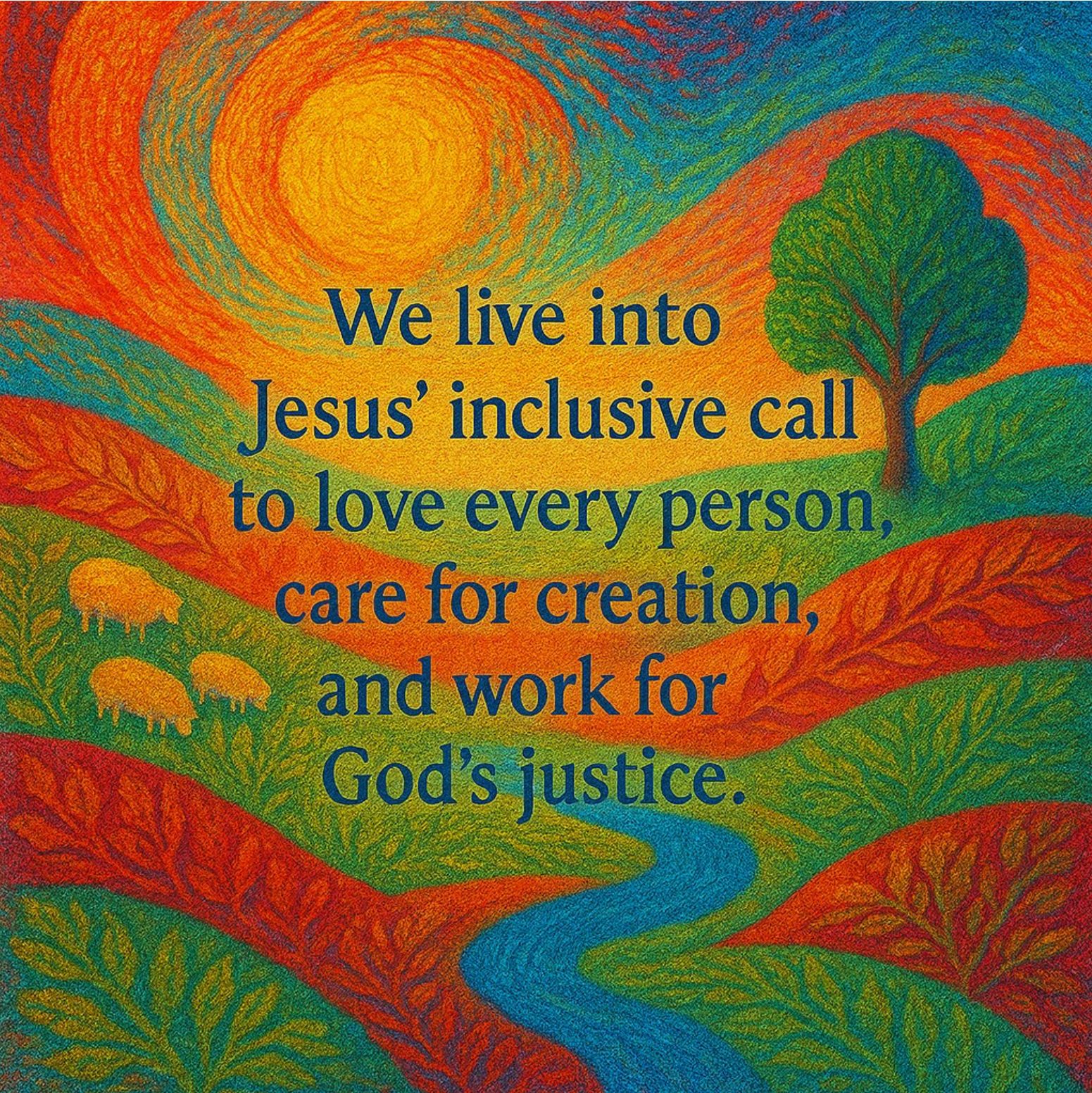




DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

Celebration of Worship

July 27th, 2025, 10:00 AM
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Click Here to Watch](#)

