



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 19th, 2025, 11:00 AM
29th 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

Pulse

Exploring our rhythmic connections in community

Words of Welcome

Lee Wright

Announcements

Jason Cloen

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: Before the first dawn, Love's pulse spanned all creation.
Before our breath, Love's pulse contained all breath.

Many: The persistent pulse of God's love blesses us beyond measure.

One: Through wrestling and waiting, through silence and song,
through every heartbeat, every prayer—

Many: The persistent pulse of God's love blesses us beyond measure.

One: Mountains move to it, rivers rest in it, stars keep time with it.

Many: The persistent pulse of God's love blesses us beyond measure.

One: Come, all whose hearts beat for justice and peace.
Let our many rhythms find their grounding here,
in the pulse that holds all creation.

All: **The persistent pulse of God's love blesses us beyond measure.**
We join the song — our voices rising from the pulse of love that beats
within our hearts.

*Hymn

Sing Glory to the Name of God
(Music may be found on page 6.)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Time With Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Centering Prayer (alternatum—Pulpit side/Lectern side)

P: In the stillness between heartbeats, we turn toward you, O God.

L: We listen for your pulse beneath all things—steady, sure, unchanging.

P: We bring the uneven rhythms of our days:
our striving and our silence, our fear and our hope.

L: Gather them into the great rhythm of your grace,
where even our faltering becomes prayer.

P: When we lose the beat, remind us—
your pulse continues, holding all creation in love.

L: When we grow weary, breathe your strength in us;
when we forget your nearness, center us once more.

P: You are the still point in our turning,
the quiet persistence beneath our noise.

L: Teach us to listen, to rest, to move in time with you.

Both Sides (together): In your pulse we are held.
In your mercy we are made whole.

Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Music for Meditation

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Text from Psalm 103

Congregational Reflection

Second Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Music for Meditation

Lift Up Your Voice

Robinson McClellan

Ostinato: **Lift up, lift up; lift up, lift up; lift up, lift up your voice!**

Call and Response: **Lift, lift up your voice! Shout and cry for joy!**

We will work for liberty and justice! We will work for liberty and justice!

We will shout for joy and courage! We will shout for joy and courage!

Congregational Reflection

*Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

(Music may be found on page 8.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Response: **The persistent pulse of God's love blesses us beyond measure.**

Last time add: **In that pulse we find our healing, our justice, and our peace.**

† 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 Heavens are Telling

Franz Josef Haydn

"The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of God's work displays the firmament.

To day that is coming speaks it the day, The night is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word. Never unperceived, ever understood."

Text by Lidley after Milton's Paradise Lost

*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

Maker of mountains and keeper of stars, you neither slumber nor sleep.
All that we offer: our gifts, our work, our songs—
we place within your steady keeping.
As the heavens declare your glory, may our lives join their chorus,
moving in time with the pulse of your love. Amen.

*Hymn

We Walk in Love
(Music may be found on page 9.)

Deanna Witkowski

*Benediction

Love Is Love Is Love Is Love

Abbie Betinis

"Love, love, love. All we need is love, love, love. All we need is. . ."

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.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad.
light.
y.
cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
The wil - der - ness can -
A se - cret wrapped in
Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thank you to...

Worship Leaders: Lee Wright, Liturgist: Jason Cloen
and the All Community Choir

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 Rev. Laurel Nelson.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

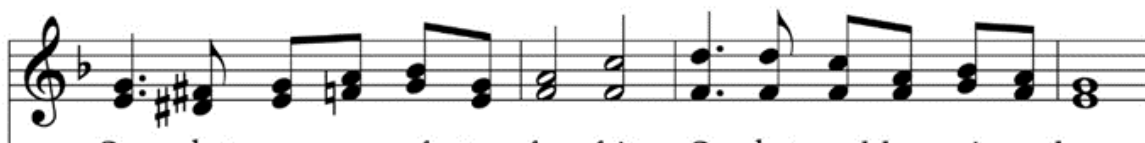
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



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.

38. We Walk in Love

Words by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon

Music by Deanna Witkowski
New York, NY | 2017

Gospel 3 feel (♩ = 104)

C7sus F Gm/F F Gm7

1. We walk in love u - nit - ed in pur - pose. We
2. We cry for peace and rights for all peo - ple. We
3. We dream a world of jus - tice and kind - ness. We

A7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C7sus

join our hands and lift up one voice. We
wel - come friends from far - and near. We
build a bridge cre - at - ing new paths. We

B m7(b5) Bbm6 F/C F

speak the truth with strength and com - pas - sion re -
fight for those whose voic - es are si - lenced, re -
march with joy as all walk to - geth - er. Em -

Gm F/A Gm/Bb F/C C7sus C7 F

sound - ing with hope, with cour - age and joy.
sist - ing in faith un - til all are free.
brac - ing each one, we bold - ly stand.

Performance Suggestion:

- Step on beat 1, Clap beats 2 & 3.

Deanna writes: "After writing the tune, I looked at 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' as a starting point in creating a list of positive key words to include in the lyrics."

Editor's note: Optional piano part available at deannawitkowski.com.

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to PDF: <https://songs.justicechoir.org/WeWalk>

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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

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

Tuesday, October 21

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
7:00PM Session Mtg, Hybrid

Wednesday, October 22

7:00PM Choir Practice

Sunday, October 26

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



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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.

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