



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Patience

August 2nd

Welcome Visitors!

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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.

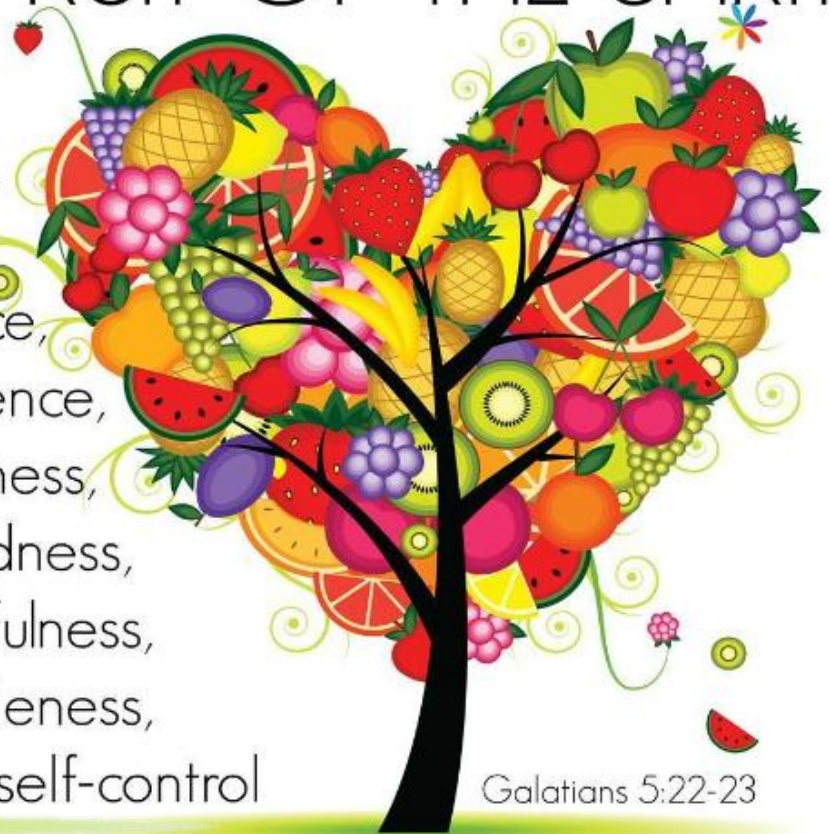
If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

Summer Sermon Series, 2026

*"Against
such things
there is no law."*

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23



Plums have been chosen to represent Patience on today's bulletin because of the time it takes for the fruit to ripen and the reward waiting for those who allow that process to occur naturally.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 4

5:30PM Justice Team Mtg., Zoom

Thursday, August 6

11:00AM Worship Team Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, August 9

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Celebration of Worship

August 2nd, 2026 10:00 AM

10th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Tony Sun, flute

Words of Welcome

Reverend Kristina Hansen

Announcements

John DeHority

Chime

Introit

God, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Handt Hanson

"God, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

God, let me heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

God, let my heart, Oh, let my heart, God, let my heart be good soil."

Text: Handt Hanson (alt.)

*Call to Worship (*Chalice Worship, mod. & KDH*)

One: We come to be filled with God's abiding love,

Many: and to offer praise befitting God's holiness.

One: We come to be strengthened in all we do and say,

Many: and to be faithful in all that we think and feel.

One: God calls us to be patient with ourselves and others.

Many: We open ourselves to the lessons of patience.

One: Lord, open our lips,
Many: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken
(Music may be found on page 9.)

BUNESSAN

*Prayer of Invocation *(Chalice Worship, mod.)*

Loving God, teach us in this time of worship
the lesson of waiting.

Calm our restless hands so that we may
learn deeply the ways of patient preparation.

Help us know the wisdom of being faithful
in your presence.

Grant that we learn to live with our questions
rather than demanding instant answers.

Guide us to live with patience with what we cannot understand
and help us to rest in the confidence of your abiding presence
and your abundant promises.

In Jesus'; name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *(Lauren Gaskill, mod.)*

Source of Holiness, Source of Patience,

we live in a culture that wants everything, and wants it yesterday.

Help us break free from this way of living. Help us be counterculture.

Today, we ask you to replace our restlessness with patience, contentment
and peace.

May we release whatever we're feeling impatient about into your hands
and trust that your timing is perfect.

May we turn away from selfish striving to embrace simply abiding in you.
We pray in Jesus name.

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

One: Holy One, You call each of us beloved. Each of us cherished.
Each of us desired. Each of us sacred.

Many: For this, we give you thanks now and forever! Amen.

First Reading (*responsively*) Ecclesiastes 7:7-12

Wisdom Liturgy in the Bible addresses the importance of patience

One: ⁷Surely oppression makes the wise foolish,

Many: and a bribe corrupts the heart.

One: ⁸Better is the end of a thing than its beginning;

Many: the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit.

One: ⁹Do not be quick to anger,

Many: for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

One: ¹⁰Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?"

Many: For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

One: ¹¹Wisdom is as good as an inheritance,

Many: an advantage to those who see the sun.

