN

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead American Negro Spiritual
Arr. Howard Helvey

*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

Together We Serve
(Music may be found on page 9.)

SAN ANSELMO

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trio VI

Joseph Rheinberger

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.



Thank you to:

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Kim McConnell 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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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BEECHER

8.7.8.7.D

(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

In the Garden

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I will listen to what God will say, Psalm 85:8

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me,
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,

Chorus

The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we

share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

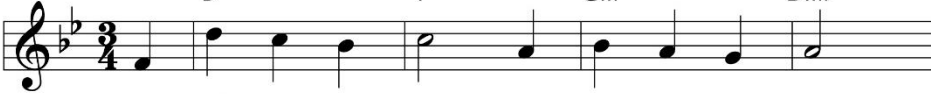
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 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles

GARDEN
 Irregular meter

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B $\flat$ F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B $\flat$ F E $\flat$ Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm F7 B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, August 11

9:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal

10:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis

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!

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.

DUPC Sunday Forum
~ September Series ~

**“Diversity: New Opportunities
for People of Faith”**

Sept. 8

A Wave of Anti-DEIB Laws Across America

Panel—Dr. Michelle Laura Flood -St. John Fisher University,
Dr. Rashid Muhammad
and Patricia Tweet, DEIB co-Chair

Sept. 15

No Sunday Forum

50th Anniversary Event following Worship

Sept. 22

What Our Youth Say About Diversity

Rosa and Jai Boupavong,
and members of Teen Empowerment

Sept. 29

**A Global Failure in Respecting Diversity?
The War in Gaza**

Windsor Wade

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room

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Sam King

Jim Vesper

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