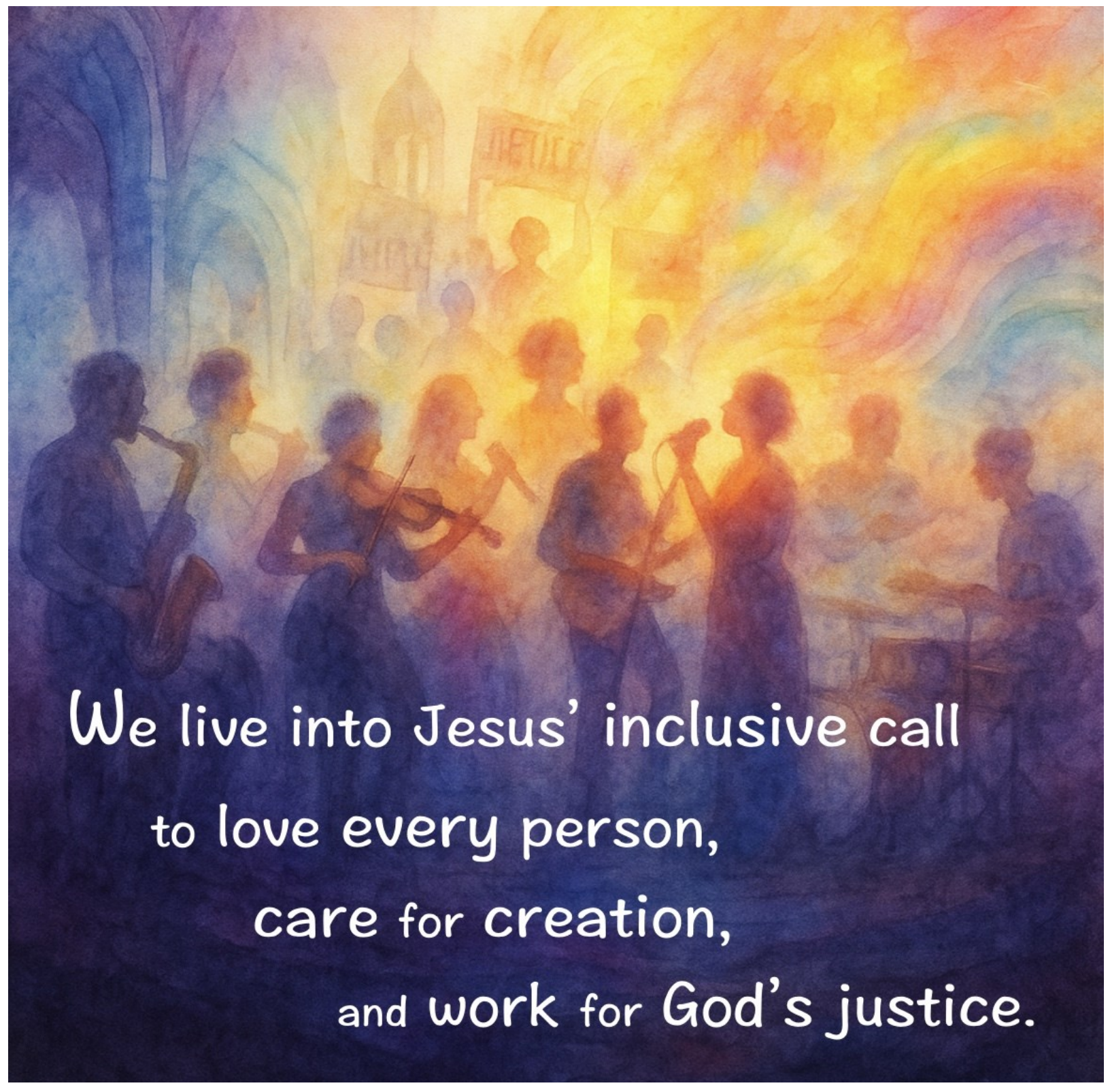




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

June 22, 2025, 11:00 AM

Annual Jazz Sunday and Strawberry Festival

*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.*

Prelude	Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho	American Negro Spiritual
	Amazing Grace	Traditional Melody
	Andrew McAleavey, piano	

Song of Invitation Wade in the Water American Negro Spiritual
Sung response: **"Wade in the Water!"**

Many: Let us Praise God together!

(read from the interpretation by Nan C. Merrill in
Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

(An antiphonal prayer based on Psalm 42 as interpreted by Nan C. Merrill)

Congregational Refrain (from "Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington):

"O dear God above, God almighty, God of Love,
please look down and see my people through."

Lectern Side (LS): O Beloved. We are indeed thirsty for the Living Water of your love. We long for justice, for healing, for sound that speaks truth. We listen for the music of new life.

Pulpit Side (PS): We ask, "When may we come and behold your face?" For we so often carry verses of despair, built around progressions of fear, when your harmony of peace seems so far away.

LS: Yet we remember your Presence within us. We have sung your praises in loud acclamation, trusting in the power of Your Spirit to raise us up in life and in death.

PS: But why are we cast down, our souls? And why are we disquieted within? We are familiar with the rhythmic alternations of hope and fear, faith and doubt. We may affirm our faith on the beat, only to cry out in fear and doubt on a syncopated offbeat.

Everyone Singing: "O dear God above, God almighty, God of Love,
please look down and see my people through."

LS: Even in the depths of despair and hopelessness, we call out and are grounded in the depth of your abiding Presence. You lead us in love and place Your song in our hearts—a prayer from the Heart of our hearts.

PS: And still, the rhythms of fear and oppression are in our bones. How can we help but cry out in the face of such injustice, while the powerful seem to destroy and we feel helpless.

