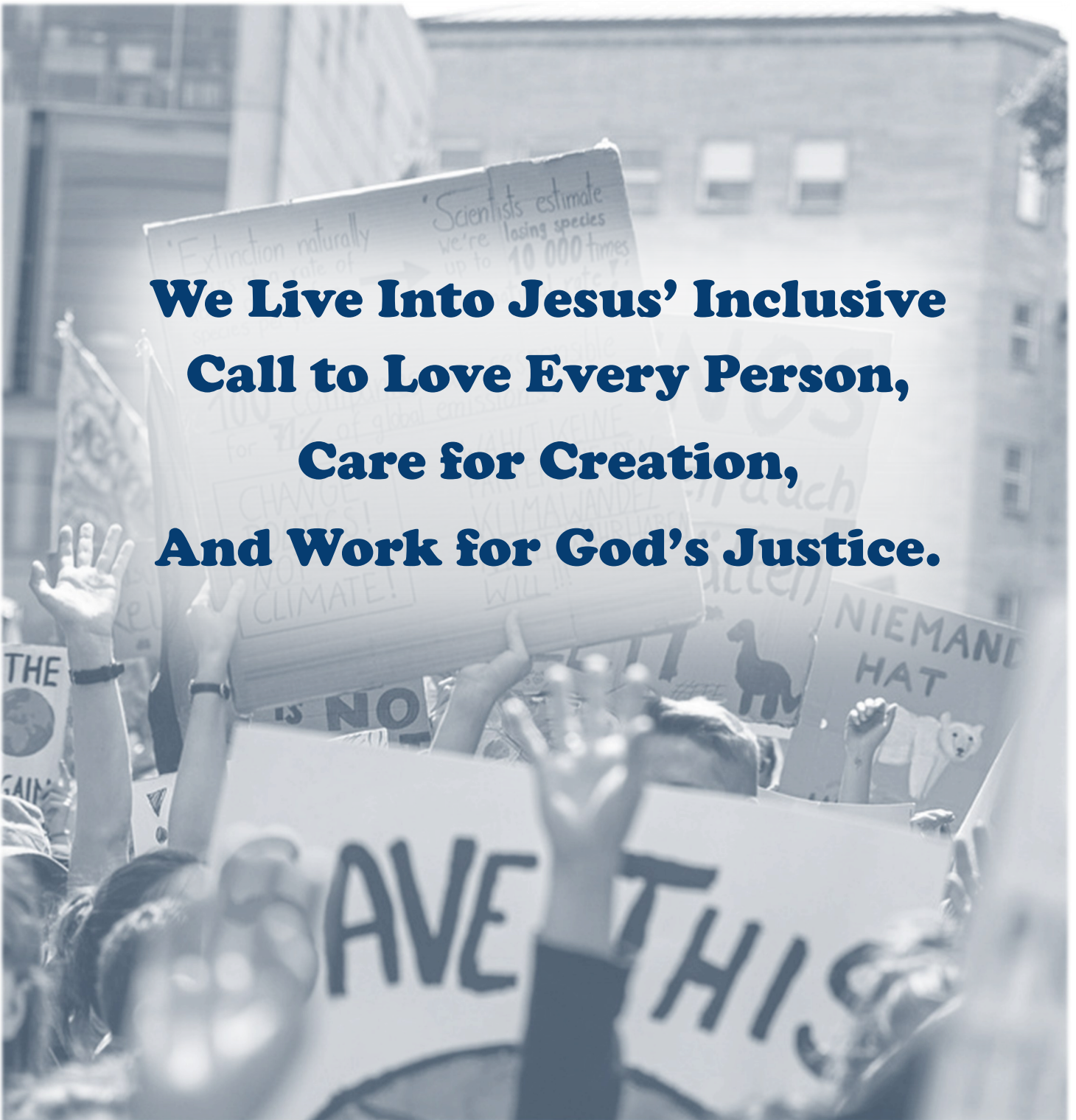




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We Live Into Jesus' Inclusive
Call to Love Every Person,
Care for Creation,
And Work for God's Justice.**



Celebration of Worship
August 17th, 2025, 10:00 AM
20th 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	Selections from "Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major "	J.S. Bach
	Lindsey Puc, Cello	

Words of Welcome	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Announcements	Pat Tweet

Chime		
Introit	Draw the Circle Wide	Gordon Light

*Call to Worship

One: How can I tell if God is speaking to me?

Many: God's word is like a double-edged sword. When God speaks, your thoughts and the intentions of your heart are laid bare.

One: How will I know if God is speaking to me?

Many: You will see yourself clearly, like looking into a mirror.

One: How will I know that it is truly God speaking?

Many: The word of God will nourish you and help you grow.

One: What if I don't follow God's voice?

Many: God's word is a light to your path. If you don't follow the light, you won't be able to see where you're going.

One: Will listening to God's word make my life easier?

Many: God's word is a consuming fire. It is not safe for the perishable parts of us. It purifies us and strengthens what is important.

But it is not safe. And the path it leads us down is not easy.

One: Is it worth it?

Many: Yes. Yes and Amen.

*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center
(Music may be found on page 6.)

