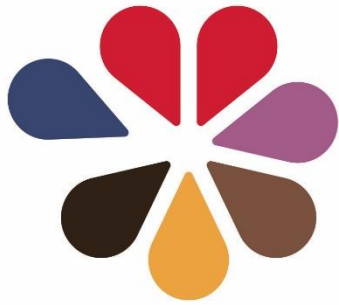




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**"THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE
GLORY OF GOD!"**

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People: We worship the Radiant One, who walks before us in the land of the living.

Invocation

Leader: Creator, we have come in response to your call to worship you. We have come to be in community with our neighbor. We have come onsite and online. We have come with quiet contemplation and boisterous joy. We have come in grief and with hope. We come to gather in your name, to honor your presence, and to give you praise. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken
(Music may be found on page 7.)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Loving God, we confess that you are a God of transformation and a solid rock. We strive to be like trees planted by the water, steadfast and unmovable at the same time that we embrace your continuing creative acts in the world and in our lives. We struggle at times to know when to remain firm and when to progress forward. Infuse us with your wisdom and discernment along with courage and grace to be fully who you have created us to be.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, God knows the journey that has shaped you, honors the efforts you have undertaken, and sustains you when you extend yourself forward. The Righteous One is merciful and grace-filled. Creator delights in you. Be bold and encouraged for the Sovereign One believes in you and goes with you.

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-14
James 3:1-12

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection On God, and Not on Human Trust Johann Pachelbel

"On God, and not on human trust, my earthly stand I've taken;

On God who made me out of dust I build with faith unshaken.

I trust God's hands Who understands,

for all that God bestoweth is good, as God best knoweth.

I know that as in night and day, God's purposes are vested;

My heart God's wishes must obey, through pain and joy be tested;

My good is meant by each intent,

By all my Maker's doing, my weal God is pursuing."

Text: Christian Gellert, English version by W.G. Polack

Scripture

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

A Divine Reality Check

Rev. Davis

Affirmation of Faith

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Verses 1-4 - Music may be found on page 8.)

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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 The Heavens are Telling Franz Josef Haydn
*"The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of God's work displays the firmament.
To day that is coming speaks it the day, The night is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word. Never unperceived, ever understood."*
Text by Lidley after Milton's *Paradise Lost*

*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

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul (2X).
2. I've got joy like a fountain. . .
3. I've got love like an ocean. . .

Words: American Negro Spiritual

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Peace Like a River

American Negro Spiritual
Arr. Joel Raney for piano duet

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Sally Allison

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Anna Louise Martin, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHORITY, Elijah Gebers,

Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

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

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Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

<u>Sunday, September 15</u> 10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal 10:45AM Nursery 11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis 11:15AM Sunday School 12:00PM Golden Jubilee Luncheon 7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom <u>Tuesday, September 17</u> 10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom 7:00PM Session Mtg via Zoom <u>Wednesday, September 18</u> 4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom	<u>Thursday, September 19</u> 10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom <u>Friday, September 20</u> 10:30PM Friday Book Group via Zoom <u>Sunday, September 22</u> 9:45AM Sunday Forum 10:00AM Choir Warm-up 10:45AM Nursery 11:00AM Worship- Rev. Phil Davis 11:15AM Sunday School 12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
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Judy Boyd, longtime member of the DUPC choir and many other Rochester area choruses, music educator, life-long learner, and social justice advocate passed away peacefully on August 26th at the Serenity House in Victor after a short illness. **Her memorial service will be held here at DUPC on Saturday, September 21st, at 10:00 AM.** Please speak with Lee Wright, Director or Music Ministry if you are interested in singing as part of a community chorus for her service. lwright@downtownpresbyterian.org or 585-520-2003.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in room C24.

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Children and Youth" for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. 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 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.

^Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request slip (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

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

Canceled

due to unforeseen circumstances.
Watch for a possible substitution TBD.

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
Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist
Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
The Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.,
Stated Supply Pastor
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Jackie Griffin, Nursery Coordinator
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Moses Nhial, Maintenance
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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

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Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper
Pat Tweet
Mary Rees

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