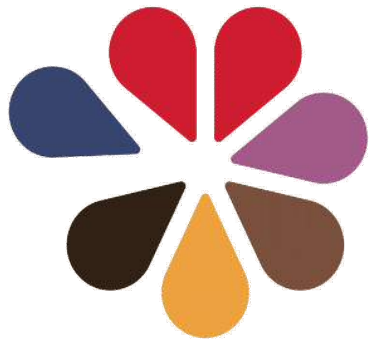
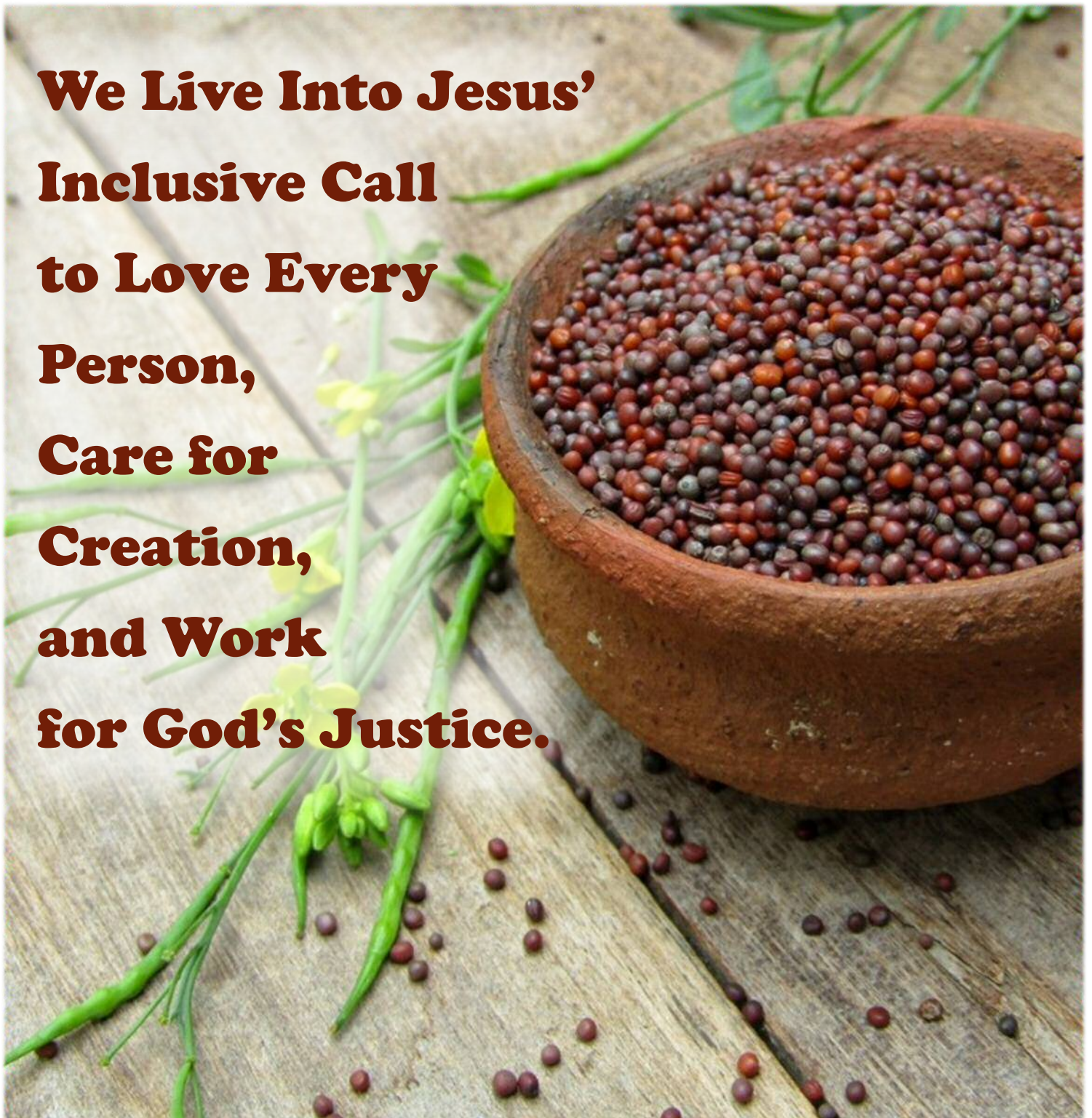




DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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Celebration of Worship
October 5th, 2025, 11:00 AM
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

[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	Morning Has Broken	Arr. Joel Raney for piano duet
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Words of Welcome	Rev. Sam Kinsman
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Announcements	Nancy Brown
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Chime

*Introit	The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now	Gospel Song Arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.
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**"The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh, right now! (2X)
He woke me up this morning, and started me on my way;
The Lord is blessing me right now!"**

***Call to Worship (Responsively; Adapted From the Rev. Leslie Penrose)**

One: At God's table of justice, everyone has a place. None are turned away.

