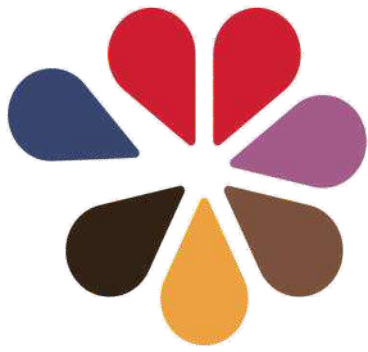
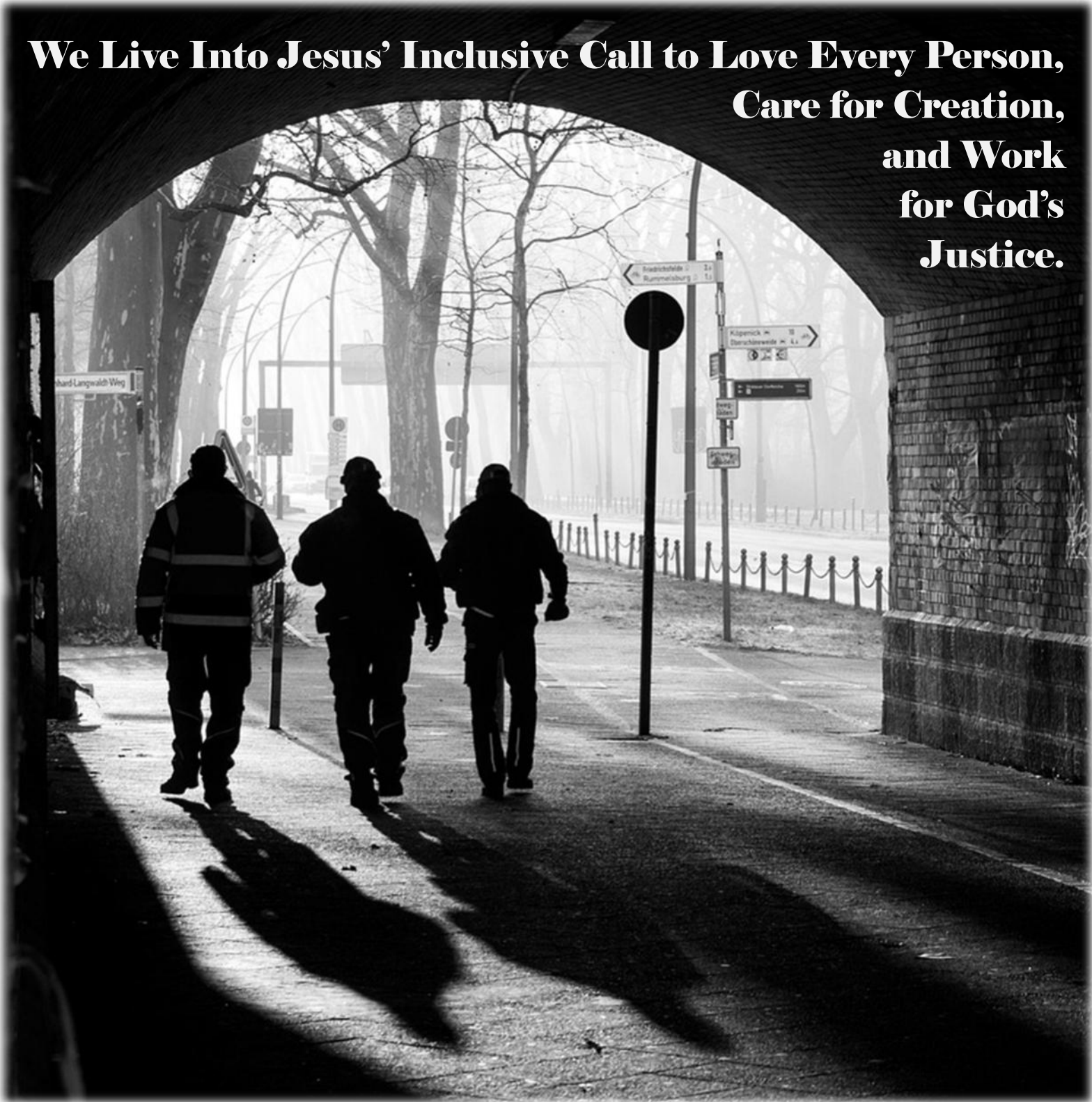




