

DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



If a stranger lives with you in your land, do not do wrong to them. You should act toward the stranger who lives among you as you would toward one born among you. Love them as you love yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. – Leviticus 19:33-34 (NLV)

February 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

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Prelude Meditation on "From the Nets of Our Labors"

Rev. Phil Davis

*Introit

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamund Johnson

Arr. Craig Courtney

"Lift every voice and sing,

Till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won."

Text: James Weldon Johnson

*Call to Worship

David Lee

Leader: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

People: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.

Leader: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

People: It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"

Leader: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

People: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.

*Invocation

All: Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn

You Walk along Our Shoreline WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
(*Music may be found on page 6.*)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, hear the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid!" There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do, beginning now. We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life. Not only are we forgiven, but we are also sent to fish for others, whom God also yearns to gather with the net of holy love. This is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Jesus Calls Us

Joel Martinson

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

"Into the deep"

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

From the Nets of Our Labors
(Music may be found on page 7.)

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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

Wade in the Water
Alan Jones, soloist

American Negro Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan

*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

O God of Every Nation
(Music may be found on page 8.)

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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Carillon

Louis Vierende

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

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

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

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, February 9

9:45AM Sunday Forum- Spiritual
Journey- Gail Mott

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship-Rev. Pastor Phil

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM **Reception for Keisha Betts**

Tuesday, February 11

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

6:30PM Deacons Team Mtg. - Zoom

Wednesday, February 12

3:00PM DEIB Team Mtg - Zoom

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg - Zoom

7:30PM Property Team Mtg - Zoom

Friday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

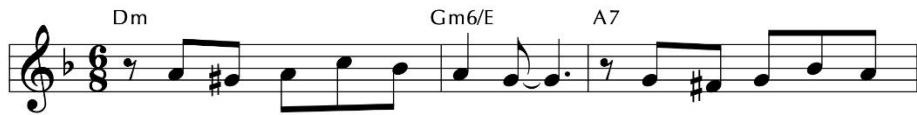


then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:16-20 / Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

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We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

O God of Every Nation

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1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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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.



Rev. James Hal Cone



Presbytery of Genesee Valley's
CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY

For New and Experienced Church Leaders and Church Members

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom. Free

Register by February 27th

Offering 7 Workshops and Worship

1. **Claiming the High Calling: Ruling Elder Training -**
Led by Rev John Odom PGV Executive Presbyter
2. **Presbytery of Genesee Valley Anti-Racism Policy Overview -**
Led by a panel of experts
3. **Teaching Elders – An Introduction to Enneagram –**
Led by Rev Michelle Allen

Worship: Led by Rev Jim Renfrew with music by Bill Hockey

4. **Equipped to Care: A workshop for Deacons -**
Led by Rev Erin Jacobson
5. **Enlivened Worship Leadership -**
Led by Rev Susan Thaine
6. **Not Safe for Worship Part II: Modern Bible Interpretation**
Led by a panel
7. **Two Way Q & A**
Led by Rev Bethany Benz-Whittington, PGV Stated Clerk
and Rev John Odom, PGV Executive Presbyter

To Register: [CLICK HERE](#)

Or scan here:



Or go online to: <https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please contact Nancy Simpson or Nancy Brown.

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
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
David Mear, Business Manager
Moses Nhial, Maintenance

Andrea Piccone, Bookkeeper
& Receptionist Coordinator
Tyrone Reeves, Maintenance
Robin Sheikh, Sunday School Teacher
Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
Ed Verna, Maintenance
Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,
Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Pat Tweet - Clerks of Session
Cindy Hamilton, 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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Andrea Folan
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