BEACH SPRING

Prayer of Invocation

Today we pray to a God who speaks to us. God, we lift our voices to you and ask that your voice would speak to us. Help us to be open to your direction. Helps us to be brave in our love for your creation. Amen.

First Reading

Hebrews 11:29-40

Music for Reflection

The Signs of the Times

Phillip Phillips

Second Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

Signs of the Times

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

*Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly
(Music may be found on page 7.)

TENDERNESS

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

† Prayer of Jesus

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	The Times They Are A-Changin'	Bob Dylan
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*Prayer of Dedication

God of generosity, you have given us more than we could ask
or imagine. We have what we need to live, and we have abundantly
more. We give back to you, what has always belonged to you.
Use our gifts and use our lives to bless others and to shape the world
as you would have it. **Amen.**

*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

We Shall Overcome
(Music may be found on page 8.)

WE SHALL OVERCOME

Benediction

Benediction Response	O Lord, Bless and Keep Us All	West African Song
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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: The Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lindsey Puc

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

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We continue to welcome a wide variety of worship leaders. The Worship Team and the Session encourage you to consider what speaks to you in each worship experience and share your feedback with them.

You may write to: session@downtownpresbyterian.org

OR worship@downtownpresbyterian.org

This feedback is vital as decisions are made about our pastoral leadership.

Next Sunday we welcome Dr. Lee Wright.

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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F (Cm F) Dm B $\flat$ F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - tre 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 (Cm F) Dm B $\flat$ 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, face to face,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F C Dm Am F B $\flat$

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 B $\flat$ F Gm Am B $\flat$ 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!

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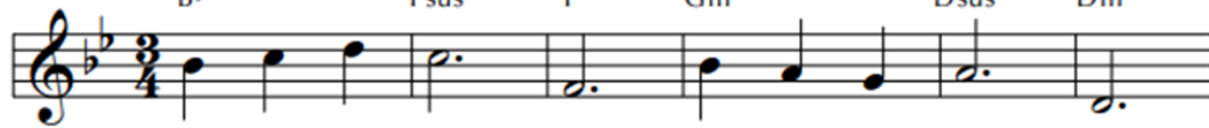
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BEACH SPRING

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713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (Dsus) Fsus (D) F (Em) Gm (Bsus) Dsus (Bm) Dm



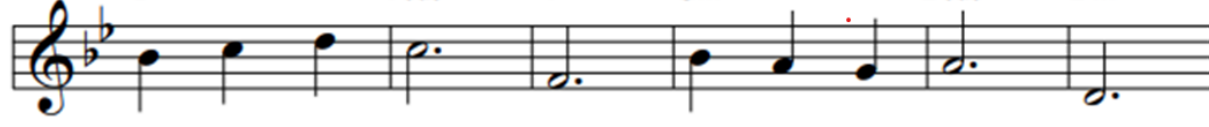
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) E $\flat$ (D7) F7 (G) B $\flat$ (Am7) Cm7 (Dsus) Fsus (D) F



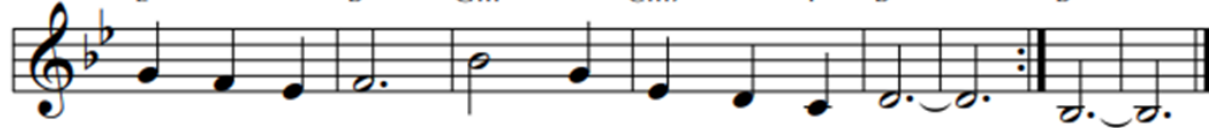
nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) B $\flat$ (Dsus) Fsus (D) F (Em) Gm (Bsus) Dsus (Bm) Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Em) Gm (Am7) Cm7 (D) F (G) B $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$



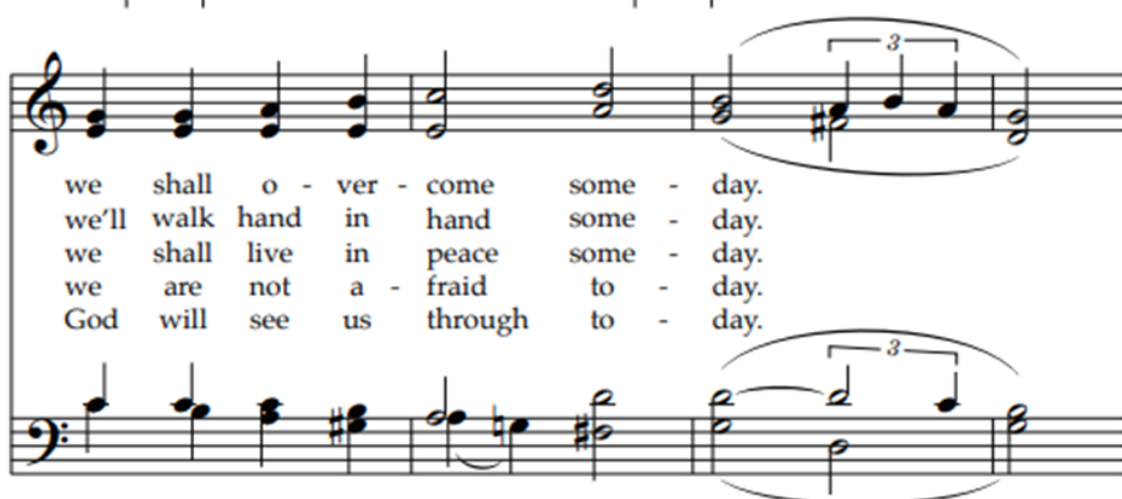
trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

379 We Shall Overcome



1 We shall o-ver-come; we shall o-ver-come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a-fraid; we are not a-fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;



we shall o-ver-come some-day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some-day.
 we shall live in peace some-day.
 we are not a-fraid to-day.
 God will see us through to-day.

