



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 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

The Seventh 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 Improvisation on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Words of Welcome Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

*Introit Lift Every Voice and Sing J. Rosamund Johnson
 "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 (based on Psalm 37) Bob Richane

Leader: Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.

People: We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.

Leader: Let meekness rise as strength of soul.

People: May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.

Leader: May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

People: May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.

Leader: May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

*Invocation

All: Holy Love, bear in us a new beginning. Soften our hearts and still our minds into Your gracious embrace. Hold the worries and wanderings of our lives. Gift us with the renewing energy of Your Holy Spirit. Let it meet our fatigue and form in us a deepened commitment to your vision of the beloved community. Yes, mold us with Christ-love into agents of Your blessing, for the good of the world. May the cup of our lives run over with this of Your desire. In Your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Verses 1-3 - Music may be found on page 8.)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: God of the grand reversal, we confess our easy attachment to revenge in its many forms. Instead of interrupting violence, it has been easy to practice it in word and deed. It has been easy to worship the lie of scarcity instead of trusting your promise of abundance. By this, the way of the world has worked into our hearts and minds. Forgive us and free us from ourselves. Equip us anew with an outpouring of Your love. By this of You, form us into channels of grace. Deepen our love, expand our generosity, and mold us and the world with Your abundant mercy. Let the heart and mind of Christ take up residence in us anew. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: I have good news! The Holy One, Love Almighty, interrupts our missteps and misdeeds, our distractions and our detours. In Christ Jesus, God has shown us what forgiving love has already done and continues to do. It heals, it mends, and makes a new chapter possible. This is the forgiving power of God that embraces you and me, here and now. It is the good news! You can trust it with your life. Thanks be to God!

Installation of Deacons

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

People: And Individually members of him

Pastor: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some are called and chosen to serve as elders and deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if they want to be first among you, they must be the servants of all.

Presentation of The Candidates

Constitutional Questions For The Candidates

Constitutional Questions For The Congregation

Prayer

Declaration of Installation

Charge To The Deacons

Welcome To This Ministry

Scripture

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

I Wish I Knew How
It Would Feel to Be Free

Billy Taylor
and Dick Dallas
Arr. Kirby Shaw

Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

But

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

Only What You Do for Christ Will Last
(Music may be found on page 10.)

LASTING TREASURES

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

Love Is Little

Shaker Hymn

*"Love is little, love is low, Love will make our spirit grow. Arr. Kevin Siegfried
Grow in peace, grow in light, Love will do the thing that's right."*

Evan MacMahon, soloist

*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

God of Grace and God of Glory
(Music may be found on page 7.)

CWM RHONDA

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G Major

William Walond

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Bob Richane

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 23

9:45AM	Sunday Forum – Rev. Davis
10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
10:45AM	Nursery
11:00AM	Worship – Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM	Sunday School
12:00PM	Refreshments in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 25

10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
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Wednesday, February 26

7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
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Friday, February 28

3:00PM	Space Use Mtg via Zoom
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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

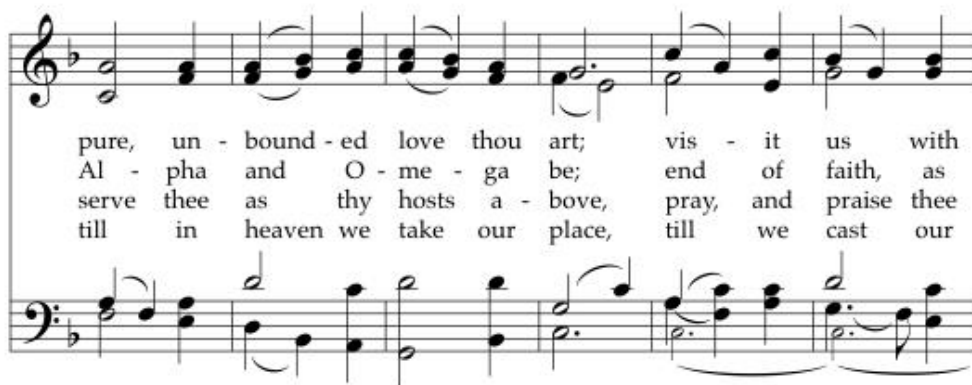


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

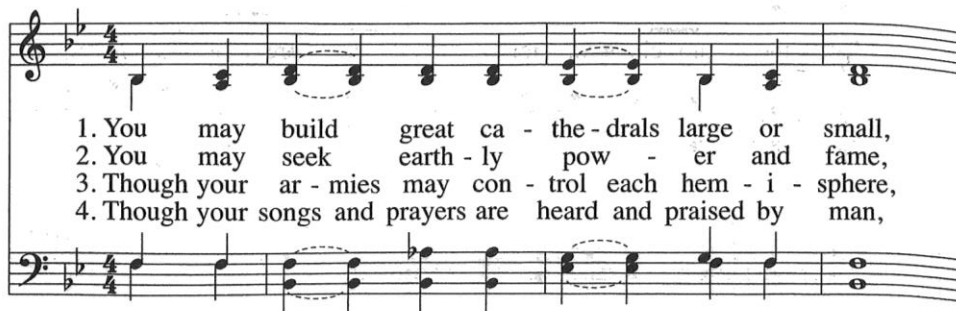


Bishop William J. Barber

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...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes...

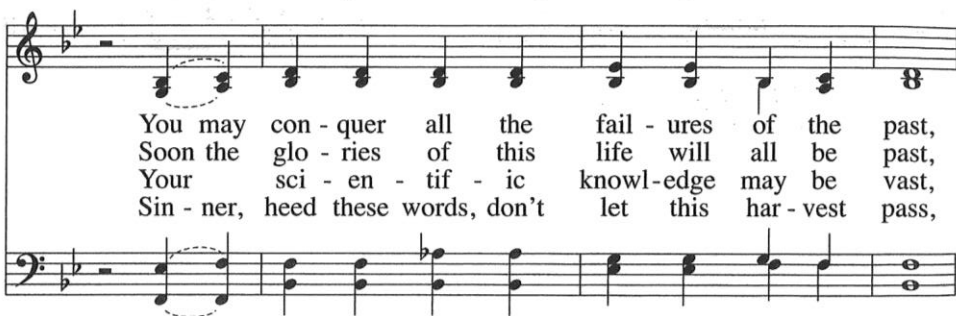
Matthew 6:19-20



1. You may build great ca - the - drals large or small,
 2. You may seek earth - ly pow - er and fame,
 3. Though your ar - mies may con - trol each hem - i - sphere,
 4. Though your songs and prayers are heard and praised by man,



You can build sky - scrap - ers grand and tall,
 The world might be im - pressed by your great name,
 And your or - bits out in space cause men to cheer,
 They've no mean - ing un - less you've been born a - gain,



You may con - quer all the fail - ures of the past,
 Soon the glo - ries of this life will all be past,
 Your sci - en - tif - ic knowl - edge may be vast,
 Sin - ner, heed these words, don't let this har - vest pass,



But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 For on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

Re-mem-ber on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

Re-mem-ber on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

On-ly what you do for Him will be count-ed at the

end; on - ly what you do for Christ will last!

Text: Raymond Rasberry

Tune: LASTING TREASURES, 10 10 10 10 with refrain; Raymond Rasberry; arr. by Valeria A. Foster

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