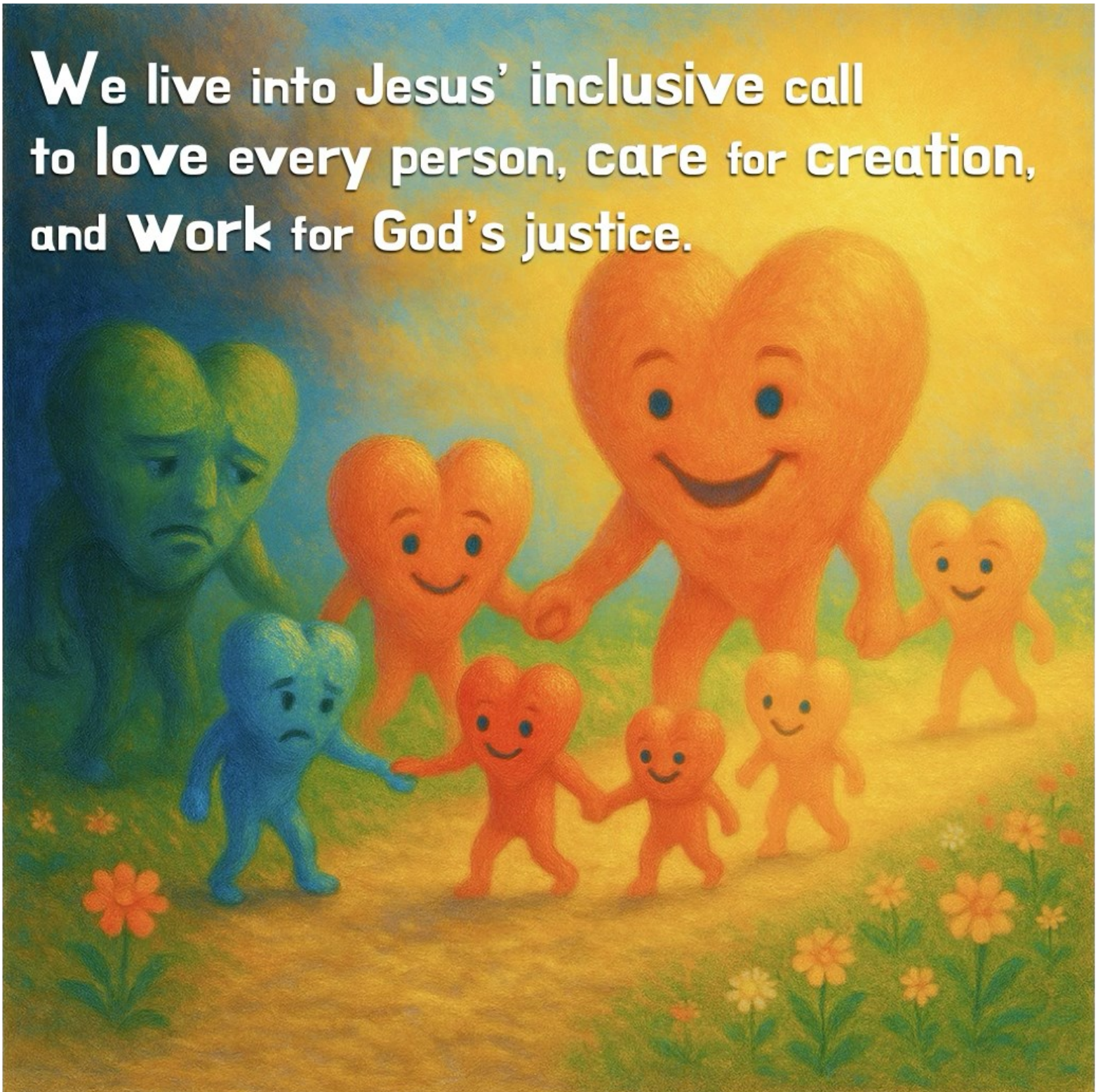




DOWNTOWN

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 13th, 2025, 10:00 AM

15th 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 during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Süsse Stille, sanfte Quelle, HWV 205

G.F. Handel

"Sweet Stillness, Gentle Spring"

"Sweet stillness, gentle spring—source of calm and quiet rest!