One: ¹²For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,

**Many: and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom
gives life to the one who possesses it.**

Music for Reflection

Siciliano, BWV 1031

J.S. Bach

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:4-15

Through their patience, they bear fruit.

Sermon

Fruit of the Spirit—What is Patience?

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 10.)

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

À Gaspar

Gary Schocker

*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

"Holy One, as we present our offerings today, we are reminded
of your great love for us. May these gifts be used to spread your love
to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.
Thank you for your love that never fails us. Amen."

*Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

(Verses 1-2, Music may be found on page 11.)

Service of Communion *(reformedworship.org/ & sacredise.com, mod.)*

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

Many: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God!

Many: It is right for us to give thanks and praise!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We give thanks for your compassion, O God;

Many: We rejoice at your invitation to share in this meal,
and we receive again your abundant grace.

So, let us remember how Jesus gave himself for us:

Institution

One: On the night on which he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

Many: "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup after the supper and said,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood;

do this in remembrance of me."

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Invitation

Music at Communion

Soave "sweetly/gently"

G.P. Telemann

from Canonic Sonata No. 6 in A Minor

Communion Prayer

Thank you, Holy One, for feeding our souls.

Grow the Fruit of the Spirit in us.

May our lives - sustained by this communion - express your love and joy.

Grant us your peace and patience,

that we may exhibit your goodness and faithfulness.

May your gentleness and control prevail in us.

May our lives show the world your grace. Amen.

*Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

(Verse 3, Music may be found on page 11.)

Benediction

Postlude

Vivace (from Canonic Sonata in A Minor)

G.P. Telemann

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.



Morning Has Broken

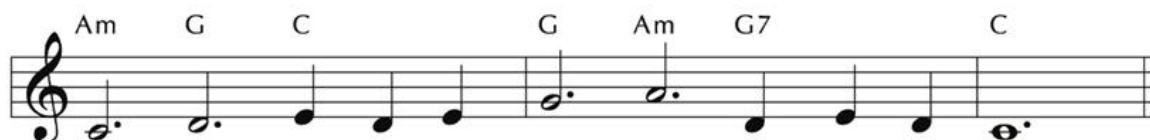
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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BUNESSAN
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Thank you to...

Pastor: The Rev. Kristina Hansen,
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Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

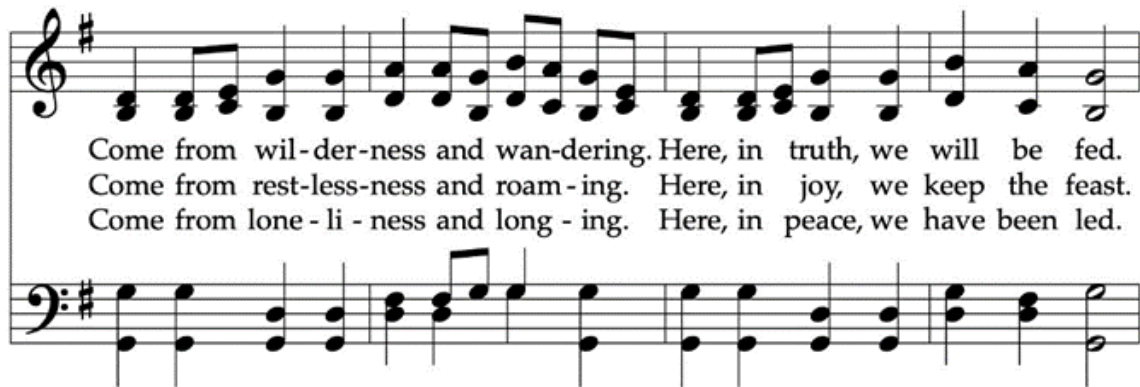
strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

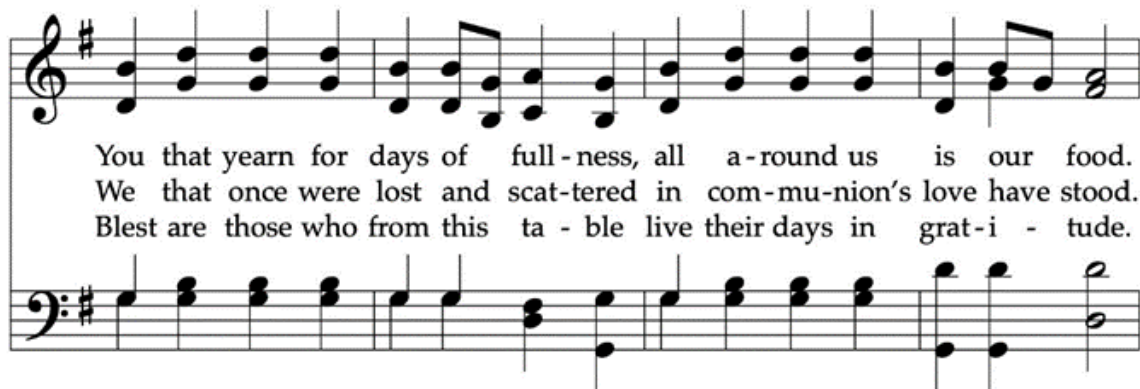
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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