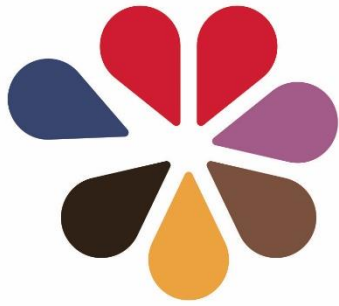




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me...



and I will make you fishers of people.”

Mark 1:17

Celebration of Worship

September 1st, 2024, 10:00 AM
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
[Click Here to Watch](#)

*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

A Prayer

Gary Bachlund

*"O Lord, the hard-won miles have worn my stumbling feet:
Oh, soothe me with thy smiles, and make my life complete.
The thorns were thick and keen where'er I trembling trod;
The way was long between my wounded feet and God.
Where healing waters flow do thou my footsteps lead.
My heart is aching so; Thy gracious balm I need.
Oh, sooth me with thy smiles, and make my life complete."
Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)*

Words of Welcome
Announcements

The Rev. Lynda Myers

Chime

*Introit

All Who Are Thirsty

Benton Brown

*"All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain.*

and Glenn Robertson

*Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.
Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4X)"*

***Call to Worship**

Nancy Brown

One: The God of all creation calls us.

Many: We come, knowing that our deliverance rests in God.

One: Power and steadfast love belong to God.

Many: We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God.

***Invocation**

Loving God, we come into your presence with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. **AMEN.**

*** Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 9.)

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing, good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. **AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven! AMEN.

Old Testament Scripture Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 4:1-5 (NRSVue)

Music for Reflection

Before You I Kneel

Kristyn and Keith Getty
Jeff Taylor and Stuart Townend

*"Before You I kneel, oh loving Creator, to offer the work of my hands,
For this is the day you have given; I will rejoice and be glad:
For the strength I have to live and breathe, for each skill Your grace has given me,
For the needs and opportunities that will glorify Your great name.*

*Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness to cover the work of my hands,
For patience and peace to shape all my labour, Your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream, wear away the stones of pride and greed,
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me and a harvest of life is grown.*

*Before You we kneel, oh loving Creator; establish the work of our hands,
And order our steps to seek first Your Spirit in every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace, serve Your purpose in all our days,
Then our lives will bring eternal praise and all glory to Your great name."*

Gospel Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Rev. Lynda Myers

*Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
(Verses 1, 3, and 4 - Music may be found on page 10.)

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

Climb Every Mountain

Richard Rodgers

"Climb every mountain, search high and low, follow every byway, every path you know.

Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, till you find your dream!

A dream that will need all the love you can give, every day of your life for as long as you live."

Words: Oscar Hammerstein II

*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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

(Verses 1 and 2 - Music may be found on page 12.)

A meal is sacramental when the rich and poor, powerful and marginalized, sinners and saints share equal status around the table. A local church is sacramental when it is a place where the last are first and the first are last and where those who hunger and thirst are fed. And the church universal is sacramental when it knows no geographic boundaries, no political parties, no single language or culture, and when it advances not through power and might, but through acts of love, joy, and peace and missions of mercy, kindness, humility. In this sense, church gives us the chance to riff on Jesus' description of the kingdom, to add a few new metaphors of our own. We might say the kingdom is like St. Lydia's in Brooklyn where strangers come together and remember Jesus when they eat. The kingdom is like the Refuge in Denver, where addicts and academics, single moms and suburban housewives come together to tell each other the truth. The kingdom is like Thistle Farms where women heal from abuse by helping to heal others. The kingdom is like the church that would rather die

than cast two of its own out the doors because they are gay. The kingdom is like St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, where you are loved just for showing up. And even still, the kingdom remains a mystery just beyond our grasp. It is here, and not yet, present and still to come. Consummation, whatever that means, awaits us. Until then, all we have are metaphors. All we have are almos'ts and not quite's and wayside shrines. All we have are imperfect people in an imperfect world doing their best to produce outward signs of inward grace and stumbling all along the way. All we have is this church—this lousy, screwed-up, glorious church—which, by God's grace, is enough."

— Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*

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.

The Words of 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 Let Us Break Bread Together Arr. Moses Hogan

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY
(Verses 1 and 2 - Music may be found on page 12.)

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Union Seminary

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Nancy Brown

Musicians: Leah Rosenman 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.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869
 Text Adapt. © 1974 Ecumenical Women's Center

LAUDA ANIMA
 8.7.8.7.8.7

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Gutiérrez-Achón, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

8.10.10 with refrain

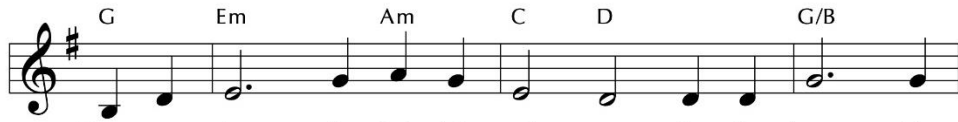
boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a

side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



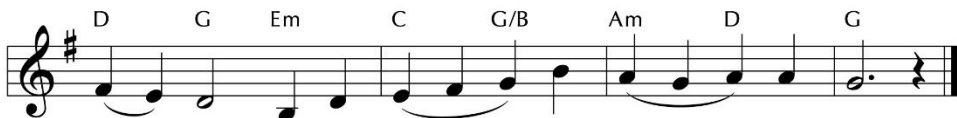
1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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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



Merger Memories & More

Sunday, September 15
after worship

The Shaw Room, 2nd Fl

*Forward from 50:
Lighting the Way!* 

**Come join us for a light lunch.
Stay for a special time of sharing
by several members.**

**Sign up at the Front Desk or
at Coffee Hour
after Worship.**

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

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

Tuesday, September 10

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

6:30PM Deacons Mtg via Zoom

Wednesday, September 11

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg via Zoom

7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

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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