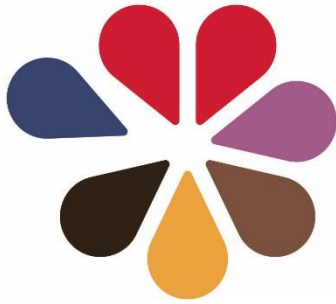




DOWNTOWN

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)

Celebration of Worship

February 16, 2025, 11:00 AM
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
[Click Here to Watch](#)

*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 Andante Religioso Eugène Gigout

Words of Welcome Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit Lift Every Voice and Sing J. Rosamund Johnson
"Lift every voice and sing, Arr. Craig Courtney
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 (Inspired by Psalm 1) Jim Vesper

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One.

Meditate on God's word day and night.

People: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One. Plant yourself like a tree and yield good fruit in due season.

People: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but

the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Holy One.

Prosper in all that you do according to kingdom measures.

People: Our Sovereign God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Invocation

All: Righteous God, you create us for community, and you commune with us. May we seek your presence anew this day and in the time to come. Help us to recognize you in the sound and feel of our own breath and in the movement or noise of those around us. Embolden us to faith that surpasses understanding and ministry that reflects radical trust in you and the path of abundance, compassion, and connection. Let our worship in song and prayer be a foreshadowing of our worship in action and witness. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.

* Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

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(Verses 1, 4, 5, and 6 - Music may be found on page 6.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Abiding God, you come near to us. We give thanks that you do not turn away from us when our lives reflect messiness, ungraciousness, and complacency. Take us deeper, O God, and help us to confront what needs to be known, addressed, and changed within us, our community, and our world. Forgive us and free us from guilt and shame so that we might embrace a life of accountability and transformation for the glory of God and for the hope of humanity. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Good creation of God, the Holy One has begun a good work in you and will see it through to completion. You have power to transform and grace to enter the newness of life. God is near and comes down with

us. Receive God's mercy, forgiveness, and grace as the gift that has been given. It is available, yours, and enough.

Scripture

Psalm 1:1-6
Luke 6:17-26

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

It's All Over Me

American Negro Spiritual
Arr. Jester Hairston

Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sermon

Choices

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

○ Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
(Music may be found on page 8.)

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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

I Don' Feel No Ways Tired American Negro Spiritual
Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

*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

Lead Me, Guide Me
(Music may be found on page 9.)

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Two Hymn Melodies

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Jim Vesper

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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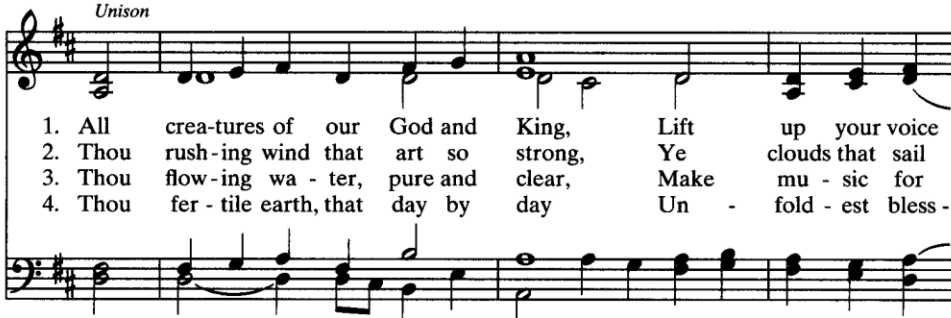
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Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison



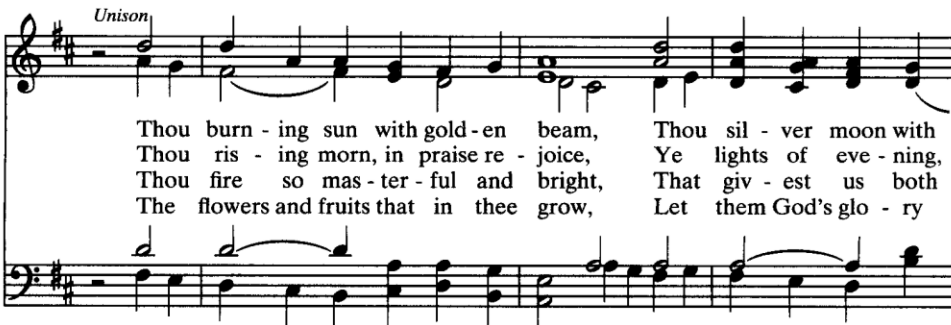
1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony



and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony



soft - er gleam,
 find a voice!
 warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 al - so show!

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5. And everyone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on God your care!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, February 16

10:00AM Choir Warm-up
 10:45AM Nursery
 11:00AM Worship – Rev. Phil Davis
 11:15AM Sunday School
 12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary
 7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom

Monday, February 17

President's Day

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

10:00AM Personnel Mtg via Zoom

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray



in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;



tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with



strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

Capo 1: (D) Refrain E^b (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B^b (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 3 (D) E^b 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B^b7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E^b 3 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B^b (D) E^b (D) E^b (D7) E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953

MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Irregular

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. Dr. Anna Murray



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.

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