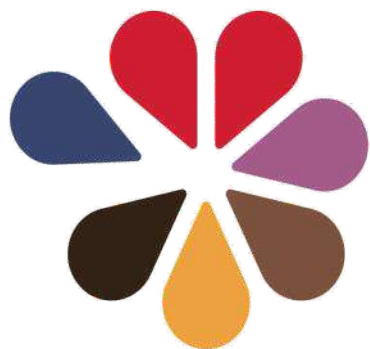
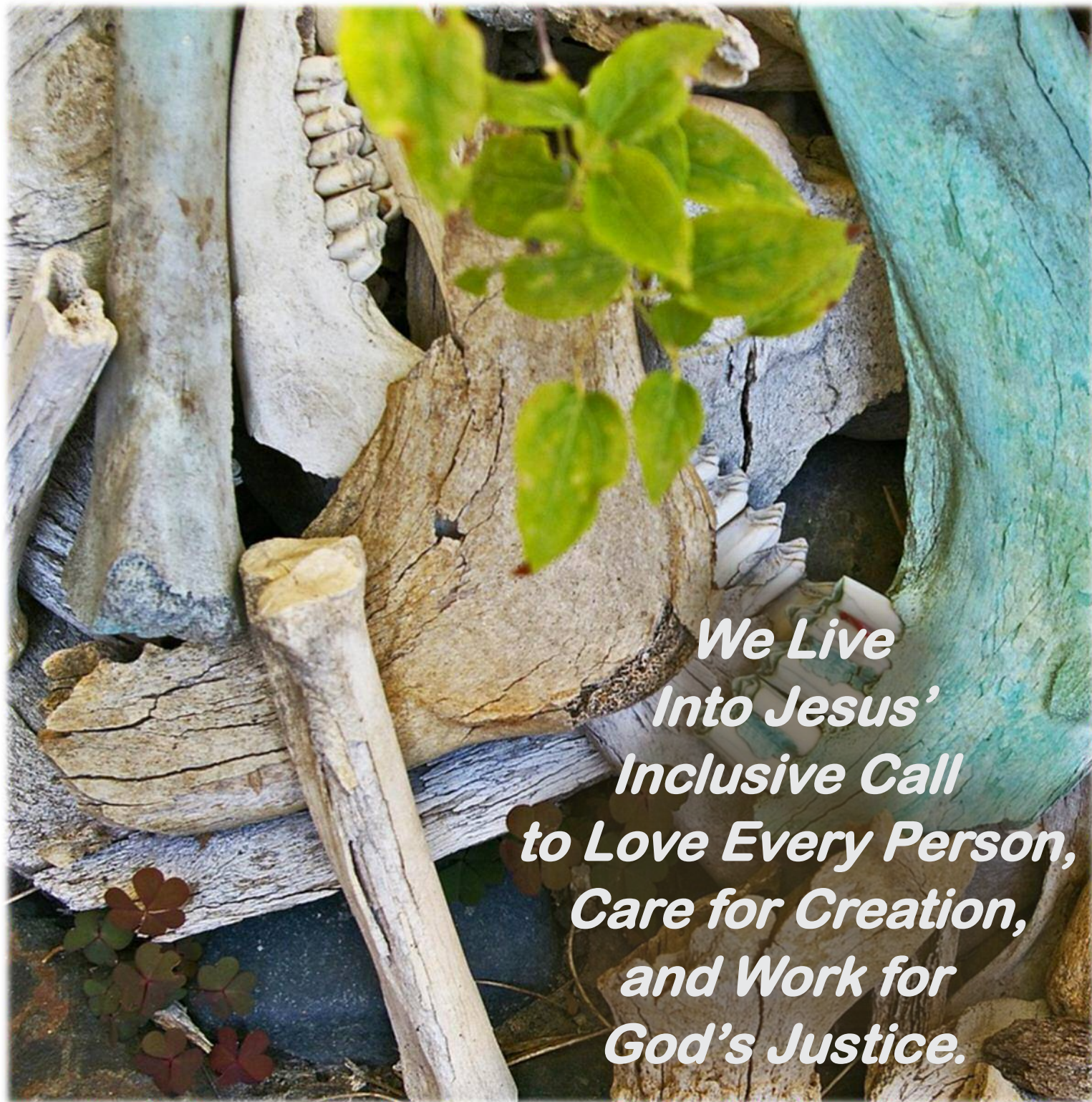




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

Celebration of Worship

March 22nd, 2026 11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

[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 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

Prayer

Amanda Harberg

Tawney Kellogg, flute

During this season of Lent, our gathering music will draw inspiration from the rhythm of our feet on this journey. You are invited to walk your own path through the sanctuary during this prelude time each week. Notice the rhythms of your feet and of your breath. How do we take steps together and individually that nourish our spirit and move us forward? You are encouraged to help everyone experience this time of meditation by greeting friends silently and saving conversation for after worship.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Deb Swift

Announcements

Pat Tweet

Chime

Introit

Karitas habundat

Hildegard of Bingen

*"Divine Love overflows into everything,
From the very depths raised high above the constellations of stars,
And tender—most tender toward all creation,
So that it gives, to the highest king (Jesus), the kiss of peace."*

*Call to Worship

One: As we learn from the Psalmist, from the depths of our lives,
we call out for the Breath of Life.

