



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Faithfulness

August 16th

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.

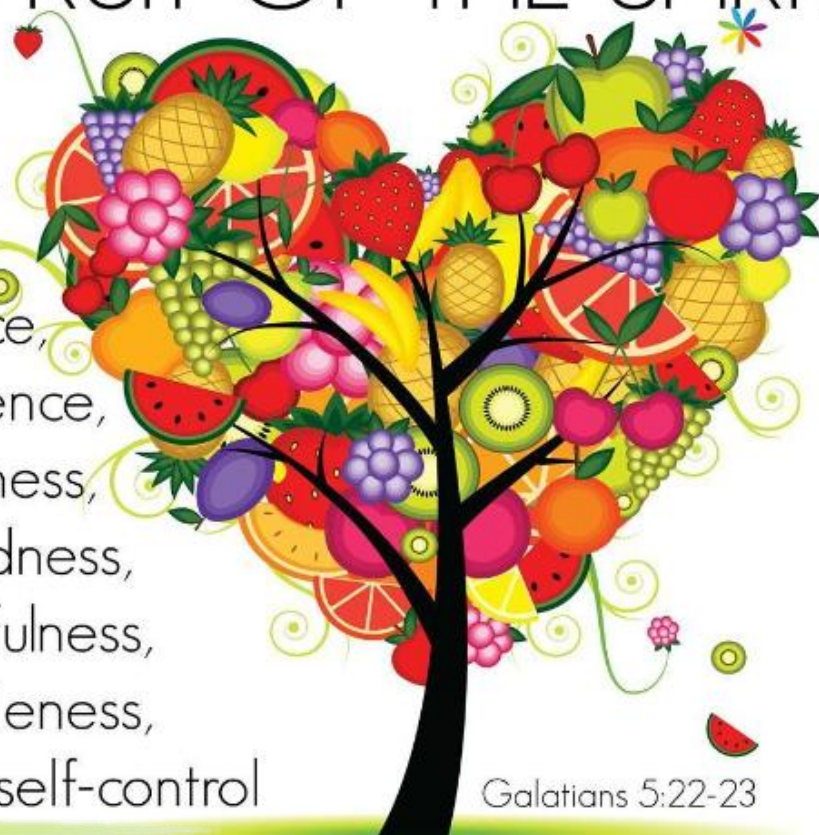
If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

Summer Sermon Series, 2026

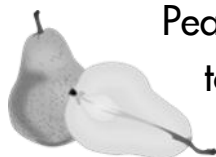
*"Against
such things
there is no law."*

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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



Galatians 5:22-23



Pears have been chosen to represent Faithfulness on the bulletin cover today because in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance the pear often represented fidelity and loyalty.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 19

4:30PM Sunday Forum Team Mtg,
Zoom

Sunday, August 23

9:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
9:45AM Nursery
10:00AM Worship
11:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
5:00PM Psalms+/Sophia Circle
Picnic

Celebration of Worship

August 16th, 2026 10:00 AM
12th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude Innocent Joe Hisaishi

Words of Welcome Reverend Kristina Hansen
Announcements Susan Richane

Chime
Introit My Faith Looks Up to Thee Composer Ray Palmer
Arranged by Lindsey Puc

*Call to Worship (*Chalice Worship 16mod., Psalm 100:4-5*)

One: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving!

Many: and God's courts with praise!

One: Give thanks to God, bless God's name!

Many: You are truly good, O God!

One: Your steadfast love endures forever!

Many: and your faithfulness extends to all generations!

One: Faithful God, open our lips,

Many: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
(*Music may be found on page 10.*)

*Prayer of Invocation *(Chalice Worship 179 & 200 mod.)*

Faithful God, your mercies to us are new every morning.

In your presence we gather to give you our thanks and praise.

You know our hearts in their depths.

Your knowledge is not limited by human perspective.

Your creation unfolds its gifts for us daily

– a great tapestry of love you spread for our care.

Refresh our faith this day

and lay your guiding hand on our lives

that we might live as faithful ambassadors of your love to the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *(Psalm 89:20-37 rewritten by Nan Merrill)*

O Loving Companion Presence,

You have made yourself known to the faith-filled,

You set them on the path of peace.

The Gift You sent to teach us Love

invites us to eternal life!

Through the Heart of all hearts, You opened the way to Life.

Your steadfast Love came among us giving us strength.

Fear shall not overcome us, we will not give in to doubt.

For your Love casts out our fear and gives rise to forgiveness

Of those who would do us wrong.

Yes, your faithfulness and your abiding Love are with us,

and in your Name we can do all good things.