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Celebration of Worship

April 12th, 2026 11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

*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	Vivace, from Sonata in A Major, BWV 1032 Tony Sun, flute	J.S. Bach
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Words of Welcome	Rev. Kristina Hansen
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Announcements	David Lee
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Chime

*Introit	Open the Eyes of My Heart Congregation repeats: "Holy, holy, holy. (3X) I want to see you."	Paul Baloche
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*Call to Worship

One: Let us walk this path together,

Many: that we may journey as one family upon this earth.

One: Let us listen for God's word to be revealed,

Many: even as we look for Christ to walk with us.

One: Let us travel with an openness of spirit,

Many: that the Spirit of God may enter our lives.

One: Let us worship together! Alleluia!

Many: We worship this morning as Easter people! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

God of Easter hope, grant us the courage to believe in your resurrection miracles. Give us new eyes to truly see you walking with us, standing beside us, living in our neighborhoods, and speaking through our friends and even our enemies.

Open us up to worship you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength.

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to prayer together...

† Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom. Sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
(Music may be found on page 8.)

HYMN TO JOY

Time with Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Ever-loving God, we confess that we can prefer simple answers to prophetic challenges. We are apt to cling to old, familiar ways, and refuse to see the extraordinary miracles you set before us. Open our eyes, that we might see you standing before us proclaiming the miracle of life and love that never ends. In the name of the Risen Christ, who offers us peace, we pray.

(A moment of silence is observed for listening and personal prayer.)

One: Speaking the truth to God and to ourselves in love, we begin anew.

Many: With lives open to transformation, we pray our earnest prayer. Amen.

First Reading

"Music" by Anne Porter

Music for Reflection Therefore, Music Craig Hella Johnson
A litany of gratitude for music and the procession life
Text: Michael Dennis Browne

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Sermon The Story We Tell Ourselves Rev. Hansen

*Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart OPEN THE EYES
(Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Day of Arising Carl F. Schalk
Arr. David Cherwien

*"Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*

*Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken,
this is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
There Christ is with us, in bread and in wine.*

*When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.*

*Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning,
that all creation with you may rise."*

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

*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

*Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
(Verses 1-2, Music may be found on page 10.)

SHOWALTER

Service of Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Read responsively)*

May the God of Emmaus roads be with you!

And also with you!

Fellow pilgrims, give your hearts to God.

We offer our hearts to the One who will set them on fire.

Alleluia! Sing songs of glad praise!

Alleluia! We will sing of the risen Lord!

...

With those who are far away,
with those who are right next to us,
we offer our thanksgivings to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God our listener.

All creation is made new by your Word.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the Bread of heaven who opens our eyes.

Hosanna in the highest!

...

And so, with all the company of heaven we speak of that faith which
seems so familiar, yet is still a mystery:

Christ died, suffering those things for us;

Christ was raised by God, walking side by side;

Christ will come, and our eyes will be opened so we can recognize him.

...

We take the bread you have blessed
and in its breaking, our eyes are opened
to see the despair around us,
to glimpse the grief of our friends,
to witness to the suffering in our midst.

We take the cup you give us,
and as we drink from it, our hearts burn
for the oppressed in our world,
for those we walk past,
for the hungry and homeless.
And at the same hour when all time ends,
we will return to your heart,
finding our sisters and brothers – siblings all –
gathered together around the Table of glory,
and join forever in singing your praises,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion Largo e dolce, from BWV 1032 J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine SHOWALTER
(Verse 3, Music may be found on page 10.)

