



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



***Jazz Sunday
June 21st***

Celebration of Worship

June 21st, 2026 11:00 AM

4rd 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	Spirit in the Dark	Aretha Franklin
Words of Welcome		Pastor Hansen
Announcements		Nancy Brown
Chime		
Music of Preparation	Love Vibrations	Horace Silver

*Call to Worship

One: When we feel abandoned and alone,
unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds,
we cry out to God...

Many: And God listens to us.

One: When we feel discouraged and defeated, we cry out to God...

Many: And God listens to us.

One: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief,
isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

Many: And God pays attention to us.

One: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone.
God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

**Many: May we also listen to one another as God guides us
toward the cool, refreshing waters we need
to continue on our journey as the family of God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.
Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil
and to make no peace with oppression.
Help us, like those of generations before us,
Resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form
and any manner of oppression.
Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice
among people and nations everywhere,
to the glory of your Holy name. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Supplier of Grace, and Giver of Life:

Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
to a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

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

One: God calls each of us by name, bidding us to stay in God's presence.

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

First Reading (sung)

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

from *Psalms for Praying*

Music by Lee Wright

Congregational Antiphon

by Nan C. Merrill



A leader will sing the verses and cue the congregation to repeat the antiphon throughout.

Hebrew Scriptures Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon

Resilience

Pastor Hansen

*Hymn

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?
(His Eye Is on the Sparrow)
(Music may be found on page 8.)

SPARROW

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

At Last

Mack Gordon and Harry Warren
Arr. Riley Hampton for Etta James

*Doxology "Amen!"

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we know that true freedom is not just a historical milestone; it is an Ongoing mission. Today, we dedicate or gifts ourselves to the work of justice, equity, and peace. Give us the courage to stand against the systems of oppression, prejudice, and division that still exist in our world.

*Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing
(Music may be found on page 10.)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Benediction

Postlude

Song for My Father

Horace Silver

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.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 21

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship-**Jazz Sunday**

12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

7:00PM Sophia Circle via Zoom

Thursday, June 25

7:00PM Session Meeting

Friday, June 26

3:00PM Space Use Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, June 28

10:00AM Musicians' Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship

12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Welcome Visitors!

**We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
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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>.

HYMN TO FREEDOM

Words by HARRIETTE HAMILTON

Music by OSCAR PETERSON

Stately

When ev - 'ry heart joins ev - 'ry heart and to - geth - er years for lib - er - ty, —

that's when we'll be free. When ev - 'ry hand joins ev - 'ry hand and to -

geth - er molds our des - ti - ny, — that's when we'll be free. An - y

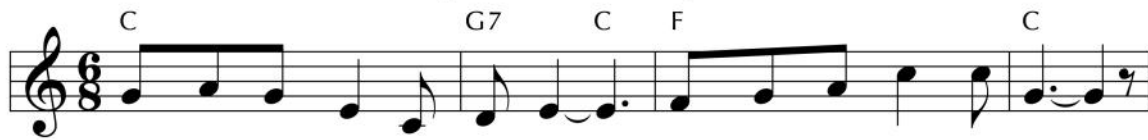
hour, an - y day, the time soon will come when all will live in

dig - ni - ty. — That's when we'll be free. When ev - 'ry one

joins in our song and to - geth - er sings in har - mo - ny, — that's when we'll be free.

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



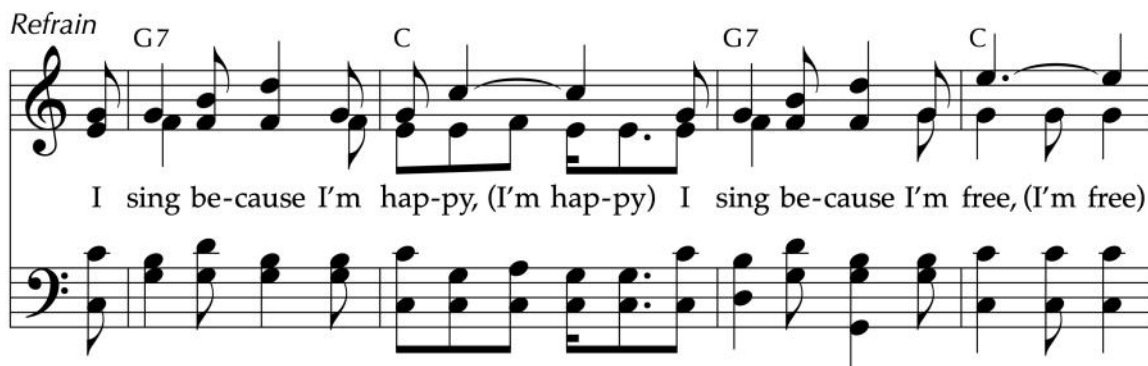
when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;

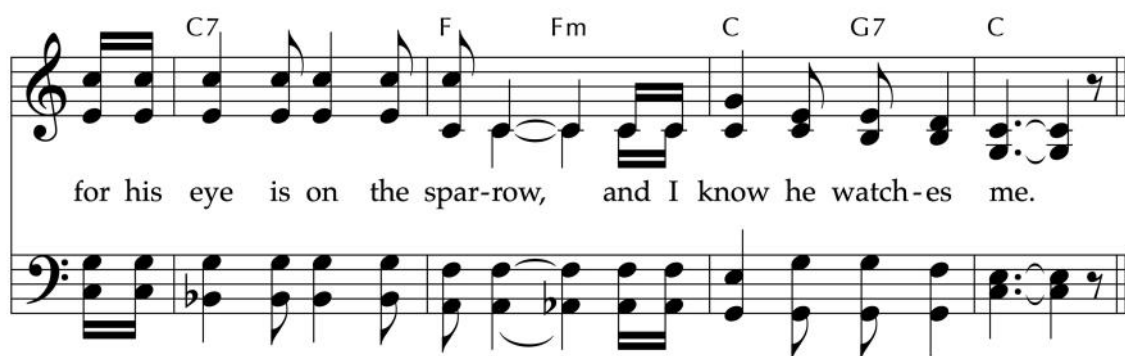


his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.



I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, (I'm hap - py) I sing be - cause I'm free, (I'm free)

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.



Thank you to...

Pastor: The Rev. Kristina Hansen,
Liturgist: Nancy Brown

The Jazz Combo:

Grace Mingoea, vocals, Herb Smith, trumpet, Tony Sun, sax/flute,
Sean Conlon, bass, Kristen Shiner-McGuire, drums
Alan Jones, keys/vocals, and Lee Wright, violin/vocals



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

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson

D G B⁷ Em

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our

3 G D^{#07} Em Am B

heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo -
 chas - t'ing rod, felt in the days -
 si - lent tears, thou who hast brought us

6 C Am G D⁷

nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re -
 hope un - born had died; yet with a
 thus far on the way; thou who hast

9 G B⁷ E Am B

joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 by Thy might, led us in - to the

12 C G D⁷

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing
 feet come to the place for wich our peo - ple
 light, keep us for ev - er in the path, we

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15 G G D Em



sea. Sing a song full of the
sighed? We have come o - ver a
preay. Lest our feet stray from the

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20

G D Eb Eb

Sing we lest a have our song come, hearts, full of the tread - ing our hope that the pres - ent has path through the blood of the wine of the world, we for -

23 G D⁷

brought us; Fac - ing the
slaugh - - - tered; out from the
get - - - thee; shad - owed be -

25

G B⁷ Em Am B

ris - ing sun Of our new day be -
gloom - y past, till now we stand at _____
neath thy hand, may we for ev - er _____

28 C A#dim G D G

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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