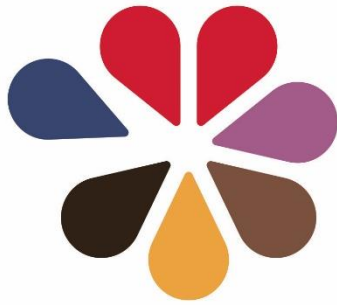




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Commensality means eating and drinking at the same table. Shared meals are an investment in creating, building, and maintaining important relationships. Sharing meals was a practice of the early Christian Church. Everyone ate together, regardless of social status, race, class, gender, or economic worth. Commensality contributes to spiritual development through togetherness and giving everyone a sense of belonging and value.

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Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Music

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song
Arr. Anna Laura Page

*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.

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.

Congregational Table Discussions and Reflections

Singing: Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Vs. 1-2

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

Table Discussions on Verses 1 & 2
Reflections from Tables

Singing: Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Vs. 3-4

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Table Discussions on Verses 3 & 4
Reflections from Tables

Singing: Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Vs. 5-6

5 This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Table Discussions on Verses 5 & 6
Reflections from Tables

*Hymn

Leaning on The Everlasting Arms
(*Music may be found on page 7.*)

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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Nehemiah 8:10

"...send some to those who have nothing prepared.
This day is holy to our Lord.
Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Passing of the Peace

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

Thank you to:

Liturgist: John DeHORITY

Musicians: Tawney Kellogg, flute, Lee Wright, piano

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

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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F C7 F B^b

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us

F C C7 F

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

C7 F B^b F C7 F

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

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 our courage by the way;
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 and sin, we shall be free;
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 through all eternity.

Words: John Farrell, 1782, P.D.

Music (DENNIS 6.6.8.6): attr. Johann C. Nægeli, 1828, P.D.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
 10.9.10.9 with refrain

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

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

Tuesday, October 22

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, October 23

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 25

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Asm. Harry Bronson
10:00AM Worship Music Rehearsal
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 29

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, October 30

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

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.

From the archives. . .

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STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- WHO: We are a new United Presbyterian Church formed by the merger of the congregations of First, Central and Brick Presbyterian Churches working in cooperative programs with St. Luke's Episcopal Church near whom we are located in downtown Rochester, New York. We celebrate a diversity of membership drawn from all areas of metropolitan Monroe County, and have shown an openness to adapt our programs to the needs of our time.
- WHAT: It is our purpose individually and collectively --
- to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ
 - to provide a compelling Christian focus in downtown Rochester
 - to develop a spirit of unity in our working and worshipping together
 - to minister to the needs of others wherever they may be found.
- HOW: That we may accomplish these purposes we seek --
- to enable a deepening of faith through providing a variety of worship and educational experiences
 - to form ourselves into a loving, caring community
 - to relate to the real needs of the communities of which we are a part
 - to use creatively the resources with which we are blessed, including the highest possible degree of lay participation.

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
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

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Davis, Moderator
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David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

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