



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

July 6th, 2025, 10:00 AM

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Peace Piece

A communal meditation based on an improvisation by Bill Evans

Words of Welcome

Rev. Christine James

Announcements

John Dehority

Chime

Introit

We Are Happy to Share

Kenyan

A.) "We are happy to share, happy to share

Arr. LW

One another's burdens—That's why we are here."

B.) "Now turn around and greet your neighbor—That's why we are here."

*Call to Worship

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, written by Carol Prickett, adapt. from Psalm 66:1-5)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

All: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

All: tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!

*Invocation

All: Loving God, thank you for gathering us together as your beloved people in this space. Help us to be fully present and aware of the Holy Spirit that we may praise you with our whole souls. Amen.

*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center
(Music may be found on pg. 7)

BEACH SPRING

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

(From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*)

All: Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, God understands that we are only human and that we will fall short. We are forgiven of our sins by this God who calls us God's beloved children.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Psalms 30:1-12

Music for Reflection

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Irish folk melody

*"Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is God's Holy Presence with healing in Love's wings;
when comforts are declining, new hope will come again,
a season of clear shining to cheer us after rain.*

*In sacred contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."*

*It can bring with it nothing but Love will bear us through;
the One who clothes the lilies will clothe all people too;
beneath the vast creation no creature goes unfed;
the One who feeds the ravens will give us daily bread.*

*Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear,
though fields should fail and wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,
yet God's abiding Presence, our voices tune in praise;
for while in Love confiding, we cannot but rejoice."*

Text: William Cowper, 1779, alt.

Scripture

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Sermon

"Rooted in God's Peace"

Rev. Christine James

*Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul (2X).
2. I've got joy like a fountain. . .
3. I've got love like an ocean. . .

Words: American Negro Spiritual

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

† 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

Deep River

American Negro Spiritual
Arr. LW

*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.

*Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace
(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on pg. 8)

TABLE OF GRACE

Service of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Story

The Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And Also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

River Chant

Hall Johnson

Unison Prayer (From The Book of Common Worship)

All: 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. Amen.

*Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace
(Verses 4-5, Music may be found on pg. 8)

TABLE OF GRACE

Benediction

Congregational Response Now Jesus Sends Us Forth
(Music may be found on pg. 9)

ENVIADO

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Christine James

Liturgist: John Dehority

Musicians: Olivia Anderson and Lee Wright

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477 Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Gm F Dm Bb C Bb F

1 Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
2 Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3 In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,

F Gm F Dm Bb C7 Bb F

find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:

F C Dm F Bb

clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-)

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Ronald A. Nelson (1927-)

BEACH SPRING

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Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B $\flat$ F/C C7 F B $\flat$ F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

Em B Em B Em

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

Am B7 Em

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

Am D G C

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

Am B7 Em

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

Am D G C

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

Am B7 Em

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

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 MUSIC: Pedro Infante, 20th cent.; arr. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
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ENVIADO
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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 6

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship,
Rev. Christine James
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 9

3:00PM DEIB Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, July 10

5:00PM Finance Team via Zoom
7:30PM Property Team via Zoom

Friday, July 11

1:00PM Leap of Faith Team Mtg

Sunday, July 13

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up
9:45AM **No Nursery this week**
10:00AM Worship,
Rev. Jim Renfrew
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

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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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