*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

Hymns of Our Faith

Come, O Love Divine - Love Is Little - Come and Find the Quiet Center –Thank You, God

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sam Kinsman

Announcements

Nancy Brown

Chime

Introit

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all I need. She makes me lie down in green meadows;
Beside the still waters she will lead. She restores my soul; She rights my wrongs.
She leads me in a path of good things and fills my heart with songs.*

*Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said she won't forsake me. I'm in Her hand.*

*She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes.
She anoints my head with oil; and my cup overflows.*

*Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life
And I will live in Her house forever, forever and ever."*

***Call to Worship**

One: Out of the depths of our struggles, we cry to the Holy One.

All: O Beloved, hear our cries!

One: In the inner darkness when we feel alone, we cry to the Holy One.

All: O Beloved, show us the light!

One: Some days we've got more on our plate than we know what to do with.

All: O Beloved, help us carry the weight!

One: We look to God's word as a lamp unto our feet.

All: O Beloved, make the way clear!

One: We wait for God with patient and hopeful hearts.

All: O Beloved, be with us today. Amen.

***Hymn**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(Music may be found on page 7.)

CONVERSE

Centering Prayer

One: Let us take a moment to breathe deeply—to settle our hearts, quiet our minds, and open ourselves to the Divine Presence that holds us always.

All: Holy One, you meet us where we are—in our doubts and dreams, in our strength and stumbling. We come as we are: beautiful and beloved, yet often unsure, afraid, or weary. Help us to trust that we do not need to be perfect to be held by you, that your love surrounds even the parts of us we hide. Where we have spoken in haste, may your gentleness teach us new words. Where we have closed our hearts, may your mercy reopen the door. Where we have forgotten your image in ourselves or others, remind us again of your light that shines through every soul.

[time for silent reflection]

One: Know this—In Jesus, God meets us with endless compassion, not condemnation.

All: Love goes ahead of us; kindness and mercy pursue us. And Jesus, from whose fullness we receive grace upon grace, walks beside us. Amen.

Reading

Psalms 138

Music for Reflection

God Our Mother

Lisa Gungor

*"God our Creator, giver of daily bread
Blessing our hands and covering our heads.*

*God our mother, leading us into peace
Blessing and comforting all those in need*

*Ref: Hallowed, hallowed be thy name
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name in all the earth*

*Holy Spirit Guiding our every step
Deliver us and grant places of rest (Ref.)*

*Jesus, Savior grabbing us from the grave
Cheating the fall and breathing the light of day (Ref.) "*

Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

On Prayer and Hope

Rev. Sam Kinsman

*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center
(Music may be found on page 8.)

BEACH SPRING

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.

*"Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord*

*Ref: Although we are weeping, O help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Spirit for the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry, O please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy*

*The nations will say, "God has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord (Ref.)"*

Songwriters: Paul Zach / Isaac Wardell / Orlando Palmer / Liz Vice

*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 Thanksgiving (*unison*)

For the bread broken and shared, for the nourishment of each other,
For dignity and belovedness, for the blessing of togetherness,
For the abundance of love that the world cannot take away,
We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(*Music may be found on page 9.*)

PENTECOST

*Charge and Blessing

Beloved, let the spirit lead us, change us and invite us somewhere new.
Go out boldly as your true self, God loves you so much.
In the name of God our creator, Jesus our friend and teacher,
and the Spirit within us, Amen!

