



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We live into Jesus'
inclusive call
to love every person,
care for creation, and
work for God's justice.**

Celebration of Worship

June 1, 2025, 11:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Communion Sunday

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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

Selected Duets

Sebastian Lee

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Bruce Boak

Announcements

John DeHority

Chime

Introit

Love Is Little

Shaker Hymn

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

*Love is gentle, love is small, love will find the best of all,
Find the peace, find the light, love will do the thing that's right. "*

*Call to Worship

One: Love alone unites us, wakens and invites us.

All: Nothing else can root and ground us.

One: Habits of compliance, dictates and defiance,

All: Soon dispirit and confound us.

One: If by law we keep score,

All: Pride will soon divide us.

All: Love alone shall guide us! Let us worship God!

*Invocation

Creator God, our heart's desire and our need is to know you. We long to be assured that you are present with us, that we belong to you, and are loved and forgiven. This knowledge we receive only as gift of your grace. Come, Lord Jesus, and make us your own. Implant your word deeply in our hearts. Rule in your church and in our lives, for in you alone is our hope of glory and the joy of unity. As we worship this day, bless us with these gifts, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Blessing and Honor
(Music may be found on page 7.)

O QUANTA QUALIA

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we come to you with heavy hearts. We have not always been all that you have called us to be. Too easily we become discouraged. Today, Lord, we need to feel the power of your miraculous ways. We feel tired and worn down because of the hurts of this world. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, we need a miracle of power in our lives and in the church. In the face of hunger, poverty, injustice, we need a miracle of confidence, courage and enthusiasm. May your steadfast and forgiving love be born in us again in this season of light and new life. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear and hopelessness to joy and vision. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, the One of miracles and faith. Amen.

Words of Grace

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26

John DeHority

Music for Reflection

God of the Bible

Tony E. Alonso

*"God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.*

**Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

*God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. [Refrain]*

*Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights. [Refrain]*

*Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way. [Refrain]"*

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

"Don't Scratch the Python"

Rev. Bruce Boak

*Hymn

If Thou but Trust in God
to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

(Music may be found on page 8.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (unison)

**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 Will Guide Us

Traditional

**Refrain: "Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the dark night."**

*"If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands,
You can give from deep within you. You can change the world with your love.*

*You are like no other being. What you can give no other can give
To the future of our precious children, the future of the world where we live.*

*Hear the song of peace within you, heed the song of peace in your heart.
Spring's new beginning shall lead to the harvest. Love will guide us on our way."*

Words: Sally Rogers

Doxology

**Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from
you. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for
your people in Rochester and beyond. Amen.**

*Hymn

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 9.)

Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Words of the Institution

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And Also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Merciful God, we give
thanks that you have invited us to this Table. We give thanks that
you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have
affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful**

and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. As you nourish us with the gift of this Communion food, help us to express our joy over the gift of your grace by the way we provide the good news of grace and love to those we encounter. Amen.

Sharing Communion at Jesus' Table

Music at Communion

Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone

*Hymn

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DOVE OF PEACE

(Verses 4-5, Music may be found on page 9.)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Selected Duets

Sebastian Lee

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: The Rev. Bruce Boak

Liturgist: John DeHority

Musicians: Lindsey Puc and Lee Wright

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

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 1

10:00AM Musician Warm Up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship: Rev. Bruce Boak

12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 3

10:30AM Psalms+ Study, Zoom

Thursday, June 5

7:15PM Worship Team, Zoom

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

10:00AM Musicians Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship: Susan Riblett

12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

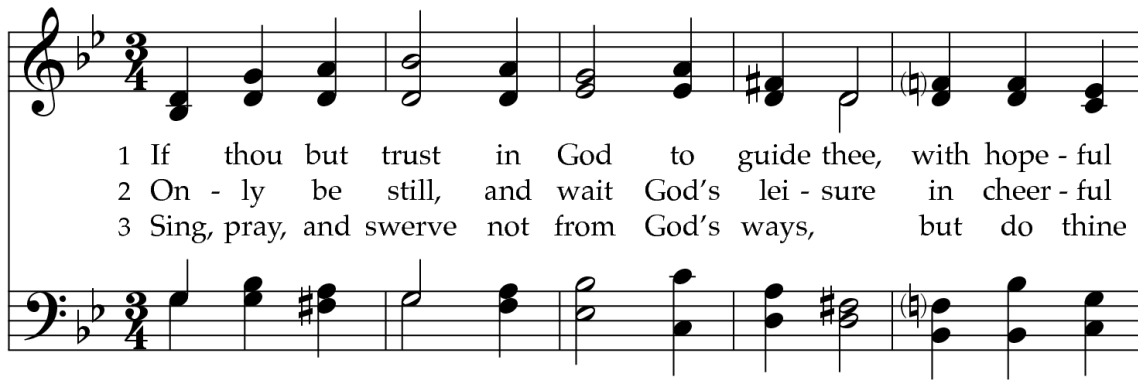
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

