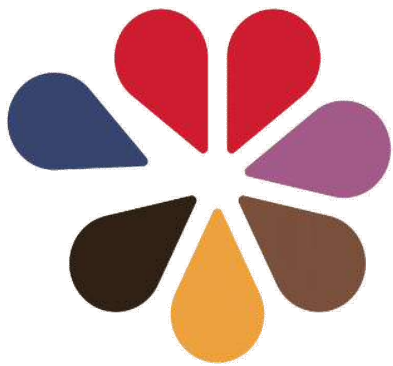




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Celebration of Worship
October 12th, 2025, 11:00 AM
28th 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

Meditation on "Radiant City"

Words of Welcome

Rev. Gail Ricciuti

Announcements

John DeHority

Chime

*Introit

The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now

Gospel Song

Arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

**"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

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Many: **Sing to the glory of God's name.**

One: All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

Many: **Sing to the glory of God's name. Let us give glory to God.**

*Invocation

Compassionate God, only you know the expanse of the cosmos and the hidden corners of every heart. Because you created us in love, we join all of creation in singing to your glory! In Jesus' name we pray.

*Hymn

Make a Joyful Noise to God
(Music may be found on page 6.)

DIX

Time With Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Centering Prayer

O Holy One, we hear and say so many words, yet yours is
the word we need. Speak now as we worship, and help us listen;
and, if what we hear is silence, let it quiet us, let it disturb us,
let it touch our need, let it break our pride, let it shrink our certainties,
let it enlarge our wonder. Amen!

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Music for Reflection

Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

from *Vespers solenne de confessore*, K.V. 339

"O praise God, all ye nations: praise God, all ye people.

For God's merciful kindness is great toward us: and God's truth endureth for ever.

Glory be to God and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be. Amen."

Text: Psalm 117

Jessica Ann Best, soloist

Second Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

How a Bartender Did the Word

Rev. Gail Ricciuti

*Hymn

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn
(Music may be found on page 7.)

RADIANT CITY

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

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg

*"Alleluia. All shall be Amen and Alleluia, all shall be Amen.
We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love, behold our end which is no end.
All shall be Amen, Amen!"*
Text: Saint Augustine

*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

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring
for healing and reconciliation in the world,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Hymn

We Cannot Measure How You Heal
(Music may be found on page 8.)

YE BANKS AND BRAES

*Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

François Couperin

***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...

Worship Leader: Rev. Gail Ricciuti

Liturgist: John DeHority

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.

You may write to: session@downtownpresbyterian.org

OR worship@downtownpresbyterian.org

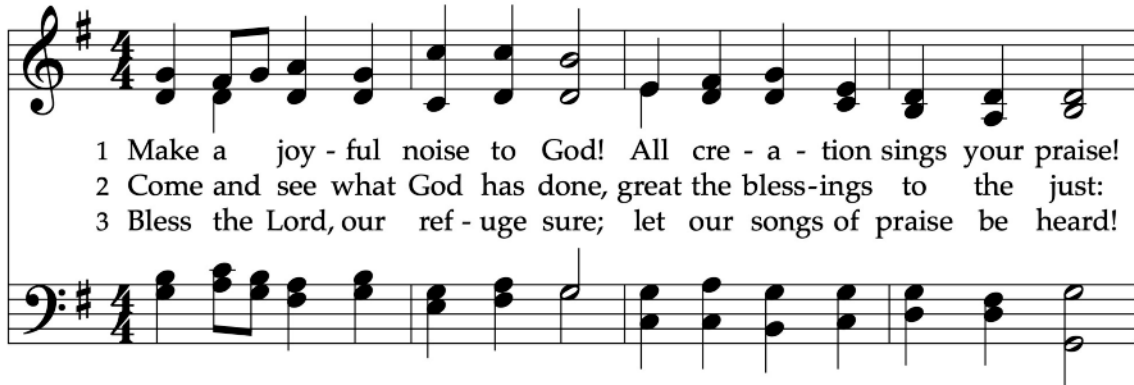
This feedback is vital as decisions are made about our pastoral leadership.

Next Sunday we welcome Music-led worship with the all-community choir.