Many: We wait for the Spirit who renews all things.

One: Some of us arrive here weary...Some are carrying questions...
Some are wondering if hope still has a pulse.

One: More than watchkeepers waiting for the morning,
we wait for the dawn of mercy and renewal.

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we wait for the dawn of mercy and renewal.

Many: For in the Breath of Life there is steadfast love and the power to make us new.

One: So come, compassionate souls—breathe deeply of the Spirit moving among us.

Many: The Breath of Life is near. Let us take it in and awaken together.

*Hymn I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table WELCOME TABLE
(Verses 1, 4 and 5—Music may be found on page 8.)

Time with Young Disciples Robin Sheikh

Prayer for Realignment (*Unison*)

Breath of Life... You know the valleys we carry inside us—
the places where hope has thinned and where our spirits feel tired.
Sometimes we move through the world like scattered bones—
disconnected from ourselves, from one another, from the quiet wisdom
of your Spirit. Draw us back into alignment with life that is grounded in you,
we ask. Where we have grown numb, awaken us. Where fear has closed
our hearts, soften us. Where despair has whispered that nothing can change,
remind us that your Spirit is always breathing and always birthing new
possibilities. Gather what is scattered within us. Restore what has grown
brittle. And breathe again into this community—until courage rises,
compassion takes shape, and hope stands on its feet among us. In the quiet
movement of your Spirit we realign our hearts with You. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Music for Reflection

*"O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seekest me thru' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be."*

Text: George Matheson

*Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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(Verses 1, 3 and 4—Music may be found on page 9.)

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

Valediction

David Conte

*"Leave me, O love which reaches but to dust, and thou, my mind, aspire to higher things;**Grow rich in that which never taketh rust: whatever fades but fading pleasure brings.**Draw in thy beams, and humble all thy might to that sweet yoke where lasting freedoms be,
Which breaks the clouds and opens forth the light that doth both shine and give us sight to see.**O, take fast hold; let that light be thy guide in this small course which birth draws out to death,
And think how evil becometh him to slide who seeketh heaven, and comes of heavenly breath.**Then farewell, world! thy uttermost I see: eternal Love, maintain thy life in me."**Text: Sir Philip Sidney (1554-1586)*

*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)*

Breath of Life, We place these gifts into the shared tapestry of our lives—
Simple offerings of care, hope, and possibility. Take what we give today
and weave it with the generosity of others creating a strong and beautiful
tapestry of hope for the world. May our very lives be the gifts that carry

kindness where it is needed, courage where voices are trembling, and quiet compassion wherever hearts are weary. And help us to remember that we too are threads in your great weaving— held together by a love that is stronger than fear and wider than the world. Make us instruments that bear the touch of the Weaver's hand, we ask. Amen.

*Hymn

In the Bulb there is a Flower
(Music may be found on pg 10.)

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Benediction

Postlude

Fugue from Prélude, Fugue et Variation

César Franck

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...

Rev. Deb Swift

Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Cecelia Allchin*, Isa Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker*,
Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman

Alto: Alyssa Koh, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling

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

*on temporary leave

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

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We give special thanks for the flowers . . .

The flowers are given this morning by Grania Marcus in loving memory of her precious grandson Everett Patrick Hong, who was born on March 17, 2015, and left our family much too soon, on November 25, 2015.



Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 24

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study

Wednesday, March 25

7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, March 26

7:00PM Session Mtg, Hybrid

Friday, March 27

3:00PM Space Use Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, March 29

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

Welcome Visitors!

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

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 children 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.



This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

† **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.

* **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.