Postlude Improvisation on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Sam Kinsman

Liturgist: Nancy Brown

Musicians: Tim Lambert, Pat Tweet, and Lee Wright

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

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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 27

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship,
 Rev. Sam Kinsman
11:00AM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 3

9:00AM Musicians Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship,
 Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
11:00AM Refreshments, Sanctuary

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

477 Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Gm F Dm Bb C Bb F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

F Gm F Dm Bb C7 Bb F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F C Dm F Bb

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways 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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66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain



Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my



heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the



Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*



1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the



mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this



fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back. *to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

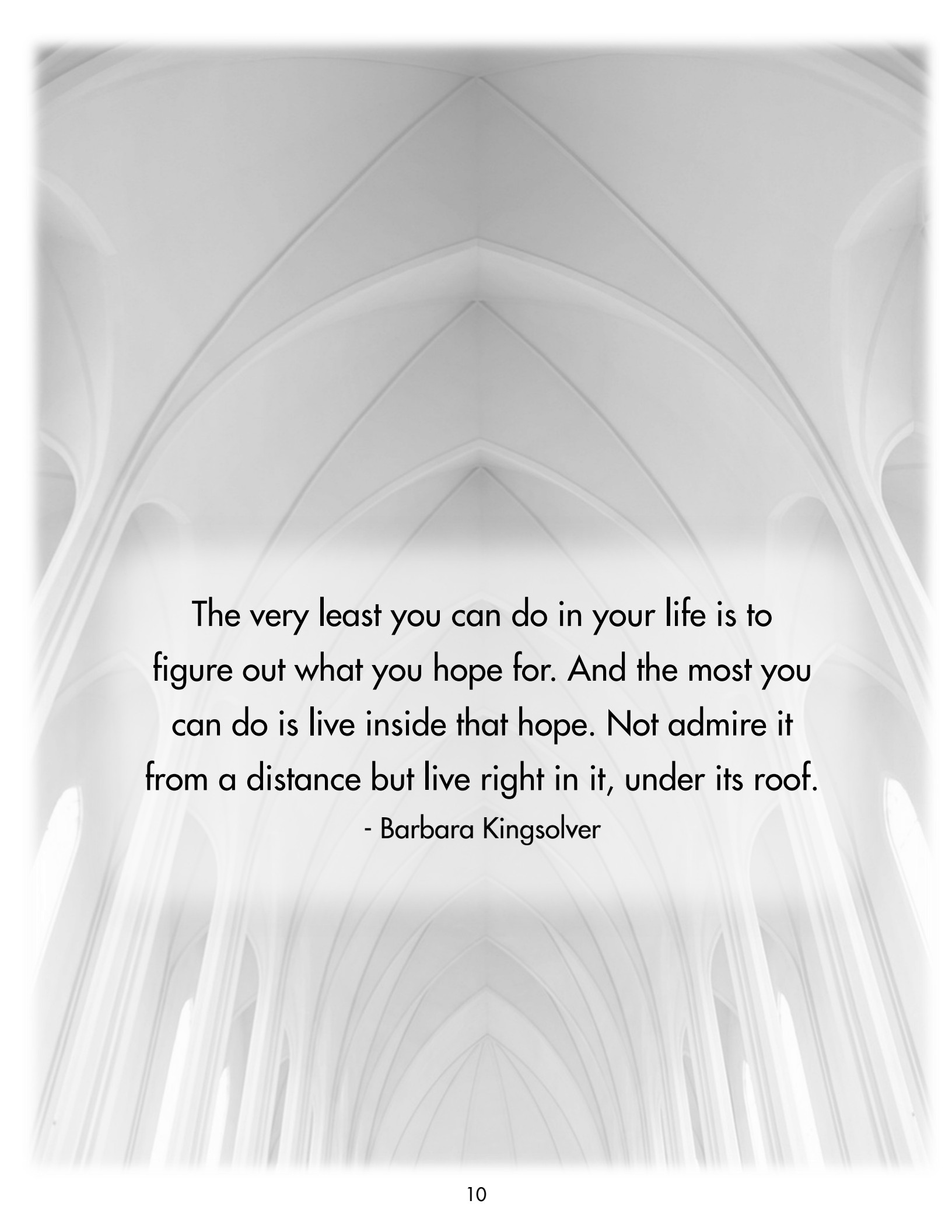
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PENTECOST

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The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.

- Barbara Kingsolver

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Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care is available for children up to 2nd grade on the second floor in room C23. Check with the receptionist or a greeter for directions.

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.

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