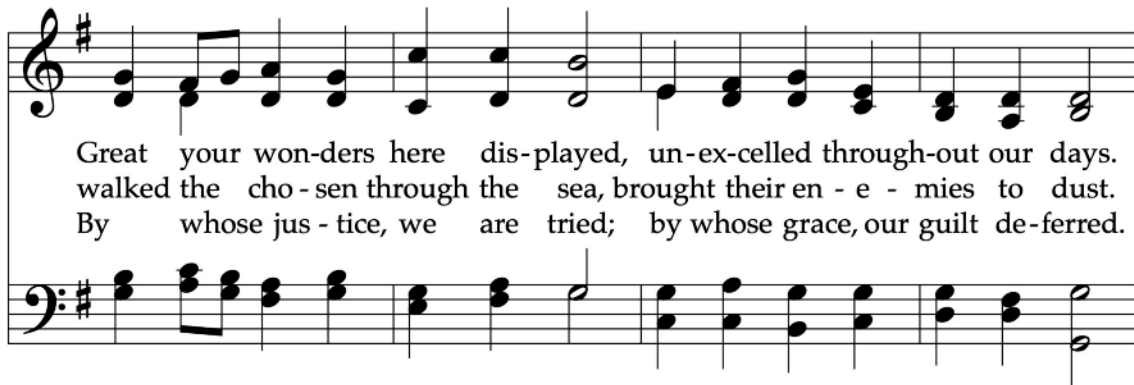
Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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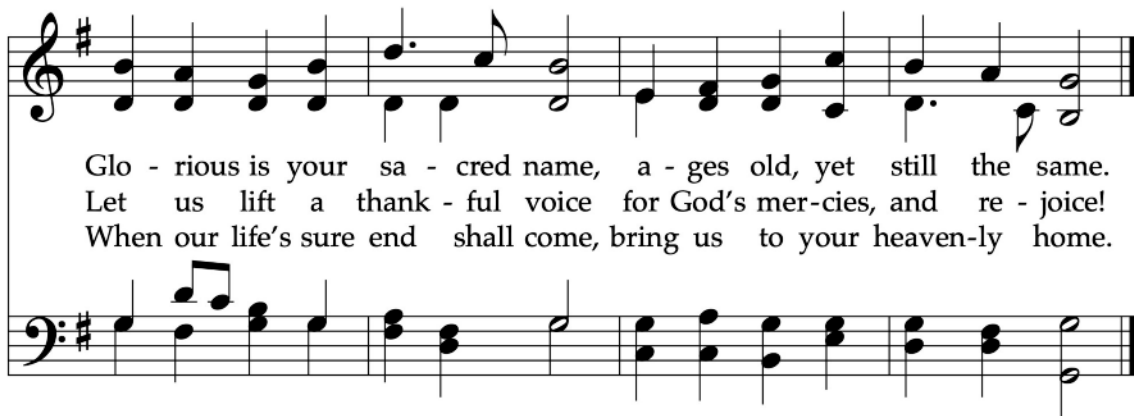
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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DIX

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179 Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

Capo 3: (A)

(D)

(G) (B)

(Em)

C

F

B $\flat$

D

Gm



1 Ten lep - ers fac - ing con - stant scorn, em - bold - ened by their
2 A name - less junc - tion in the road be - came a ho - ly
3 Would we have stopped, re - traced our steps, and then em - braced the

(Em)

(A) (A7)

(D)

(G)

(D) (Bm)

Gm

C

C7

F

B $\flat$

F

Dm



dai - ly plight, en - coun - tered One whose heal - ing touch was
turn - a - bout. One awe - struck con - vert spun a - round and,
liv - ing Lord whose word had ban - ished all our sores? What

(Em)

(A)

(Asus) (A7)

(Em)

(Bm)

Gm

C

Csus

C7

Gm

Dm



known to put dis - ease to flight. The ten out - sid - ers sought re -
prais - ing God, be - gan to shout. God gave the space to turn a -
kind of thanks would we af - ford? God, make of us your liv - ing

(Em)

(B)

(Em)

(A)

(A7)

(D7)

Gm

D

Gm

C

C7

F7



lief: "Have mer - cy, Mas - ter, hear our plea." "Seek out the priests," the
round to all the oth - ers on the way, but on - ly one re -
tithes; the first fruits, fit to work for you. Let each be like that

(G)

(D) (F $\sharp$ m)

(Em)

(Em7) (A) (D)

B $\flat$

F

Am

Gm

Gm7

C

F



Heal - er said. He knew the walk could set them free.
solved to seize the mir - a - cle of grace that day.
one in ten: trans - formed and cleansed, re - stored, made new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Each successive stanza of this text serves to retell, interpret, or apply Jesus' encounter with ten lepers outside an unnamed village on the border of Samaria and Galilee. This event, mentioned only in Luke 17:11-19, is characteristic of that gospel's emphasis on forgiveness.

TEXT: John Thornburg, 1995

MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 1993

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Music © 1994 Hope Publishing Company

RADIANT CITY

LMD

797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, the
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1989

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YE BANKS AND BRAES

LMD

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
 pres - ent too is love which tends the
 let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
 hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
 mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
 pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
 dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 14

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
11:00AM Worship Committee
Mtg, Zoom
6:30PM Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

7:00PM Choir Practice
4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg,
Zoom

Thursday, October 16

11:00AM Personnel Mtg, Zoom

Friday, October 17

12:00PM 3rd Friday Book Group,
Zoom

Sunday, October 19

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship, Lee Wright
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments,
Sanctuary
7:00PM Sophia Circle, Zoom



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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.

The Downtown Church Staff

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Mary Rees and Pat Tweet - Clerks of Session
Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock - co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

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John DeHority	Sally Allison	Mary Rees
	Sam King	

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Sunday, October 12, 12-1:30PM
Shaw Room

Facilitator:
David C. Scott
*Chief Diversity Officer,
Monroe County Office of DEI*

A light lunch will be served.



**David C. Scott,
Chief Diversity Officer,
Monroe County**



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.