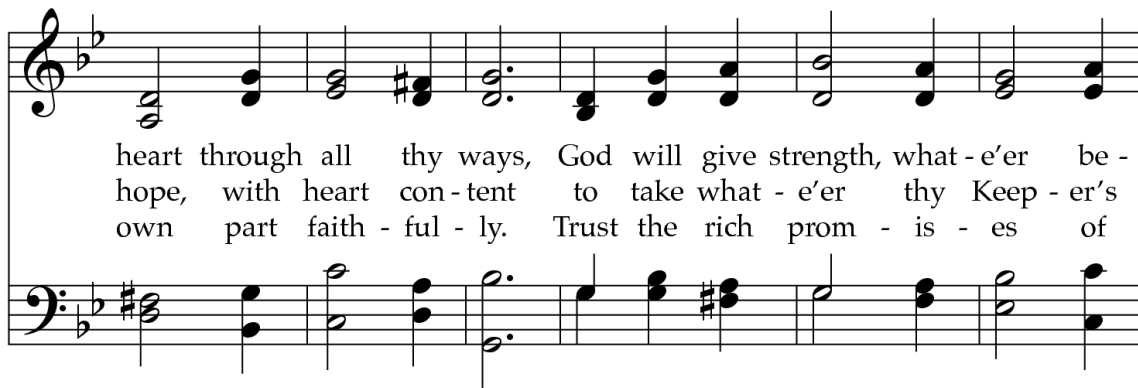
whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

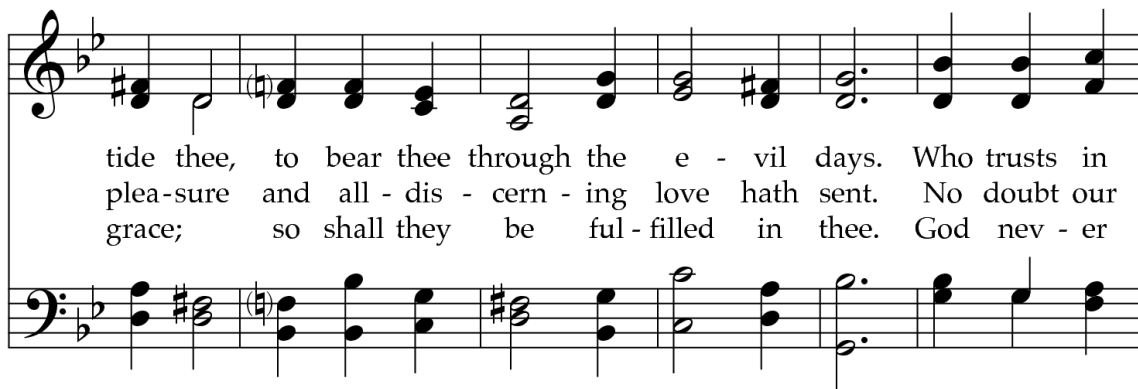
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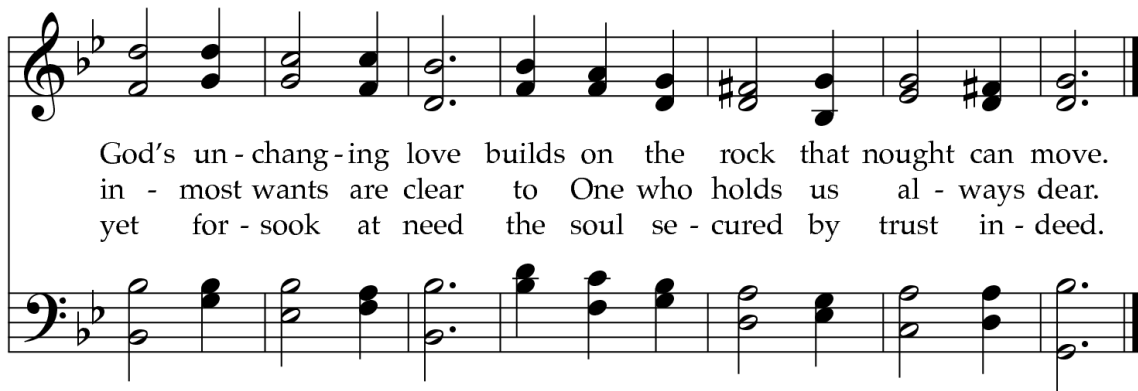
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

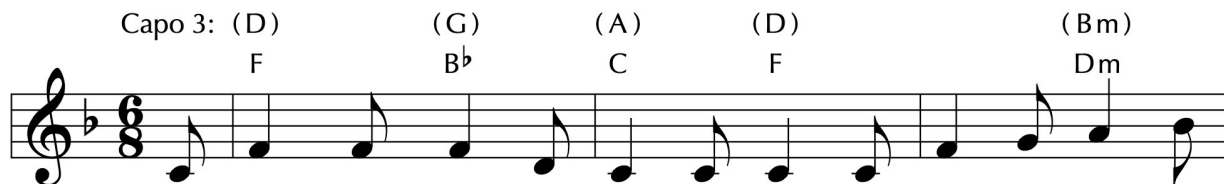


God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

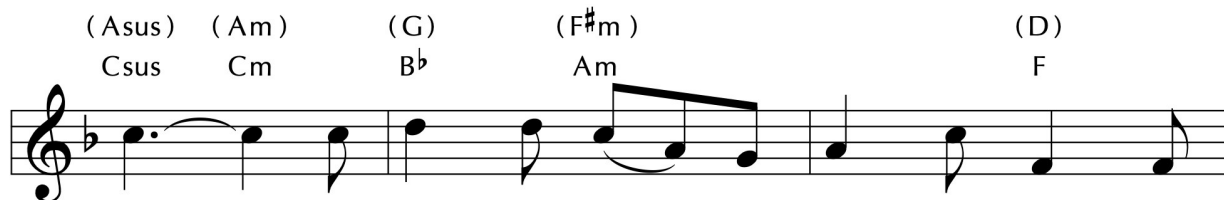
This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.

Welcome Visitors!

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

Sunday School is on summer recess.

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 Deacons.

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