Benediction

Choral Response Amen Justin Wallace

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. Kristina Hansen

Liturgist: David Lee

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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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 12

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid

9:45AM Choir Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary

12:30PM Free Lunch Distribution

Tuesday, April 14

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study

6:30PM Deacons Mtg

Wednesday, April 15

4:30PM Sunday Forum Team Mtg,
Zoom

7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16

10:00AM Personnel Mtg, Hybrid

5:00PM Finance Com. Mtg, Zoom

Friday, April 17

12:00PM 3rd Fri. Book Group, Zoom

Sunday, April 19

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship - Music Sunday

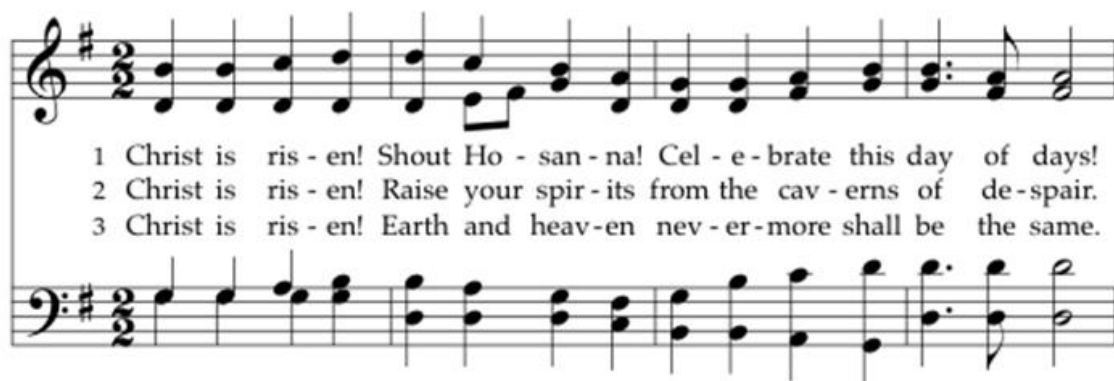
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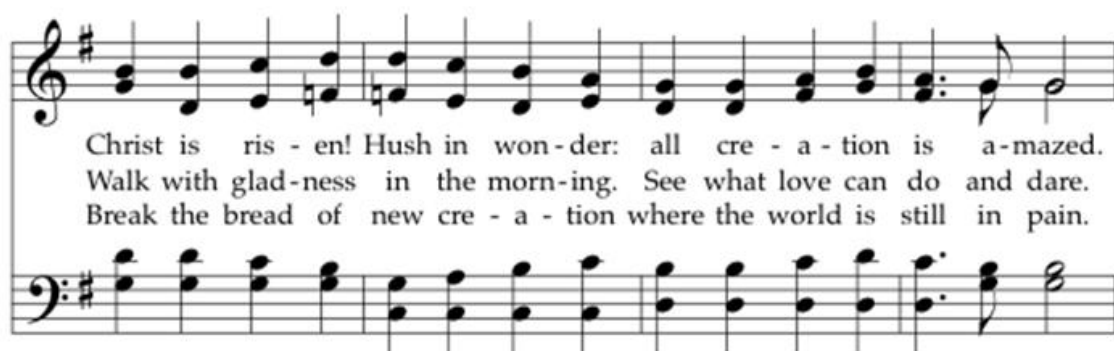
4:00PM Pegasus Concert -
Resurrexit!

7:00PM Sophia Circle, Zoom

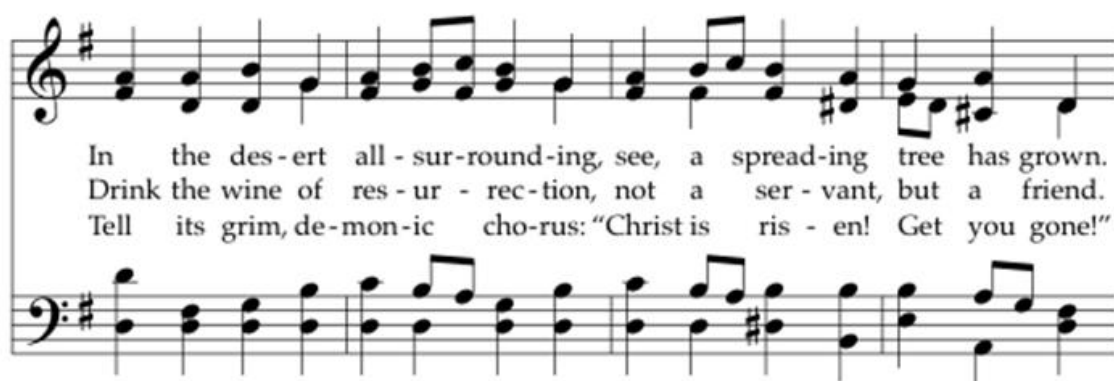
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