If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
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 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
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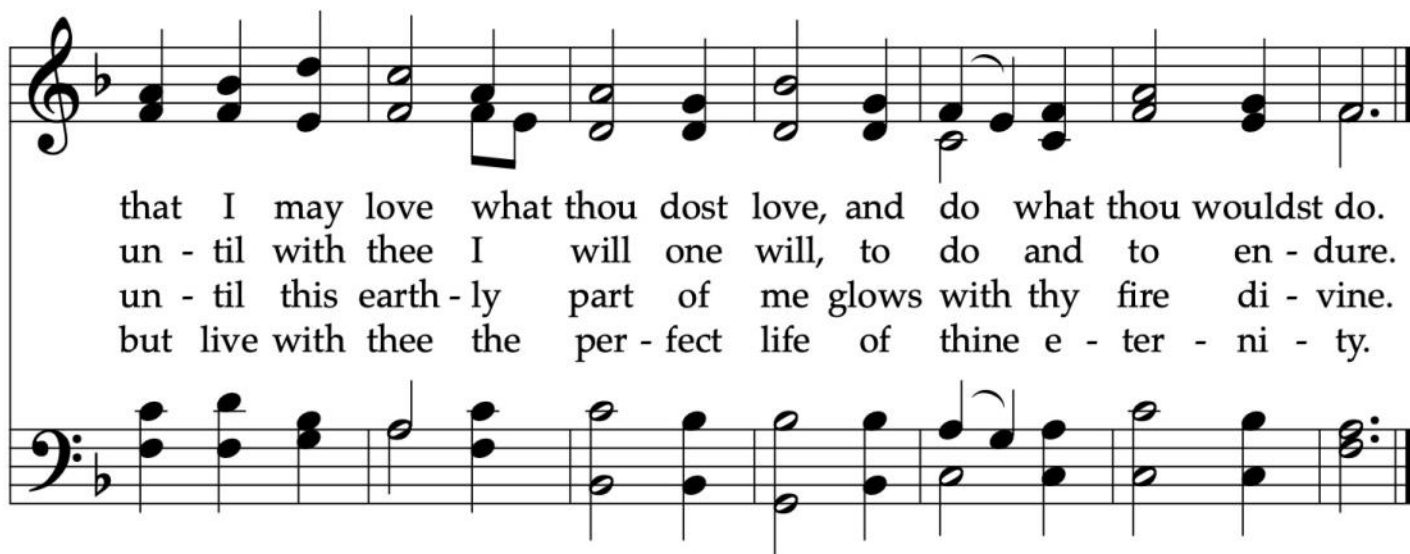
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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Lenten Sermon Series 2026

Look Within

*"When the waves grow angry and mean
you can dive to the deep serene."*
(Meg Christian, 1982 ©)

- Feb 22: Lent 1 - Watch & Learn
- Mar 1: Lent 2 - Begin & Trust
- Mar 8: Lent 3 - Recall & Reflect
- Mar 15: Lent 4 - Found & Faithful
- Mar 22: Lent 5 - Rev. Deb Swift
- Mar 29: Palm Sunday -
Brave & Steadfast

2025-2026 Season
We Are...
Connecting Community with Creativity and Care

First Inversion

Planet Home

Featuring Jake Runestad's "Come to the Woods"
and other works to celebrate the beauty of our shared home – the earth.

Friday, March 20, 7:30PM
Sunday, March 22, 4:00PM

Downtown United Presbyterian Church
121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, 14614

The Choir of First Inversion with Linda Boianova, piano,
Josh Bassette, conducting scholar, Lee Wright, conductor
featuring The Mount Hope World Singers (3/20)
and Scivias Medieval Ensemble (3/22)

\$25/adult, \$5/student suggested admission donation
cash/check/credit accepted at the door

We are Artists In Residence with Arts Link at Downtown Presbyterian Church, partnering in ministry to build Beloved Community.

The Downtown Church Staff

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Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Rev. Kristina Hansen, Senior Pastor
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
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Jacque Hancock and Carol Samuel - co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

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Sally Allison

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Pat Tweet
Mary Rees

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On **Easter Sunday, April 5**, the Worship bulletin will again include an insert which will list your loved ones, remembered or honored, when you make a donation in any amount to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**. Payment can be made with cash, check (payable to Downtown Church **with OGHS in the Memo line**) or via credit/debit card through the church website on Tithly. (Please check "Other Gift" and include a note in the memo field.). Please submit your gift and information **by Monday, March 30, 2026**. (You can also make a donation to OGHS on Easter Sunday using the special envelopes that will be in the bulletin that day.)

To remember a loved one or honor a special person with your gift, complete and return the form below.

Please print or type:

In memory or in honor of: _____

From: _____

**Please return the completed form with your donation
by Monday, March 30, 2026**

or send an email to the church office at
office@downtownpresbyterian.org.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

There IS a Free Lunch!

A prepared, community take-away meal, including a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, chips, an apple, a juice box, and a cookie will be handed out on **Sunday, April 12**, following worship at DUPC. This free lunch will be staffed by volunteers from both **Third Presbyterian Church and DUPC**.



Would you like to help out with this joint community effort? **Volunteers** are needed, so check out the timeline below to see how you can help out!

Timeline

- April 8-10 - Shop for supplies
- April 11, 2PM - Pack lunches - Third/DUPC
- April 12, 12:30 -1:30 - Distribution at DUPC

(Perishable leftovers will be given to the Open Door Mission/Grace House. Non-perishable items will be kept for future use.)