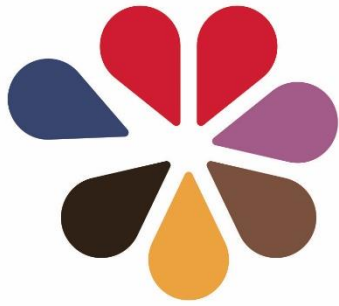




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Celebration of Worship

October 6, 2024, 11:00 AM

Twentieth 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

Andante from Sonata III, BWV 527

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome
Announcements

Br. Kevin Hershey

Chime

*Introit

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Please join in singing the refrain:

"Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness."

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 26)

Pat Tweet

Leader: The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation and makes a home among us.

People: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

Leader: The glory of the Sovereign One abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

People: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

Leader: Bless the Name of Names, the God of Truth, and the Giver of Life with songs of praise, prayers of hope, and moments of connection.

People: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

Invocation

Leader: Majestic God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth... one bread, one body...the church striving to one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. Amen.

* Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(Music may be found on page 8.)

ELLACOMBE

"Please unite and join our voices in Prayer."

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Holy One, we come to this gathering, the table, and your presence mindful that this day particularly celebrates our human connectedness. The reality lies far from the idea and your vision of beloved community. You call us to remember the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the isolated and abandoned. You command us to love our neighbor and have blessed us to live in an era in which we may know our neighbors from across the world to amazing degrees. Yet, we cling to our echo chambers and isolationist tendencies. We place our desires and comforts over the good of the world. We demonize difference rather than dignify diversity. Forgive us and have mercy on us while propelling us to new life. Extend your grace to transform our attitude and actions and infuse us with openness, curiosity, and love.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, God's grace and power reside in you in mutual support of a transformed life. As 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and [God] will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing [God] will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

Allow the testing to strengthen you, to build your endurance, and to do a new thing in you and through you for the glory of God.

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 43:14-19 (NRSV)

Music for Reflection Wana Baraka Kenyan Folk Song
 *"They have blessings, those who pray;
 Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!
 They have peace; they have joy; they have well-being."*
 Arr. Shawn Kirchner

New Testament Scripture Hebrews 12:18-29 (NRSV)

Sermon Br. Kevin Hershey

*Hymn God of the Sparrow ROEDER
 (Music may be found on page 9.)

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 Beautiful Savior Silesian folk melody
 Arr. Robert A. Hobby

*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

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven
(Verses 1 and 2 - Music may be found on page 10.)

LLANFAIR

Communion Liturgy

Invitation to the Table

Minster: As we come to the Lord's Table today, we remind ourselves that this is not our congregation's table, it is not a Presbyterian table, it is the table of Jesus Christ, who invites us to a feast prepared for all God's people. God invites people from all walks of life to come to this meal. We are invited to this table of our Lord with churches from all denominations and on all continents. We join together with Christians in Zimbabwe, Palestine, Korea, Columbia, Germany, Australia, Ukraine, China, Mexico, Kenya, Israel, Iraq, Russia, Canada, England, Iran, Lebanon, indeed, we meet those from every nation and every place on earth and in heaven at this table. The Lord's Table offers us unity even in our diversity. Think of churches you have visited, or Christians you have met who have challenged you with their diversity. We join with all God's children at this Table to find life in Jesus Christ, and to be sustained for the journey ahead.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Minister: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The

diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name we honor you saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy God, God of oneness and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: Thank you, God, for the people you bring to this Table, brothers and sisters in Christ. We come to this table, knowing that God created us and loves us all. We come to this table, knowing that Jesus died for us all. We come to this table, knowing that God's Spirit sustains us all. We come to this table, to experience the mystery of our faith. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, thank you for this meal which you have prepared for all your children. Thank you for the gift of your son, for his birth, his life, his death and his resurrection which are for our salvation. As we come to the table, grace us with your Holy Spirit so that we can understand the wideness of your love. You unite this congregation with other congregations around the world, With all of your earthly children, and with all the heavenly host now with you. We are one people, one body, your beloveds in Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

People: AMEN

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

Cristo Redentor

Duke Pearson
Transc. G. Franklin

Prayer After Thanksgiving

People: Loving and gracious God who surrounds creation with abundant love, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. As Christ is our light to you, may we be lights to others illuminating the path toward communion with you, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, our friend and brother.

*Hymn Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR
(Verses 3 and 4 - Music may be found on page 10.)

