



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda!



The church reformed, always reforming!

Celebration of Worship

October 27, 2024, 11:00 AM

30th 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

The Church of Christ in Every Age American folk hymn

*"The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead."*

Text: Fred Pratt Green

Reformation Sunday

Because Oct. 31, 1517 — the day when Martin Luther presented his 95 theses about the church and its need to reform — is the acknowledged starting point of the Protestant Reformation, Presbyterians commemorate Reformation Sunday annually on the last Sunday of the month.

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 90)

John Williams

Leader: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

People: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

People: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

AMEN.

Invocation

All: Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(Music may be found on page 7.)

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

All: Merciful God, we come before you, burdened by brokenness; so many needs in our communities and in our world! Too often we ignore or fail to hear the cry of the stranger in need. Too often we are blinded by prejudice, busyness, and apathy. We disregard the rights of those who are hurting. Fear and disgust can make us turn our backs on those you want us to get close to.

Jesus, your grace includes all and by your presence we are reconciled to one another. We rejoice in the chance to begin again, re-formed

into a caring communion, that through your Spirit we will be the builders of hope and healing, that through your Spirit we will be the builders of hope and healing. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

All: AMEN

Scripture

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health
*"I have longed for Thy saving health, O God;
Thy law is my delight, O God.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
And Thy mercy shall help me."*
Text: Psalm 119:174-175 alt.

William Byrd

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

Spiritual Vision Restored

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See
(Verses Music may be found on page 8.)

OPEN MY EYES

Words for Contemplation

"When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about virtue, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about justice, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about peace, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about truth and life and redemption, we are speaking about Christ." Saint Ambrose of Milan is

remembered as the teacher who converted and baptized St. Augustine of Hippo, the great Christian theologian, and as a model bishop who viewed the church as rising above the ruins of the Roman Empire.

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

For God Shall Give the Angels

Felix Mendelssohn

Adapt. from *Elijah*

*"For God shall give the angels charge over you:
That they shall protect you in all your living keep you.
Their hands shall uphold and guide you,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Text: Psalm 91:11-12

*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

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

(Verses 1-4 - Music may be found on page 9.)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Kelvingrove

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

Thank you to:

Liturgist: John Williams

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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SAVE THE DATE! FINAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

What fun we have had planning and celebrating this year of our 50th Anniversary! We have loved being together sharing meals and music and memories. The final event of our Jubilee Celebrations will be an all-church luncheon on Sunday, November 10th following worship, our First Supper Forward! We will have a delicious catered lunch in the Hallock Lounge featuring Chicken French, pasta with marinara sauce, green beans, garden salad, rolls, beverages, and desserts from Savoia Pastry Shoppe. We will also announce the donation of a special gift to the Rochester community in honor of our 50th Anniversary. Please join us as we look forward to our future!

RSVPs are encouraged - call or stop by the front desk to sign up.

We can't wait to see you there!

Your 50th Anniversary Planning Team, Nancy Brown, Kim McConnell, Becky Parks,
Carol Snook, Lee Wright.

Forward from 50.... Lighting the Way!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree;
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

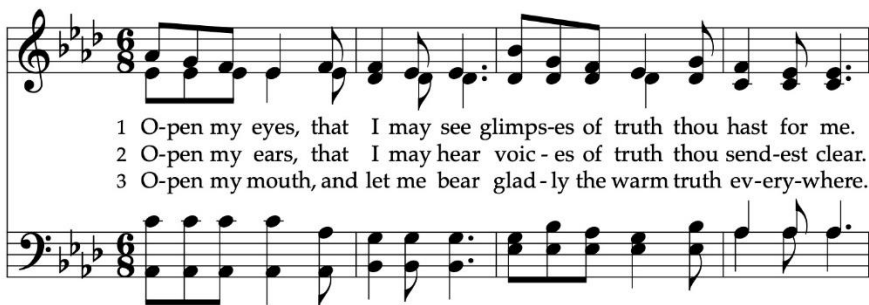
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

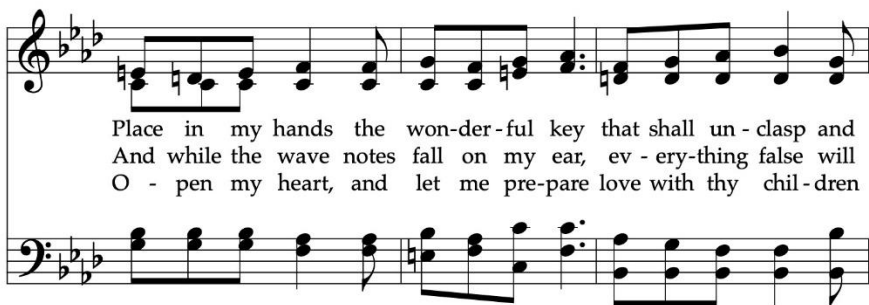
TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/ composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

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

Sunday, November 3

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Rev. Phil Davis-
Reflections on Elections

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, November 5

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, November 6

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

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 card (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.

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