



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Are One in the Spirit

Celebration of Worship

September 29, 2024, 11:00 AM
26th 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	Minuet in G (from the Anna Magdalena notebook)	J.S. Bach
	French Dance	anon.
	Summer Stars	Nancy and Randall Faber
	Prelude in F	Bach
	Andrew McAleavey, piano	

Words of Welcome Rev. Phil Davis

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 (Inspired by Psalm 19)	Elizabeth Katz
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Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

People: For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

People: For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

People: For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter; however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!

Invocation

One: Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight. May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of the kingdom in your name this day and everyday. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

(Verses 1, 2, and 4 - Music may be found on page 7.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair. We have confused seeking the common good with controlling our neighbor. We have conflated unity with uniformity. We have cosigned on societal norms that divide, segregate, and exclude rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging. **Amen.**

Words of Grace

Leader: Wonderfully and fearfully made humans, you are not bound by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of your past. Even our embedded

biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to the kingdom and the kingdom belongs to you. Press forward with the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all.

Scripture

Psalm 124:1-8

The Transformation of Silence Into Action - Audre Lourde

"Tell them about how you're never really a whole person if you remain silent, because there's always that one little piece inside you that wants to be spoken out, and if you keep ignoring it, it gets madder and madder and hotter and hotter, and if you don't speak it out one day it will just up and punch you in the mouth from the inside."

From: The Transformation of Silence Into Action, by Audre Lourde

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Testimony

Genna Rae McNeil

Arr. Joseph Joubert

"God is my refuge and strength.

A very present help in times of trouble.

God hears my prayer, quiets all my fears and wipes away my tears.

I am told they that wait upon the Lord

shall renew their strength and not get weary.

I trust in a God whose promises are sure and in them I rest secure.

There've been times I've lost my way and been too hurt to kneel and pray

So God saw me standing there, turned my silence into prayer.

Showed me Jesus, touched my spirit. Turned confusion into light.

Healed my heartache with amazing grace. Gave me a song from above.

God's power upholds me and enfolds me in love."

Words: Genna Rae McNeil

Carolina Sullivan, soloist

Scripture

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Sermon

In The Room Where It Happened

*Hymn

O Day of Peace
(Music may be found on page 8.)

JERUSALEM

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 How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn

"How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings."

 Isaiah 52 v. 7

*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

We Are One in the Spirit
(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 9.)

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Everybody Ought to Know

William Tell Overture

African-American
Civil Rights Song
Rossini/Arr. Faber

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Elizabeth Katz
Andrew McAleavey, piano prelude and postlude

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, 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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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

<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 <u>Tuesday, October 1</u> 10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom <u>Wednesday, October 2</u> 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	<u>Thursday, October 3</u> 7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom <u>Sunday, October 6</u> 9:45AM Sunday Forum—Church 3.0 10:00AM Choir Warm-up 10:45AM Nursery 11:00AM Worship- Rev. Kevin Hershey 11:15AM Sunday School 12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary <u>Tuesday, October 8</u> 10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom 6:30PM Deacons Mtg via Zoom
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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your child-ren to--ge-ther
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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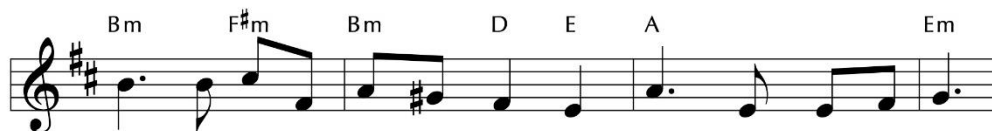
O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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JERUSALEM

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We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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.

On Sunday, October 13th, at 4PM, we continue our 50th Anniversary celebration with a **Downtown Arts Community PRISM Concert**, showcasing the many arts community members and organizations that have a presence at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering at this concert will benefit the [ROCMusic Collaborative](#): an “El Sistema” inspired program that provides free lessons, ensemble experience, instruments, and performance opportunities to youth who reside in the city of Rochester.

We the People

DUPC Sunday Forum

~ October Series ~

“Political Challenges for People of Faith”

October 6

Embracing Church 3.0

Rev. Kevin Hershey

October 13

What Does Federal Spending Say About Our Hearts?

David Cay Johnston

October 20

A Simpler Tax Code

Who bears the burden of federal spending?

David Cay Johnston

October 27

Moral and Spiritual Issues of the 2024 Election

Assemblyman Harry Bronson

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
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
Clifford Lampley, Shift Supervisor
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Moses Nhial, Maintenance
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& Receptionist Coordinator
Tyrone Reeves, Maintenance
Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher
Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
Ed Verna, Maintenance
Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,
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

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

Deacons

Bob Carlisle

Andrea Folan

Elizabeth Katz

Elaine Johnson

Stephen Lloyd

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