



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“O sing to the Beloved a new song,



for Love has done marvelous things!

-Psalm 98:1, from Psalms for Praying: an Invitation to Wholeness, by Nan C. Merrill

Celebration of Worship
September 22, 2024, 11:00 AM
25rd 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 Fantaisie Impromptu (Excerpt) Frederic Chopin

Words of Welcome Carl DelleFave

Announcements

Chime

*Introit The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now Gospel Song
Arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

**"The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh, right now! (2X)
He woke me up this morning, and started me on my way;
The Lord is blessing me right now!"**

*Call to Worship Bob Richane

Leader: Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence of the Sovereign God.

People: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

Leader: The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and redeems, listens and responds.

People: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

Leader: Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

People: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

Invocation

Leader: Good God, make yourself known among us. We lift our voices in song, our hearts in prayer, our minds in consideration, our lives in adoration toward you. We acknowledge that your Spirit leads, comforts, and challenges us as we follow you. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART
(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 7.)

"Let us join our voices in Prayer."

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

People: Holy Love, we confess that too often we become fixated with our position in the world. We love the exercise of our own power and exert it over others rather for the benefit of the common good and your kingdom. Transform our hearts to crave you as the source of our power and love the only good and fulfilling demonstration of it. Make us your instruments of peace, joy, and hope in the world and agents of new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Image bearers of the divine, grace and mercy follow you in anticipation of your repentance. Turn toward the ways of justice and righteousness. Let Wisdom guide you and Holy Love use you for the glory of God and the blessing of our neighbors in humanity and in creation.

Scripture

Psalm 98:1-5
2 Timothy 4:3-4

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Beati Quorum Via

Charles Villers Stanford

"Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord."

Psalm 119:1 (NRSV)

Scripture

Romans 12:9-12, 14:10-12

"Let us unite our voices in the affirmation of faith."

Affirmation of Faith

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 Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn

Though I May Speak
(Music may be found on page 8.)

GIFT OF LOVE

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

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Cary Ratcliff

"I will arise and go to Jesus.

Come, ye seekers, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,

Jesus, son of God will save you, full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;

In the arms of my dear savior; Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;

If ye tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus."

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.

*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

Give Thanks to Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 9.)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Gigue

Gordon Young

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Guest Minister: Carl DelleFave **

Liturgist: Bob Richane

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Anna Louise Martin, 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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****Carl DelleFave:** Greetings my brothers and Sisters in Christ! My name is Carl DelleFave and I am joyful to be able to share this morning with you. I was born in Killeen Texas and grew up in Webster having lived in the Rochester area for the last 65+ years. As the oldest of 10 siblings, I have changed more diapers than most people. Life, love and the pursuit of happiness as shared with my awesome girlfriend Carol, a dachshund named Zwiegel and Morise the cat. Our blended family also includes nine children that are spread out from coast to coast. I am a self-employed skilled craftsman that still loves what I do for a living, even after forty years. God's great adventure continues to surprise me in its many blessings and I look forward to whatever He has in store for me, one day at a time!!

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

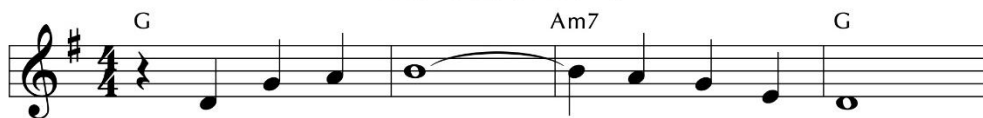
ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
all is just and all is right:
gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

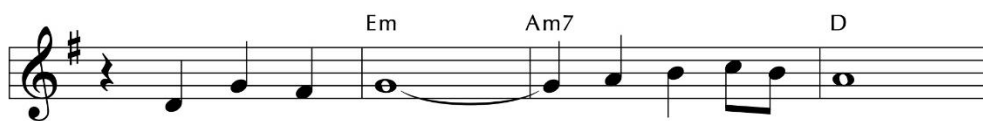
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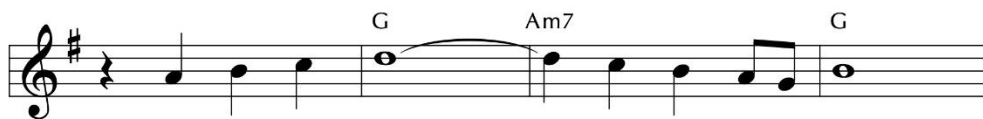
The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain,
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin,
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

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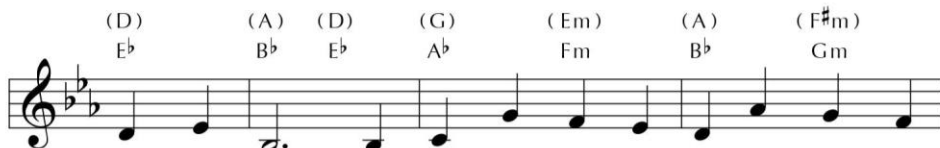
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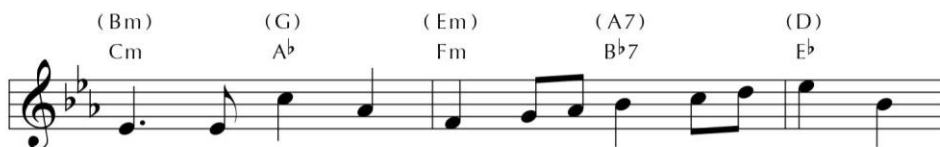
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Give Thanks for Those
Whose Faith Is Firm

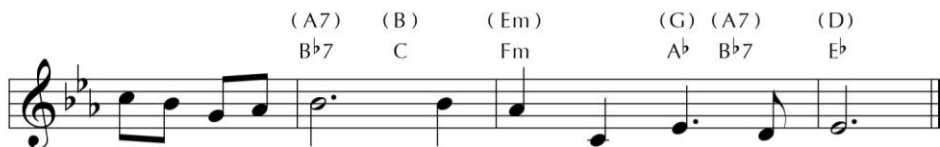
1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

<u>Sunday, September 22</u> 9:45AM Sunday Forum 10:00AM Choir Warm-up 10:45AM Nursery 11:00AM Worship- Rev. Carl DelleFave 11:15AM Sunday School 12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary <u>Tuesday, September 24</u> 10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom	<u>Wednesday, September 25</u> 7:00PM Choir Practice <u>Sunday, September 29</u> 9:45AM Sunday Forum—Windsor Wade 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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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

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.

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