Refrain



O, deep in my heart I do be-



lieve we shall o-ver-come some-day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 19

7:00PM Session Mtg., Hybrid

Wednesday, August 20

4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg,
Zoom

Thursday, August 21

10:00PM Leap of Faith Team Mtg.

Sunday, August 24

9:00AM All Community Choir
Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship -
Dr. Lee Wright
11:00AM Refreshments, Sanctuary



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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.

Sunday School is on summer recess through August.

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.



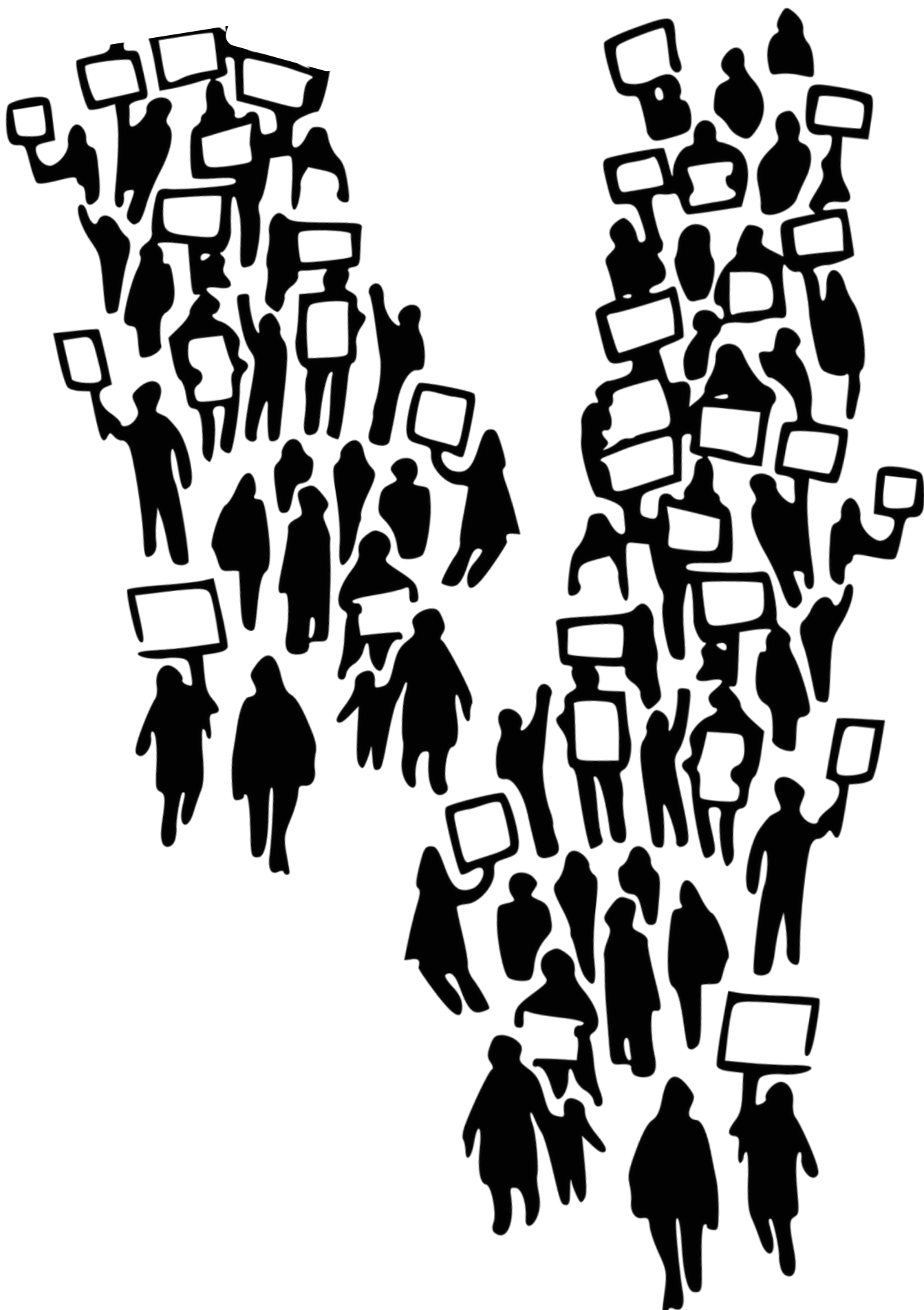
† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

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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