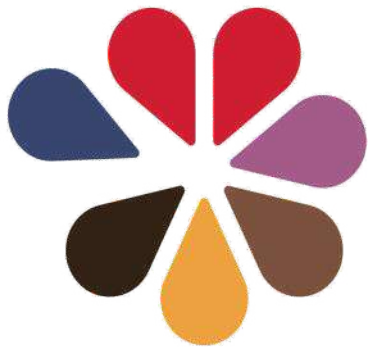




DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Celebration of Worship

April 19th, 2026 11:00 AM

Third 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	Meditation on Dunlap's Creek	Samuel McFarland
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Words of Welcome		Rev. Kristina Hansen
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Announcements		Callie Babbitt
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Chime

*Introit	Adoro te devote	French plainchant
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<i>"Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.</i>	<i>Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, What my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold: Face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, In the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee."</i>
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Text: St. Thomas Aquinas

*Call to Worship

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions

bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Many: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt,
you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's
salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

Many: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt,
the resurrected Christ dwells among us!

Prayer of Invocation

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives.
As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the times we have doubted
and feared. Today, banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection
of the Christ.

Remind us again that — through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, —
your power, mercy and love are with us!

Hear our earnest prayer as we pray the prayer Jesus' taught us to pray 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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

(Music may be found on page 8.)

Time with Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us,
The ignorance that hinders us, the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,
move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you
are with us.

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

One: Dawn has broken; new life has sprung forth! In Christ is the fullness of life. Come! Join in! Know that you are loved. Alleluia!

Many: We are covered by God's grace and mercy! We are loved unconditionally! Alleluia! Amen.

First Reading *"Easter Reflections Continued"* www.unforcedrhythms.org

Sung Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31 O FILII ET FILIAE

Congregational Refrain: "Alleluia! Alleluia"

1. O children all now let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
Today the grave has lost its sting! - **Ref.**
2. That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." - **Ref.**
3. When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. - **Ref.**
4. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be." - **Ref.**
5. No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. - **Ref.**

Text: Attr. Jean Tisserand, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.

Sermon The Benefit of Doubt Rev. Hansen

*Hymn We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK
(Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns
Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Make You Feel My Love Bob Dylan
*"When the rain is blowing in your face Arr. Anna Lapwood
And the whole world is on your case
I could offer you a warm embrace to make you feel my love.
When the evening shadows and the stars appear*

*And there is no one there to dry your tears
I could hold you for a million years to make you feel my love.
I know you haven't made your mind up yet
But I will never do you wrong
I've known it from the moment that we met
No doubt in my mind where you belong
I'd go hungry, I'd go black and blue
I'd go crawling down the avenue
No, there's nothing that I wouldn't do To make you feel my love
The storms are raging on the rolling sea
And on the highway of regret
The winds of change are blowing wild and free
You ain't seen nothing like me yet
I could make you happy, make your dreams come true
Nothing that I wouldn't do
Go to the ends of the earth for you To make you feel my love"*

***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

**O God, we recognize that everything we have, and everything we are,
all comes from you. Bless the gifts we return to you.
Use them, and use us, to build and establish your reign on earth
until Christ comes in glory. Amen.**

***Hymn**

God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again
(Music may be found on page 10.)

RANDOLPH

Benediction *(Responsive)*

One: Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.

**Many: We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God
in all that we do.**

One: May God's blessing continue in and through you to others!
Many: May God's love also pour into your heart this day and always.
Amen.

Postlude

Abendlied

Josef Rheinberger

*"but they urged him, "Stay with us, because it is getting toward evening
and the day is almost done." So he went in to stay with them. "*
Luke 24:29, New English Translation (sung in German)

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: Callie Babbitt

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 19

9:45AM	Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
10:45AM	Nursery
11:00AM	Worship - Music Sunday
11:15AM	Sunday School
12:00PM	Refreshments, Sanctuary
4:00PM	Arts Link: Pegasus Concert - Resurrexit!
7:00PM	Sophia Circle, Zoom

Tuesday, April 21

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22

7:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, April 24

3:00PM Space Use Meeting, Zoom

Sunday, April 26

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
4:00PM *Arts Link.*
Eastman Organ Concert



254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bid, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

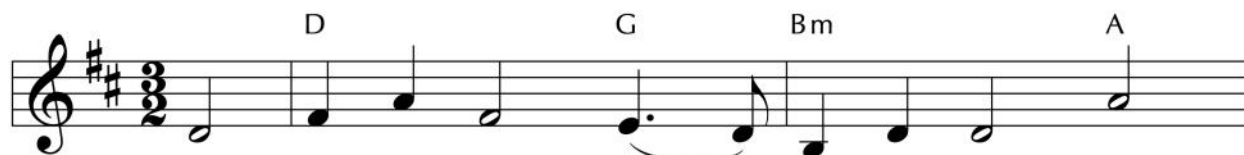
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bid in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

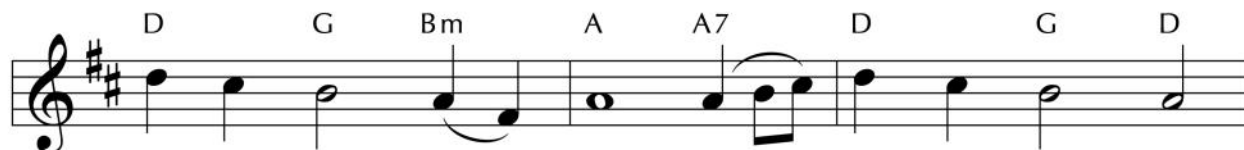
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 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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 (alternate harmonization, 67)

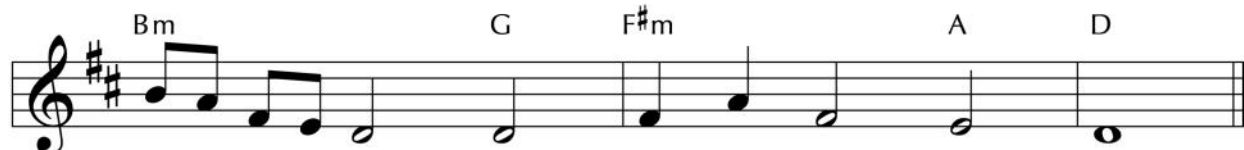
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
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DUNLAP'S CREEK
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God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

RANDOLPH
 9.8.8.9
 (alternate tune: GOD BE WITH YOU, 542)

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
April 12 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:
April 19 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:
April 26 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

A piano concert by John Williams

“Songs of Faith and Inspiration”

Sunday, May 3, 4PM



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** Free parking*

** Reception following concert*



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