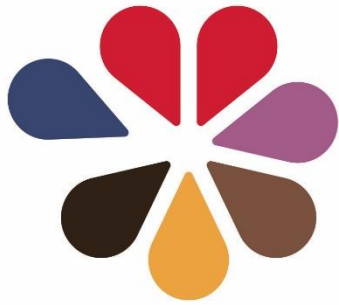




# **DOWNTOWN**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



*“The love of Christ has gathered us together.”*

# Celebration of Worship

October 13, 2024, 11:00 AM

28th 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

Meditation on Beach Spring

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

\*Introit

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING

Music from *The Sacred Harp* (1844), Words by Ruth Duck

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 90)

David Lee

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: God meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, Lord God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. People: Let us worship our

Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being.

### Invocation

Leader: Everlasting God, we come before you with questions, and you question us in return. We declare that you are good, and you have declared us good. May we acknowledge that you make all things new, you redeem our days, and you empower us to be your people. In your presence, there is joy, and there is struggle. Peace surpasses understanding, and our hearts break. This defines the fullness of human community and experience in companionship with you. We give thanks for your presence and trust that you continue to transform the impossible into the possible. Make it so in us and through us in your precious name. Amen.

\*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 6.)*

**"Let us join our voices in Prayer."**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of lost. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kingdom is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. Amen.

### Words of Grace

Leader: Dear One, God is with you. Hear these words of assurance from 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and 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."

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Treasures in Heaven

Joseph W. Clokey

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt  
and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
for every one that asketh receiveth and those who seeketh findeth  
and to them that knocketh it shall be opened."*

Text: Matthew 6:19-21, 7:7-8

Scripture

Hebrews 4:12-16

Sermon

God Is With Us / My Advice

Rev. Phil Davis

\*Hymn

Guide My Feet

AMERICAN NEGRO SPIRITUAL

1. Guide my feet while I run this race (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain.
2. Hold my hand. . . 3. Stand by me. . . 4. I'm your child. . .

Words for Quiet Contemplation

"I feel certain that my mission will not come to an end upon my death, but will begin. O doubting souls, I will draw aside for you the veils of heaven to convince you of God's goodness, so that you will not longer continue to wound with your distrust the sweetest Heart of Jesus. God is Love and Mercy." From St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow, Poland

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

Ubi Caritas et Amor

J. David Moore

*"Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Rejoice!  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And with a sincere heart let us love one another."*  
Text: Anonymous Medieval

\*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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
*(Verses 1-3 and 6 - Music may be found on page 8.)*

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

March in F Major

Alexandre Guilmant

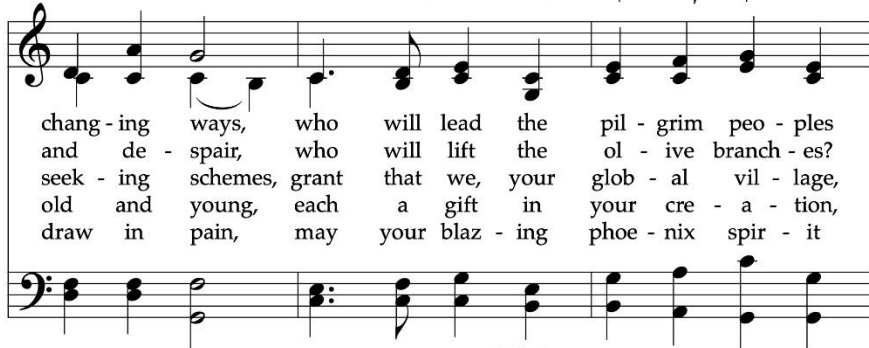
\*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
And also with you.

# 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*

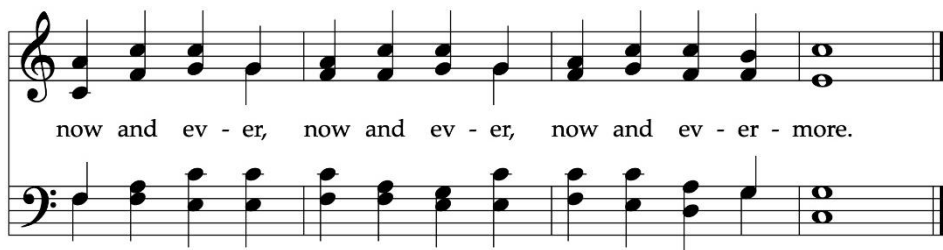


wan - der - ing in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.



Thank you to:

Liturgist: David Lee

### 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

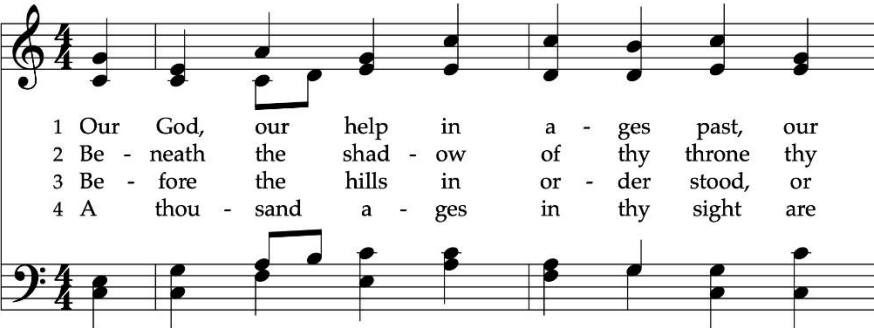
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# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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## This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

### 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 **50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Prism Concert**

### Tuesday, October 15

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom  
 7:00PM Session Mtg via Zoom

### Wednesday, October 16

4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom  
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 17

10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom

### Friday, October 18

10:30AM Friday Book Group via Zoom

### Sunday, October 20

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  
 7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom

## ***Welcome Visitors!***

**Nursery Care** for children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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  
Alan Jones, Associate Musician  
Clifford Lampley, Shift Supervisor  
David Mear, Business Manager

Moses Nhial, Maintenance  
Andrea Piccone, Bookkeeper  
& Receptionist Coordinator  
Tyrone Reeves, Maintenance  
Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher  
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Ed Verna, Maintenance  
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Director of Music Ministry

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Mary Rees – Clerk of Session

Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

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Davis, Moderator  
Nancy Brown  
David Lee  
Bob Richane  
Sally Allison  
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

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