My soul delights in your sweetness, for here I glimpse that perfect peace prepared for us beyond this weary, empty world—an everlasting rest that waits for all."

Text: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747), English paraphrase by ChatGPT/OpenAI

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jim Renfrew

Announcements

Pat Tweet

Chime

Introit

There Is More Love Somewhere African-American Hymn

"There is more love somewhere. (2X)

I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope. . . There is more peace. . . There is more joy. . ."

*Call to Worship

We gather in worship to live!

Loving God, and loving our neighbor.

We sing and pray to live!

Singing to God, and praying for neighbors.

We gather to live in peace!

Peace from God and shared with many others.

Jesus says, "You have given the right answer"

Jesus says, "Do this, and you will live". Amen.

*Invocation

Luke 10:25-28

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, **"what must I do to inherit eternal life?"** Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

*Hymn

What is the World Like

NEW WORLD

(Verses 1, 3, and 5—Music may be found on page 8.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Dear God, have we been good friends? Have we looked out for one another? Have we brought new friends into our circle? Sometimes we have and some times we have not. In the Gospel reading we learn about ways to extend our friendship to others. Friendship for people we like is not too big a challenge, but befriending the ones we don't like, don't trust, and find too different, is one of the most difficult challenges we can imagine. Help us become a circle of friends that is always finding new ways to invite and news ways to include. It's how you deal with us, and it's how we want to deal with everyone! We're praying in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Grace

John 15:12-14

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you". **To be a friend of Jesus is a joy and wonder that we are eager to share! Amen!**

Reading

Psalms 25:4-10

Time With Children and Youth

"The Names of Our Friends"

"Pure love, pure truth, pure justice, God."

Reading

Luke 10:29-37

Message

"Which One?"

Rev. James R. Renfrew

We Believe *Selected Bible passages*

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. [Eccl. 4:9-10]

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [Col 3:12-14]

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. [1 John 4:7] Amen!

*Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways

(Verses 1, 2, 5, and 6—Music may be found on page 9.)

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

We give because we can.

We give because we ought to.

We don't give enough.

We give more than is needed.

We give when we can never give enough.

We give even when we can't.

We give with strings attached.

We give with no strings at all.

We give anonymously.

We give where all can see.

We give once.

We give countless times.

We give a little.

We give a lot.

We give

because God has given us so much!

Offertory Music

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote
and Robert Delgado
Arr. Dianna Denley

*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

Bless our giving, O God, so that dark lives may be brightened, so that lost people may be found, so that hurting people may be helped, so that friendships can flourish, and so that your peace will prevail. Bless our giving, and bless what we are always receiving from you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn

Together We Serve
(Verses 1, 2, and 4—Music may be found on page 10.)

SAN ANSELMO

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Die ihr aus dunklen Grüften, HWV 208

G.F. Handel

"You Who Dig in Dark Caves"

"You who dig in dark caves to unearth your empty treasures—
just look up! See what riches you already have here in the open air.

Don't say, 'It's only color and illusion'—
these treasures can't be counted or locked away in a chest."

Text: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747), English paraphrase by ChatGPT/OpenAI

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Rev. James Renfrew retired from full-time ministry in 2022, having served congregations in Rochester (Christ Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church), Bergen (Stone Church Presbyterian Church) and Byron (First Presbyterian Church). In 2015 he served as Presbytery Moderator. In retirement he serves as Parish Associate at Gates Presbyterian Church and frequently preaches in our other churches. Jim is a graduate of Severna Park High School (Maryland), Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) and Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. He gives credit to the Rev. Tom Heger of DUPC, among others, for showing a path that led him to ordained ministry. Jim and Robin live in Clarendon with their two cats, while their son's family lives in Rochester.

Preacher's Note: Do you have your own story about how God surprisingly found you during a difficult time? Let's chat after the service and compare notes! Still wanting to be found? Let's talk about that, too!