All: **Here! Strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kingdom of God is revealed.**

One: At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor,
and the inside-out kingdom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent
are transformed into advocates for change. Here, in our very midst,
the kingdom of God is revealed.

*Hymn

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

(Verses 1, 3 and 4—Music may be found on pg 7.)

Time with Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Centering Prayer of Confession

One: Let us take a moment and find the quiet within us and around us.

May we take a breath in, and out. The breath of God. As we pray together:

All: Merciful God, we pray into the earthy, weather-worn abundance of life.

For ourselves, for our neighbors, for those seeking peace and shelter: May
our aching world breathe into divine abundance. Teach us how to see your
radiant face in the glory of nature, in the ritual we create, and in
contemplative silence. Loving God: in the still, silent places, will you
remind us of your limitless compassion?

[time for silent reflection]

One: We are reminded of our forgiveness each time we repent, each time
we turn away from our worst selves. The miracle of forgiveness lets us greet
each day with grateful hearts.

All: We choose abundance, we breathe into forgiveness. May we create
something new, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen!

First Reading

Lamentations 3:19-26

Music for Reflection Down in the River to Pray/Deep River

Negro Spirituals

Arr. Eric Nelson

*"As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sisters/brothers/children let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground."*

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

Sermon Mangia. Mangia!

*Hymn Saved Labi Siffre

Please join in singing the refrain:
"Saved for the fire of man's desire
Saved for tomorrow, with today's sorrow
Saved for a Jesus who does not need us
Saved for the lovers, I pray they will discover"

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 Blessed Be! Melanie DeMore

*"Ref: Blessed be the tree of life that grows within you and me.
Steady and true, rooted in love. Shelter and peace below and above.
Sing to the sky, rise from the earth. Seasons come round again, death to rebirth."*

*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 (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**

Draw the Circle Wide
(Verses 1-2, Music may be found on pg 8.)

Gordon Light

Service of Communion

The Story

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music at Communion

Meditation on "Saved"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As we remember this meal and partake in it ourselves, we know there are many outside this room who are hungry. Spirit of justice, we ask that our gratitude turn into a wellspring of loving service. As we have been given so much, may we respond in love and service as we care for our neighbors as Christ would. Amen.

***Hymn**

Draw the Circle Wide
(Verse 3, Music may be found on pg 8.)

Gordon Light

***Benediction**

Choral Response

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Please join in singing the refrain:

"Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness."

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. Sam Kinsman

Liturgist: Nancy Brown

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker,
Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman Alto: Alyssa Koh, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Shawn Cox, Mark Darling

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers, Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

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. This feedback is vital as decisions are made about our pastoral leadership. Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Gail Riccuiti.



Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your child-ren to--ge--ther
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Draw the Circle Wide

(Traçons un grand cercle)

Unison
♩ = 132

E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b B^b

Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still.

E^b A^b B^b Gm Cm Fm⁷ A^b

Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side,

B^bsus⁴ B^b E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

To verses *Last time*

draw the cir-cle wide.

E^b A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b

1 God the still-point of the cir-cle, 'round whom all cre-
 2 Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons, so en-com-pass
 3 Let the dreams we dream be larg-er, than we've ev-er

E^b B^b Cm Fm⁷ B^b E^b

a-tion turns; noth-ing lost, but held for-e-ver,
 great and small; let our lov-ing know no bor-ders,
 dreamed be-fore; let the dream of Christ be in us,

in God's grac-ious arms.
 faith-ful to God's call.
 o - pen ev - ery door.

Fm⁷ B^bsus⁴ B^b D.C.