LS: O soul, the cacophony of war will not keep us from radiating Your melodies of peace, love and light into the world.

PS: From our individual paths, we resonate with the vibrations of Your truth—our strength and guide.

Everyone Singing: “O dear God above, God almighty, God of Love,
please look down and see my people through.”

All Proclaiming: “O my soul, let us celebrate the Oneness of all Creation!”

Then singing: A-men! A-men! A-men! Amen, Amen!

Song of Assurance	His Eye Is on the Sparrow	Charles H. Gabriel
	Congregational Refrain:	Civilla D. Martin
“I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free; For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”		

Reading	I Corinthians 12:12-27	
Reflection	Jazz and the Body of Christ	Rev. Fowler
Musical Reflection	Our Love Is Here to Stay	George and Ira Gershwin

Reading	Galatians 3:23-29	
Reflection	Spiritual Math: One Times One	Rev. Fowler
*Congregational Reflection	Walk Together, Children	American Negro Spiritual

1. Walk together, children, don’ you get weary, (3X)
We will walk for justice in this great land.
2. Sing together, children. . .We will sing for justice in this great land.
Refrain: We’re gonna walk—and never tire, walk and never tire,
Walk and never tire—We will walk for justice in this great land.
3. Pray together, children. . .We will pray for justice in this great land.

4. Work together, children. . . We will work for justice in this great land.

Refrain: We're gonna work—and never tire, work and never tire,

Work and never tire—We will work for justice in this great land.

We will pray for justice in this great land.

We will sing for justice in this great land.

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

Summertime

George and Ira Gershwin

*Doxology

Thank You, God

Traditional Gospel

1. Thank you, God (3X) - I just want to thank you, God.

2. Been so good. . . 3. Still, we rise. . .

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Fowler

Protest Litany: “Marching Up to Freedom Land”

All Singing:

“Ain’t gonna let nobody turm me ‘round, turm me ‘round, turm me ‘round,

Ain’t gonna let nobody turm me ‘round,

We’re gonna keep on a-walkin’, keep on a-talkin’, marchin’ up to freedom land!”

Section One: Naming the Struggle

Reader 1:

For every voice silenced,

For every prayer left unanswered,

For every system that keeps some out and lifts others up—
We name the weight.
We speak the wound.
We do not look away.

Reader 2:
For the exhaustion in our bones,
The fear in our breath,
The grief we carry in our memories and in our music—
We say: Not again. Not today. Not here.

**All Singing: “We’re gonna keep on a-walkin’, keep on a-talkin’,
marchin’ up to freedom land!”**

Section Two: Honoring the Ancestors

Reader 3:
We call on the ancestors—
Those who marched until their feet blistered,
Who sang through bars and beatings,
Who raised children in resistance,
Who prayed through tears and testifying.

Reader 4:
We call on the prophets of rhythm and survival—
Those who turned weeping into wailing walls of sound,
Who played horn and drum like sermons,
Who carved joy from grief
And taught us that every note could be a prayer.

**All Singing: “We’re gonna keep on a-walkin’, keep on a-talkin’,
marchin’ up to freedom land!”**

Section Three: Claiming the Calling

Reader 5:
We are the ones now.
The singers. The sowers. The soul-workers.

Our breath is holy. Our voices matter.
The Spirit of the living God is still improvising through us.

Reader 6:

We will not be turned around by fear or fatigue.
We will not bow to hate, to violence, to silence.
We are people of the gospel and the groove—
Of protest and praise.
We are the Body of Christ in motion.
We are jazz in the hands of God.

All Proclaiming Together:
We will speak truth.
We will live love.
We will keep walking.
Because freedom is not behind us.
It is ahead.
And we are marching there—together.

All Singing: "We're gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
marchin' up to freedom land!"

*Sending Song	Lift Every Voice and Sing <i>(Music may be found on page 9.)</i>	LIFT EVERY VOICE
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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Eerie Canal Song	Thomas S. Allen
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Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace with one another.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson

D G B⁷ Em
 1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our

3

heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo -
chas - t'ing rod, felt in the days when
si - lent tears, thou who hast brought us

6

C Am G D7



nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re -
hope un - born had died; yet with a
thus far on the way; thou who hast

9

joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
by Thy might, led us in - to the

12 C G D⁷

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing
feet come to the place for which our peo - ple
light, keep us for ev - er in the path, we

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15 G G D Em

sea. sighed? preay. Sing We Lest a have our song come feet full of the o - ver a stray from the

18 Em D

faith that the dark past has taught us, way that with tears as been wa - tered; plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

20 G D Eb Eb

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

23 G D7

brought us; Fac - ing the slaugh - - - tered; out from the get thee; shad - owed be -

25 G B7 Em Am B

ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gloom - y past, till now we stand at neath thy hand, may we for ev - er

28 C A#dim G D G

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won. last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast. stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Val Fowler

Liturgist: Grania Marcus

Musicians: Andrew McAleavey, keys, Grace Mingoea, vocals,

Tony Sun, flute/sax, Bill Tiberio, sax,

Sean Conlon, bass, Kristen Shiner-McGuire, drums

Alan Jones, keys/vocals, and Lee Wright, violin/vocals



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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 22

Jazz Sunday; Strawberry Festival

10:00AM Musicians Warm-up

10:45AM No Nursery this week

11:00AM Worship:

Rev. Val Fowler

12:00PM Strawberry Festival
in Sanctuary

7:00 PM Sophia Circle, Zoom

Tuesday, June 24

10:30AM Psalms+ Meeting, Zoom

Friday, June 27

3:00PM Space Use Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, June 29

10:00AM Musicians Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship: David Lee

12:00 PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 1

5:30PM Justice Team Mtg, Zoom

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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. **Nursery care is not available today, June 22nd.**

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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