



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 8, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pentecost 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	Wind in the Grass	Faber/F. Schroeder
	Largo from the "New World Symphony"	Antonin Dvorak
		Arr. Nancy and Randall Faber
	Frances Schroeder, piano	

Words of Welcome	Susan Riblett
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Announcements	Pat Tweet
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Chime

Introit	Kum Ba Yah	Traditional Gullah Song
	1.) Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah	
	2.) We are praying, Lord, kum ba yah	
	3.) We are singing, Lord, kum ba yah	

*Call to Worship	Pat Tweet
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Come, Divine Spirit, and blow away violence and war.

Come, and blow away hatred and spitefulness.

Come, Divine Spirit, and blow away greed and selfishness.

Come, and blow away fear and addiction.

Come, Divine Spirit, and fill us with love and compassion.

Come, and fill us with courage and strength.

*Invocation

On this Pentecost Day, may we accept your divine Spirit blowing through us, calling us to act with justice and love. Let us remember to show hospitality to strangers, for your angels walk among them. Let us feed those who are hungry, comfort those who mourn, and support those struggling to find their way. Amen.

*Hymn

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 8.)

Centering Prayer

O Holy One, we live in chaotic times. Our families and communities face new challenges, and we sometimes struggle to understand how to meet them. Too many voices encourage anger and the use of force to solve problems, but we try to find answers in your calls for justice and community. Sometimes anger seems like an easier path. Sometimes fatigue makes it feel like there is no path at all. Give us the strength to follow Your path of weaving people together with love and respect, calling for justice and working for peace. On this Pentecost Day, may Your Spirit blow strong, bringing us more fully into harmony with You. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Music for Reflection

Blowin' in the Wind

Bob Dylan

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

"Let Us Be Scattered by God"

Susan Ribblet

*Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See
(Music may be found on page 9.)

OPEN MY EYES

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 Every Time I Feel the Spirit American Negro Spiritual

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

O Divine Presence, all that we have comes from you. We ask that you bless these gifts, that they may go out into the world to help those in need, strengthening our community and our world. Amen.

*Hymn Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow ABERYSTWYTH
(Music may be found on page 10.)

*Benediction

Postlude **piano** Down by the Bay Traditional

Passing of the Peace

One: During his ministry, Jesus offered his peace to all that he met on his way. May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Susan Riblett

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Frances Schroeder, Alan Jones and Lee Wright

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

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Susan Riblett - Guest Worship Leader

Susan has been a member of the Downtown Church since the early '90s. She is a graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Susan shares that she has enjoyed the occasional opportunity to serve as a guest preacher for different congregations.





Pentecost Sunday

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

10:00AM Musicians Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship: Susan Riblett
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 10

10:30AM Bible Study, Zoom
6:30PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, June 11

3:00PM DEIB Meeting, Zoom

Thursday, June 12

5:00PM, Finance Team Mtg, Zoom
7:30PM, Property Team Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day

11:00AM Worship: Rev. Bruce Boak

Jazz Worship

At Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 22, 11:00AM

All are welcome!

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 666



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
 4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
 to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
 clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow 485

Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm A7

1 Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with - in our mor - tal frame.

Dm A7 Dm A7 F Gdim7 Dm A7 Dm

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.

Bb F Bb C7 F C F Dm A7 Dm C F E Am

aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways

Bb F Dm Gm A7 Dm A7 Dm

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, 1945–

Music: Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

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ABERYSTWYTH

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 for children up to 2nd grade either in the library or C-23 upstairs. Check with the receptionist.

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 requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

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