French:

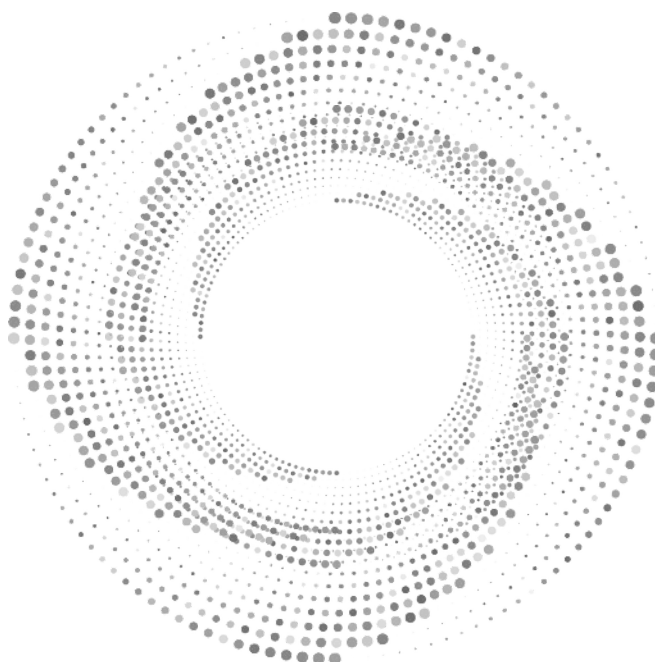
Refrain

Tra-çons un grand cercle.
 Tra-çons le plus grand.
 C'est no-tre seul chant,
 nul n'est so-li-taire,
 de-bout so-li-daires,
 tra-çons un grand cercle.

1. Dieu est le centre de no-tre cercle,
 tour-nent la terre et les cieux.
 Nous se-rons tou-jours à l'a-bri
 dans les bras de Dieu.

2. Que nos cœurs touchent les ho-ri-zons,
 en-ve-lop-pant cha-que lieu ;
 notre a-mour sans fin ré-pon-dra
 à l'ap-pel de Dieu.
3. Que tous nos rêves s'é-pa-nou-issent
 plus que nos rê-ves pas-sés,
 car le rê-ve de Christ en nous
 est à par-ta-ger.

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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

- 9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship - Rev. Sam
Kinsman
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 7

- 10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
5:00PM Justice Team Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, October 8

- 3:00PM DEIB Meeting, Zoom
7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 9

- 5:00PM Finance Team Mtg, Zoom
7:30PM Property Team Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, October 12

- 10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship - Rev. Gail
Riciutti
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Congregational Meeting,
Shaw Room



We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care is available for young children beginning in the library and moving to C-23 on the second floor. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

Sunday School Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Youth" and then will follow their teacher to the Sunday School room.

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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Sunday Forum - October 2025

Caring for Creation: Environmentalism

Oct. 5 “Ice Cores, Methane and Global Climate Change: From Rochester to the Poles ”

Presenters: Dr. Vas Petrenko, Marky Mayanja , and Alex Ihle

The Ice Core and Atmospheric Chemistry Lab at The University of Rochester studies the changing composition of the atmosphere, how human activity impacts it, and how these influence Earth's climate. This presentation will include an overview of the current scientific understanding of climate change, its causes, and also highlight the research being done at the U of R. Our presenters will share photos and videos from their polar expeditions along with actual samples of ancient Greenland and Antarctic ice. Bring your questions!

Oct. 12 No Sunday Forum - Congregational Meeting after Worship

Oct. 19 “From Neighborhoods to Nature: Planning Our Climate Future.”

Presenter: Steve Howe, reporter for the Democrat and Chronicle

Steve Howe reports on weather, climate, and the Great Lakes for the Democrat and Chronicle, and will discuss the growing emphasis on local climate and environmental action, the role zoning plays in sustainability. Zoning codes and new large-scale projects such as the data center at the Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP) Steve will also share about groups and actions that are currently taking place. .

Oct. 26 “Plastics in Our Water”

Presenter: Kaeti Stoss, RIT Environmental Education Specialist

Kaeti is an educator at RIT's College of Science where she has delivered high quality environmental education for our region with a focus on water quality, the Genesee River, and other water bodies. She has led community engagement and education efforts for numerous projects related to water quality and plastic pollution. Kaeti translates science for the community in a way that is accessible and actionable.

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room



Arts Link

At Downtown Presbyterian Church

presents

≈**Coming in October**≈

Monthly All Community Choir Sunday

October 19, 11AM

Music-led worship with
community choir and
congregational participation.



WXXI

Benefit Concert for WXXI

Saturday, October 11, 2PM

hosted by Jessica Ann Best



in collaboration with Arts Link at Downtown Church
Featuring a variety of local musicians and ensembles.

Pegasus Early Music Concert

Sunday, October 19th, 4PM

Darpana: Mirroring Traditions of Raga & Harmony

An innovative cross-cultural collaboration
exploring connections and contrasts
between European medieval to baroque
music, and classical Indian music.

