



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LET US ALL PROCLAIM

Celebration of Worship

January 26, 2025, 11:00 AM

The Third 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

Meditation on Down Ampney

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

Walk in the Light

Arr. André Thomas

**"Walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world."**

Text: George D. Elderkin

*Call to Worship

Sally Allison

Leader: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

People: We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

Leader: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

People: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

Leader: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

People: And may it be enacted in our lives!

*Invocation

All: Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine
(*Music may be found on page 8.*)

DOWN AMPNEY

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement. Let today's Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to imagine on our own. By Your abundant outpouring of Spirit lighten every burden carried from yesterday's past. Cleanse the lens of our hearts, that we may see more clearly your vision of a world made new. Yes, forgive us and free us for this delight you yearn to offer, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved of God, hear the good news: In Christ, God has declared that you are no longer captives to the past. All that you have carried, the Holy One has lifted. The eternal love of God, made known in Jesus Christ, has anointed you anew. You are forgiven and invited to join in the joy of God's great vision for your life. Thanks be to God who has fulfilled this in your hearing. **Amen and Amen.**

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

The Eyes of All

Jean Berger

*"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."*

Text: Psalm 145:15-16

Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Let Us All Proclaim

Rev. Phil Davis

All: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon each of us, because God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor. God has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

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

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

Freedom Train

Rollo Dilworth

*"Woo! Woo! All aboard! Just get on board!
Shout 'Hallelujah!' All aboard the freedom train!
Bound for Glory where peace and justice reign.*

*One day we shall overcome, can't go back to where we started from.
Freedom train's a-comin' get on board!*

*Shout 'Hallelujah!' Gonna ride to Glory Land! On to victory, I'll join that heav'nly band.
In a land where I will sing songs of the faith that help to set me free.
Freedom train's a-comin' get on board!*

*You may hinder me here, but you can't hinder me there.
The Lord in Heaven's gonna answer my pray'r.
I am goin' home to see the elders there,
To sing the songs of hope for freedom everywhere.*

***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	The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound	MC KEE
	<i>(Music may be found on page 9.)</i>	

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude	Fugue in D Minor, BWV 538	J.S. Bach
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***Passing of the Peace**

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

Thank you to:

**Liturgist: Sally Allison
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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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 -

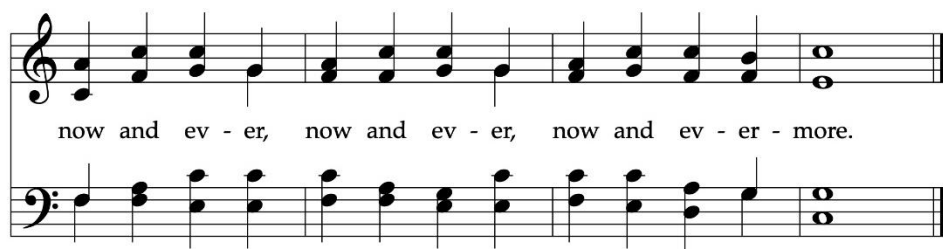
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering 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.



Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library and can go out with the Sunday School teacher (see below).

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor. Parents are welcome to come up with their children if they would like. The children then will be taken to the Sunday School room by their teacher.

• **An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

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.

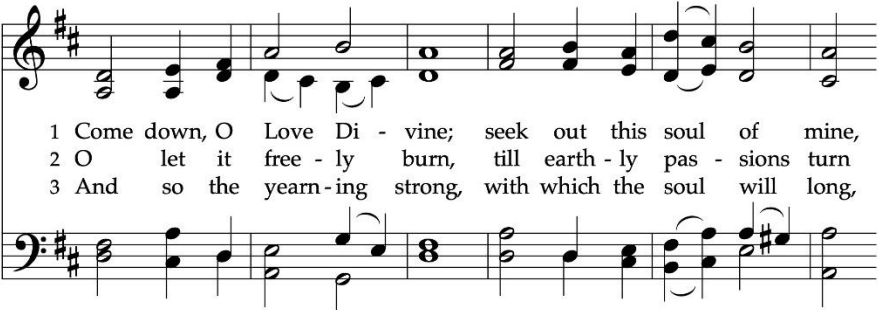
This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position to utilize this option.