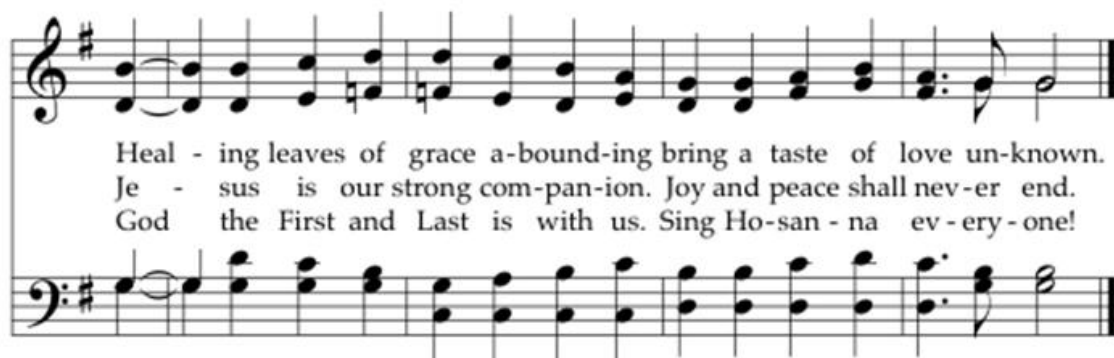
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

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>.

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Sunday Forums—April 2026

Caring for Creation: From the Grassroots

From Last Resort Supplier to Providing a Foothold on Fairness: Foodlink Challenges Inequity



Presenter: Brandy Madera, Foodlink

Once distributors of surpluses, food banks across the U.S. have become community "first responders." When individuals and families lack consistent access to nutritious food, the effects extend far beyond hunger, influencing educational outcomes, work-force participation, and overall community well-being. This presentation will explore how food insecurity is intertwined with other disparities because food is foundational to building communities that are healthier, stronger, and more resilient.

Community-Based Gardens and Farms: Creating Local Capacity



Presenter: Erin Turpin, RIT Program Specialist

From building community gardens at St. John's and St. Mark's Episcopal Church to introducing RIT students to Foodlink's Community Farm, Program Specialist Erin Turpin has been putting into practice her major in Sustainability and Sociology. Erin believes in nature-based learning and helping organizations understand and advance environmental justice and will share her knowledge with us.

Repurposing Payphones for Community Benefit: Updating Local Resources



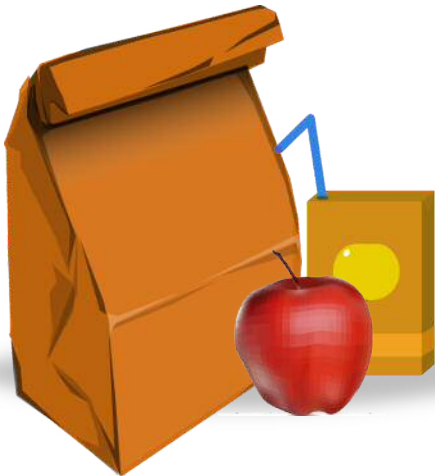
Presenter: Eric Kunsman, RIT Professor

Come learn about The Good Phone Project, and meet its founder, RIT Professor Eric Kunsman. What started as his photography series depicting old payphones, has evolved into a meaningful public-service effort to repurpose old payphones into free phones accessible for all. For communities in need, the Good Phones are intended to serve as a lifeline for individuals, and to ensure that all individuals have the opportunity to connect with one another and social services.

Sundays, 9:45AM—The Shaw Room

There IS a Free Lunch! **Today!**

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, to help hand out lunches. Come enjoy time in community!

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.)