Through You is our purpose made known,

that we might know your Will and make it our own.

In our gratitude we cry out,

"You are the Beloved, the Most High, our very Breath."

Through You we are born anew, the Spirit of Truth comes to us.

(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.

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Kristina

First Reading (*responsively*) Psalm 89:1-8, 14

A song celebrating God's faithfulness

One: I will sing of God's great love forever;

**Many: with my mouth I will make your faithfulness
known through all generations.**

One: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

Many: that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

Many: I have sworn to David my servant,

One: 'I will establish your line forever

Many: and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

One: The heavens praise your wonders, God,

Many: your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

One: For who in the skies above can compare with God?

Many: Who is like God among the heavenly beings?

One: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;

Many: God is more awesome than all who surround God.

One: Who is like you, God Almighty?

Many: You, God, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

One: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

Many: love and faithfulness go before you.

Music for Reflection

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-34

Jesus challenges us to be faithful.

Sermon

What is Faithfulness?

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby
1873, adapt

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, child of God, born of his spirit, wrapped in his love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect elation, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above, echos of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Blessed salvation, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love."

Refrain

Joys and Concerns

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.

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

There Is a Peace That Comes
From Knowing

Thomas M. Waldron

***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**

May the God of Hope Go With Us
(Music may be found on page 9.)

ARGENTINA

Benediction

Benediction Response

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Løvland

Lyrics: Brendan Graham

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...

Pastor: The Rev. Kristina Hansen,
Liturgist: Susan Richane

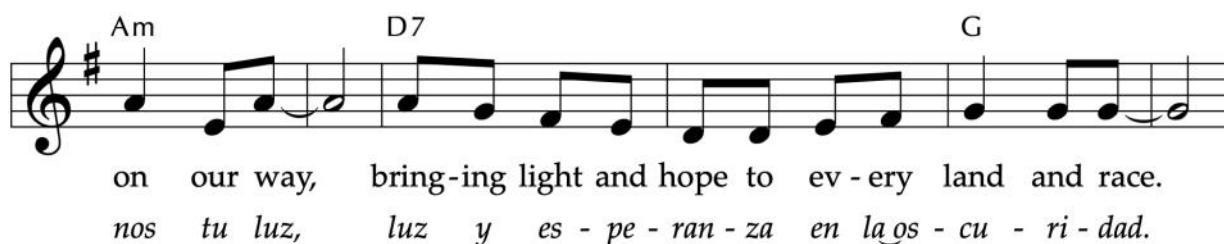
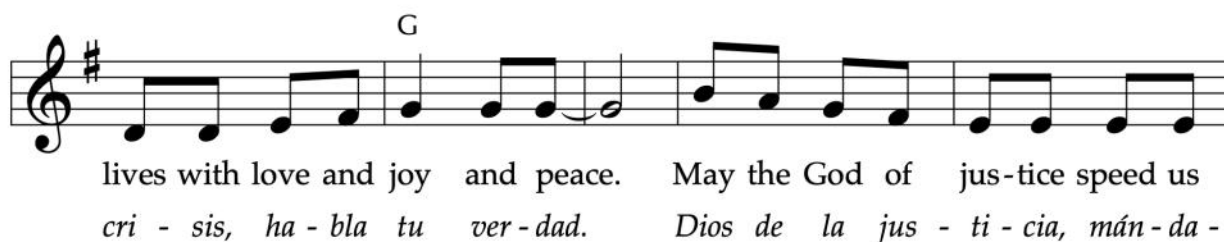
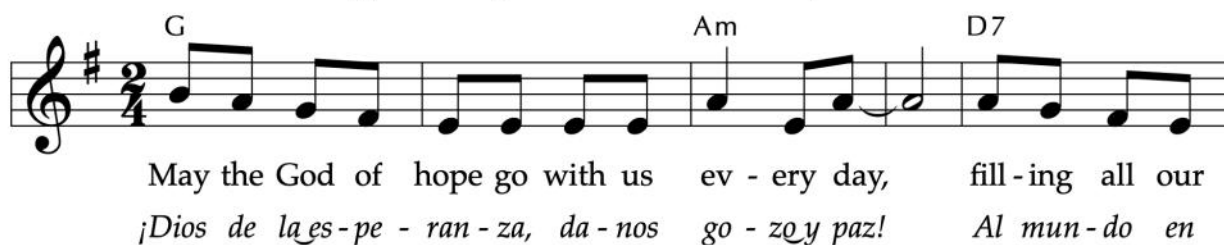
Musicians: Isa Apodaca and Lindsey Puc

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

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May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
 11.11.11.11 with refrain

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



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