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Jim Renfrew

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Jason Cloen, Lindsey Puc and Lee Wright

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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 13

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up

9:45AM **No Nursery this week**

10:00AM Worship,
Rev. Jim Renfrew

11:00AM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 15

7:00PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg via
Zoom

Thursday July 17

10:00AM Personnel Meeting via
Zoom

Saturday, July 19

11:00AM Rochester Pride Parade
& Festival

Sunday, July 20

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up

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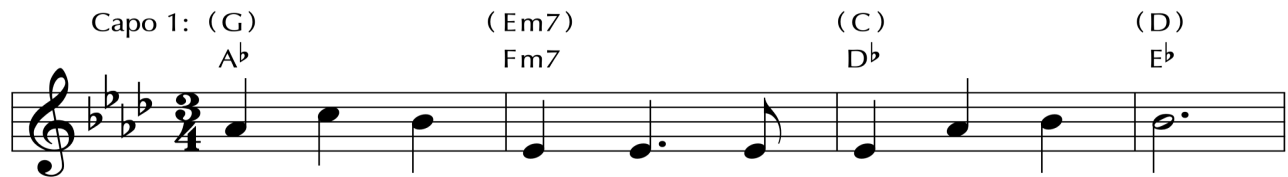
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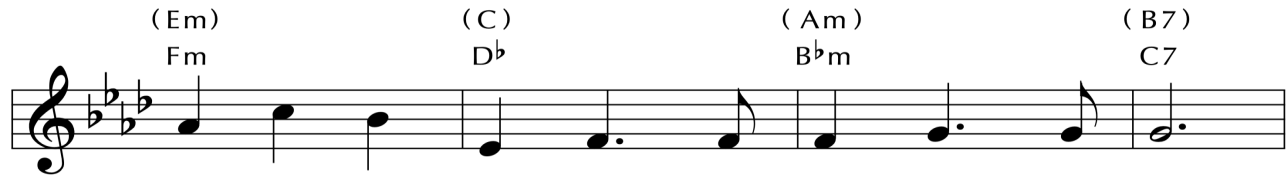
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What Is the World Like

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1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

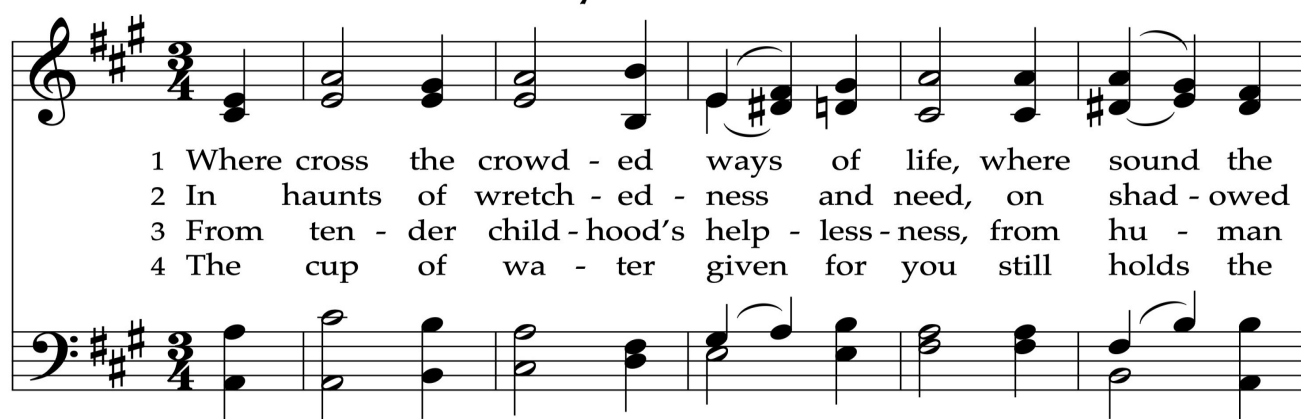


This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37 / Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B $\flat$ F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B $\flat$ F E $\flat$ Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm F7 B $\flat$

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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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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