*Benediction

Postlude Airborne Gary Schocker

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

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

Tony Sun, flute

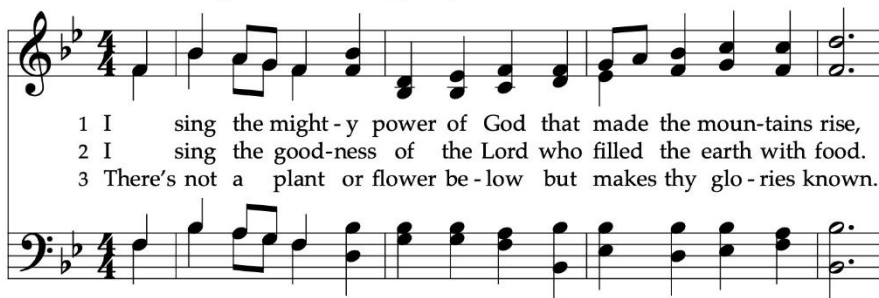
Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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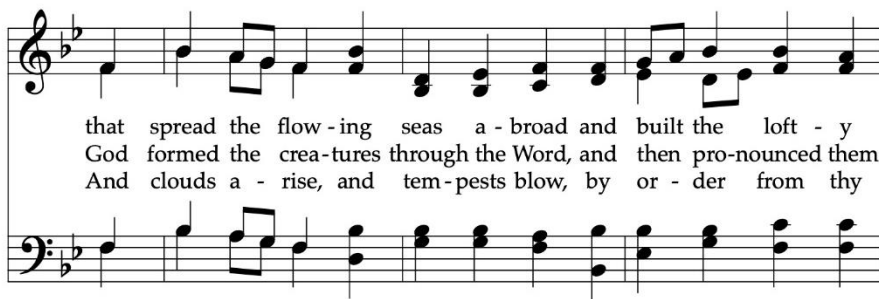
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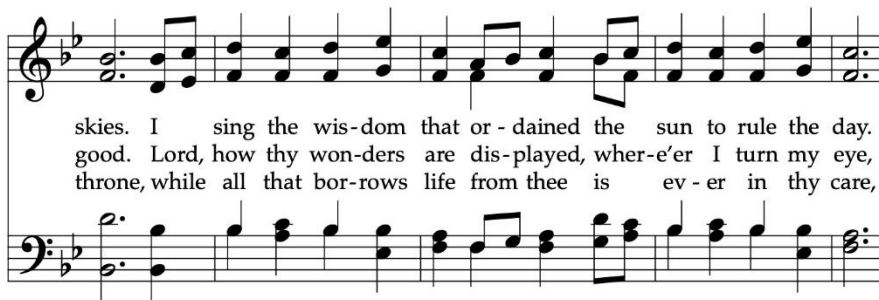
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



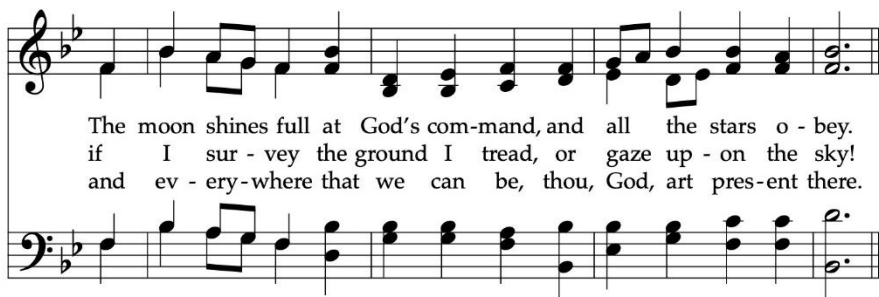
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

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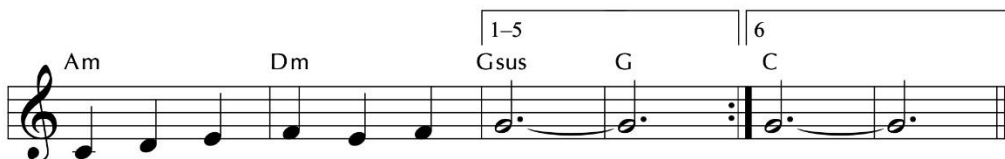
God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Awe
trum - pet	blast	How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
emp - ty	grave	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Grace
prod - i - gal		How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Home

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;
 at this ban - quet with this throng.
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east;
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast.
 taste and see: the Lord is good.
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29 / Mark 14:25 / Luke 22:16).

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.