Joys and Concerns– If you have a joy or concern that you would like lifted in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request Card (available by the worship bulletins). The Cards will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

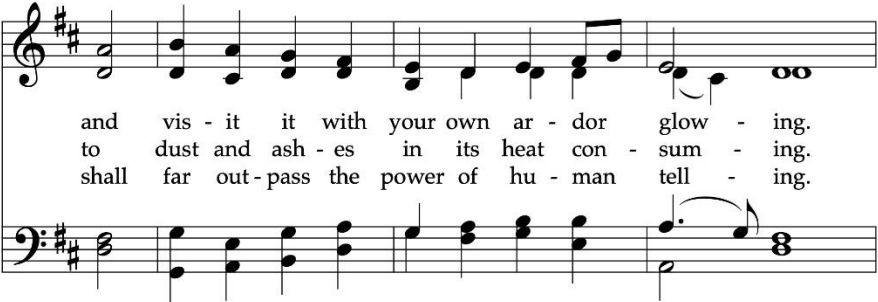
We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Do you have an interest in becoming a member of DUPC? You can speak with an Usher or the pastor. They would be happy to give you more information.

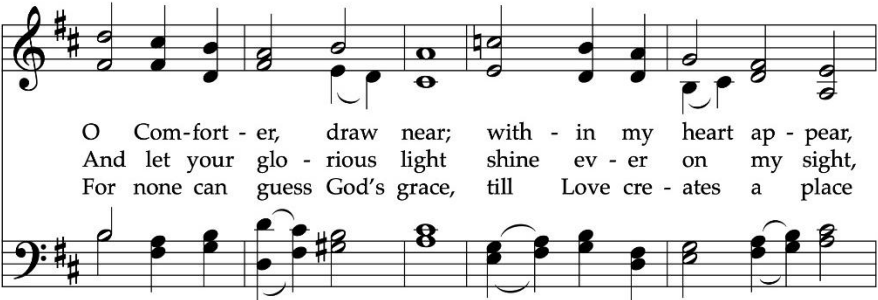
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1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

TEXT: Bianco da Siena, c. 1367; trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

DOWN AMPNEY
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The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, February 2

9:45AM Sunday Forum- Thomas Merton-Dr. Monica Weis on Merton
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship-Rev. Pastor Phil
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 4

10:30PM Bible Study via Zoom
5:30AM Justice Team Mtg. via Zoom

Wednesday, February 5

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY



The Presbytery of Genesee Valley's annual Congregational Learning Day will again be a Zoom event on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. It is free and open to all!

There are morning and lunchtime workshops, along with a worship time mid-morning. Workshops are packed full of learning and sharing for everyone, with courses covering training for Elders and Deacons...to info about the Presbytery's Racial Justice Policy... to a workshop on how to be a liturgist...to a Q&A with the Presbytery's new Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk. Please check out the link to the Presbytery website for more information and registration (Registration is due by Thursday, Feb 27th).

Click here or use this link: <https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/> to learn more.

DUPC Sunday Forums February 2025

February 2nd

The Spirituality of Thomas Merton

Dr. Monica Weis

Dr. Weis will present highlights from the life of Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk who was also a social activist, theologian, mystic, and scholar of comparative religions. Dr. Weis, emerita professor of English at Nazareth University, has written several books on Merton.

February 9th

My Spiritual Journey: Fireflies and Illuminations

Gail Mott

Gail has spent many of her 90 years bringing attention and care to those in need, both in our community and across the world. In all of the many justice actions she has been a part of throughout the years, Gail has been there as a gentle, yet powerful presence. She shares that, "after 90 years you would think that the path on my faith journey would now be a straight one-but it continues to be a bumpy road illuminated by great souls who show me the way and help keep me moving forward."

February 16th

No Sunday Forum - Food and Kinship Worship

February 23rd

My Spiritual Journey

Reverend Phil Davis

Come hear Rev Davis share about his own faith experiences, from his early days growing up in the Bronx, to his change of careers, to what brought him to DUPC.

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
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Alan Jones, Associate Musician
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Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Pat Tweet, Clerks of Session
Henry Ehindero, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Philip B.
Davis, Moderator
Nancy Brown
John DeHority
Lea Kone
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

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