



Celebration of Worship

June 14th, 2026 11:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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*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

Meditation on Open Our Hearts

Words of Welcome

John DeHority

Announcements

Pat Tweet

Chime

Introit

Open Our Hearts

Jim Strathdee

**"Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God"**

***Call to Worship**

One: In this place we can bring all of our vulnerabilities and strengths, fears, anxieties, loves and hopes. Here we need not hide, nor pretend, nor be anything other than who we are and are called to be.

All: This is a place where we can be called by name, touch and be touched, heal and be healed, forgive and be forgiven.

One: This is a place where the ordinary is sanctified, co-creation is celebrated, and compassion is expected.

All: Come into this place. Together we make it a holy place.

***Hymn**

Here In This Place (Gather Us In)

GATHER US IN

(Verses 1, 2 and 4—Music may be found on page 8.)

***Prayer of Invocation**

One: Know this—The Holy One is in this place. In Jesus,
God, the Beloved, meets us here with endless compassion,
not condemnation.

All: Love goes ahead of us; kindness and mercy pursue us. And Jesus,
from whose fullness we receive grace upon grace, walks beside us.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

We are here because we are companions on a journey.

We who would heal the planet must learn to mend the broken institutions
closest at hand; to heal our own hearts; so we might enlighten the lives
of our most beloved companions and friends. Forgive us our lack
of courage, compassion, and imagination. We are the harried.

Give us courage to be the hospitable. Help us as we awkwardly practice
our humanity and our humility – gratefully accepting our strengths,
gracefully accepting our weaknesses; aware of opportunities for change.

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

One: The God of many names calls each of us, bidding us
to seek out the presence of the Holy.

Many: We are covered by God's grace and mercy!

We are loved unconditionally! Alleluia! Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 100

Nan C. Merrill

All Singing: "Open the gates of your heart and enter Love's court with praise! (2X)"

Open the Gates

Psalm 100

ROUND

1 C Dm 2 C Dm 3 C Dm G

O - pen the gates of your heart ____ and en - ter Love's court with praise.

C Dm C Dm G C

O - pen the gates of your heart ____ and en - ter Love's court with praise.

Sing a joyful noise to the Beloved
all peoples of the earth!
Serve Love with a glad heart.
Join hands in the great
Dance of Life.

(Sung antiphon)

Know that the Beloved of your heart
is the Divine Presence.
Love created us, and we belong to
the Most High;
We are born to be loving,
expressions of the Creator's
Divine Plan.

(Sung antiphon)

Open the gates of your heart
with gratitude
and enter Love's court with praise.
Give thanks to the Beloved,
bless Love's holy Name!

For Love is of God, and lives
in your heart forever,
with faith, truth, and joy, now
and in all that is to come.

Alleluia! Amen!

(Sung antiphon)

Antiphon from *150 Psalms for Singing*, Juliana Howard
Based on *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness*, Nan C. Merrill

Time with Young Disciples

Elder John DeHority

Music for Reflection

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
with At the Name of Jesus

American Negro Spiritual
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16

Sermon

God Language—The Challenge of “Lord”

Elder John DeHority

*Hymn

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

(Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6—Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

The Prayer of Jesus † 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

God of the Bible

Tony E Alonso

*“God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.*

**Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

*God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.*

*Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights. (Refrain)*

*Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way. (Refrain)”*

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

*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

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 begin to establish your peace on earth until Christ comes in glory.
Amen.

*Hymn

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Verses 1, 2 and 4—Music may be found on page 10.)

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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...

Officiant: Elder John DeHority, Liturgist: Pat Tweet

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lee Wright

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

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We give special thanks for the flowers . . .

... given today in memory of Susan T. King,
the sister of Sally Allison, who passed into God's glory
on this day eight years ago.

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 6 years and under either in the church library or C-23 on the second floor. Check with an usher. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if they would like.

Sunday School - Is on summer recess and will return in the fall. Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Young Disciples" and then will remain in the service.

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>.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your child-ren to--ge-ther
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7

ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

1-5 6
 (D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D/F#) (Em) (A) (D)
 Eb Fm Eb Bb Ab Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb Eb/G Fm Bb Eb

Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

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.

Harmony

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

Unison

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

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 14

10:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
 10:45AM Nursery
 11:00AM Worship
 12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 17

4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg via Zoom

Thursday, June 18

10:00AM Personnel Team Mtg, Hybrid

Friday, June 19

Juneteenth—Building Closed

12:00PM 3rd Friday Book Group,
 Zoom

Saturday, June 20

11:00AM Memorial Service-Bob Dowd

Sunday, June 21

10:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
 10:45AM Nursery
 11:00AM Worship-**Jazz Sunday**
 12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
 7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom

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Jazz Sunday

at

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June 21st - 11AM

***All
Are
Welcome!***

Herb Smith - trumpet

Sean Conlon - bass

Kristen Shiner-McQuire - drums

Alan Jones - piano/vocals

Lee Wright—violin/vocals