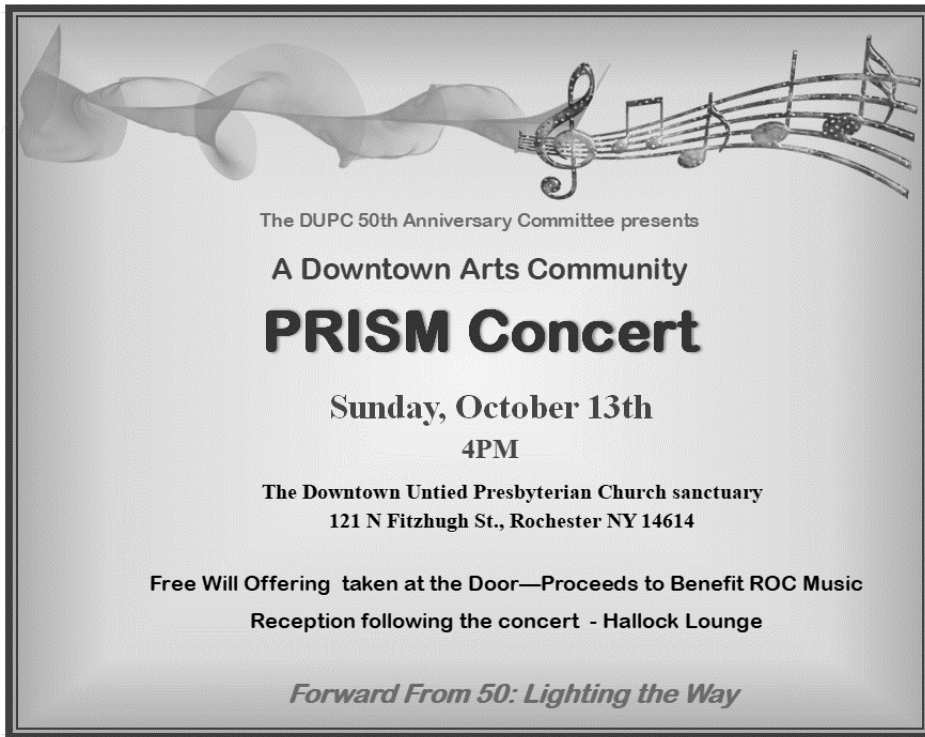
+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

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.



NEXT 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 providing free lessons, ensemble experience, instruments, and performance opportunities to youth who reside in the city of Rochester. A reception will follow in the Hallock Lounge

We are looking forward to presentations by Off Monroe Players, Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus, Rochester Women’s Community Chorus, Thomas Warfield, Open Road Theater, the Spiritus Christi Gospel Choir, the DUPC Chancel Choir with First Inversion, Pegasus Early Music, Kearstin Piper Brown and Miles Warren (representing Hochstein), ROCMusic Studio Strings, Eastman organist Aaron Tan, The Mount Hope World Singers, and Alan Jones with Lee Wright.

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

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, October 6

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Church 3.0
 10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
 10:45AM Nursery
 11:00AM Worship -Rev. Kevin Hershey
 11:15AM Sunday School
 12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 8

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom
 6:30PM Deacons Mtg via Zoom

Wednesday, October 9

4:00PM DEIB Mtg via Zoom
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg via Zoom
 7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, October 13

9:45AM Sunday Forum-David Cay Johnston
 10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
 10:45AM Nursery
 11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
 11:15AM Sunday School
 12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary
 4:00PM 50th Anniv. Prism Concert

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Please use the envelope inside this bulletin to give to the **The Peace & Global Witness Offering** This offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord and division, so we can embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative



Take The Survey!

The City of Rochester is applying for a \$10 million grant from New York State to help improve the Four Corners neighborhood of downtown. Your responses will help to create a proposal that is community informed. Please respond by October 10, 2024.



DUPC has submitted a proposal to this Initiative and though our building is just outside the current boundaries (Broad St. to Church and the Genesee River to Fitzhugh) if the city wins the grant from the State, those borders could be expanded.

Thanks to the keen eye and quick thinking of Carol Snook and the quick work of both Carol and Eileen Dietsch, DUPC has provided input for what we might do with funds from this grant (rehabilitation of Celebration Hall, the Back Dining Room and kitchen, the bowling alley, playground).

To learn more, go to <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/neighborhood-and-business-development/downtown-revitalization-initiative-round-8>

or talk to Carol or Eileen. The grant will be awarded in the spring of 2025 and the more community interest Rochester can show, the better for our chances, so take the survey by October 10th.

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