



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

O Loving Creator of the universe,



Blessed are all who put their trust in you!
They bless the world.

-Psalm 84:12, from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness*, by Nan C. Merrill

Celebration of Worship

August 25, 2024, 10:00 AM

21th 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

Canonic Sonata Movements

G.P. Telemann

Words of Welcome

Rev. Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

I've Got Peace Like a River

American Negro Spiritual

Please join in song. Verses will be called by song leader.

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 84)

Pat Tweet

Leader: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

People: We long to be in your beautiful assembly. Our hearts sing for joy!

Leader: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

People: You keep the sparrow and the spring. You sustain the splendor of creation.

Leader: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

People: In you, we go from strength to strength. You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise our God!

Invocation

All: Lovely God, you abide with us. We acknowledge your presence among us with peace, trust, and thanksgiving. It is good to be with you. It is good to be with one another. Fill us with your Spirit and revel in our worship. May this time give you honor and fortify us as your people, your ambassadors, and your agents of love and hope in the world. Amen.

*Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
(Music may be found on page 7.)

UNSER HERRSCHER

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Gracious and Holy God, speak to us. So often our prayer time is consumed by our words...when what we need most is your gentle nudges and your bold challenge. Let us hear from you. (Moment of silence.) As you continue to speak, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom, correction, and confirmation. Transform us for your glory, for our hope, and for the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time. God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

Scripture

Psalm 84:1-12
Matthew 5:1-12

Music for Reflection

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Handbell Choir

John Hughes
Arr. Joel Raney

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon

Clothing For Your Spirit

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

O God of Every Nation

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(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 8.)

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

Lord of the Dance
Handbell Choir

Shaker Melody
Arr. Joel Raney

*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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
(Music may be found on page 9.)

HYMN TO JOY

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Canonic Sonata Movements

G.P. Telemann

*Passing of the Peace

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

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Kathryn Borden, Jason Cloen, Alan Jones,
Carol Snook, Tony Sun, Taybian Wells, and Lee Wright

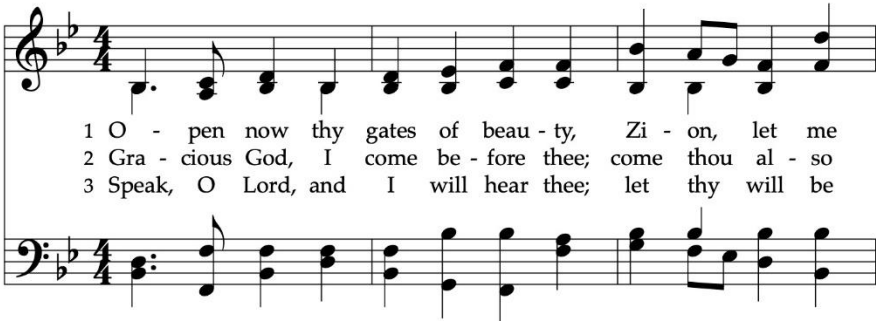
Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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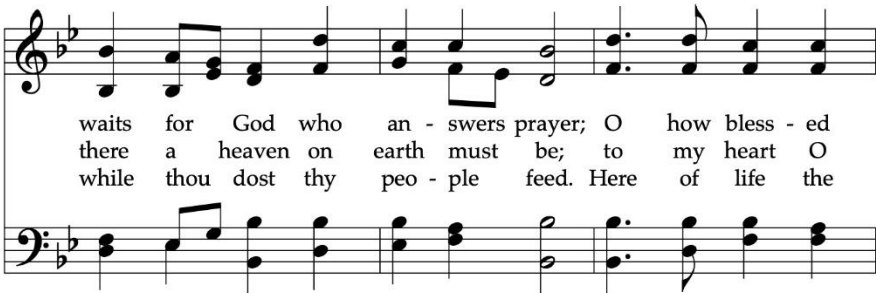
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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

TEXT: Benjamin Schmolck, 1732; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

UNSER HERRSCHER
 8.7.8.7.7.7

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease,
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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7.6.7.6.D

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Building Closed

Tuesday, September 3

5:30PM Justice Team Mtg via Zoom

Thursday, September 5

7:15pm Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, September 8

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Anti DEIB Laws
10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM 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 Bouphavong,
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

The Downtown Church Staff

Keisha Betts, Office Administrator
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Stated Supply Pastor
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Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees – Clerk of Session

Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Philip B. Davis,
Moderator
Nancy Brown
David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Raina Bouphavong
Pat Tweet
Mary Rees

Deacons

Bob Carlisle
Andrea Folan
Elizabeth Katz
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