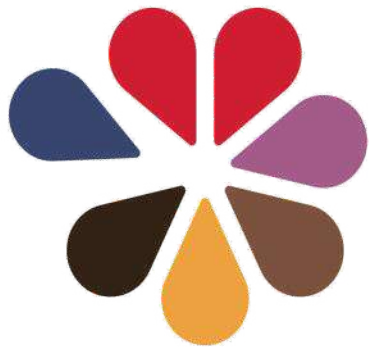


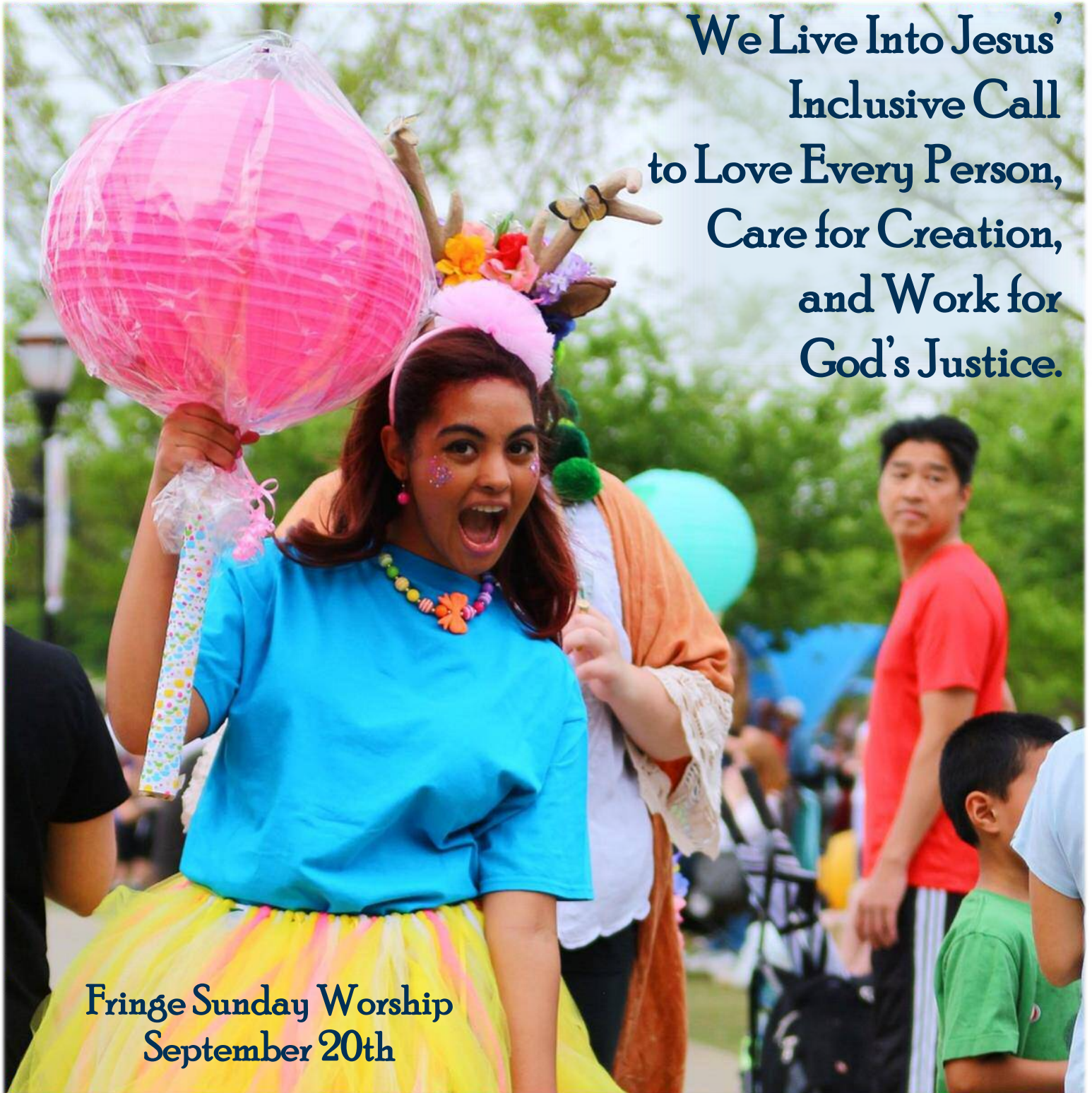


DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Fringe Sunday Worship
September 20th



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 - Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Young Disciples" 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>.

Thank you to...

Pastor: Rev. Kristina Hansen

Liturgist: Sally Allison

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Isa Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker,
Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman

Alto: Lillian Gundersen, Ruth Dunlop Alyssa Koh

Tenor: Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Gavin Kosmack

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Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

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

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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM **Fringe Worship**
With All-Community Choir
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
7:00PM Sophia Circle

Tuesday, September 22

10:30AM Sacred Studies Group

Wednesday, September 23

7:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, September 25

3:00PM Space Use Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, September 27

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary



Celebration of Worship
September 20th, 2026 11:00 AM
17th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude	Deep River	Arr. Anaglog Sean Mulligan
Words of Welcome		Reverend Kristina Hansen
Announcements		Sally Allison
Chime		
Introit	Louie	Anaglog

***Call to Worship (KDH)**

One: We are fringe!

Many: We believe life is a spiritual journey!

One: We are fringe!

Many: We believe in radical inclusion and God's abundant grace!

One: We are fringe!

Many: We commit to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly!

One: In this holy place may God feed us, refresh us, sustain us, empower us,

Many: and send us on our way rejoicing!

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth
(*Music may be found on page 8.*)

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*Prayer of Invocation (*Chalice Worship*)

God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship,
and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love:
infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving;
simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound;
in which all are accepted and no one rejected; love that never ends.
Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (*ministrymatters.org, mod.*)

Gracious God,
you have blessed us with freedom—
freedom to follow or to turn away;
freedom to love or to hate;
freedom to heal or to hurt.
Forgive us when we do not follow your ways
and so fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.
In the midst of our turbulent lives,
reveal to us the gifts you set within us
and help us claim these gifts today.
In Jesus' name we pray.

(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

Numbers 15:37-41

Music for Reflection Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear

Tom Trenney

*"In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.*

*In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,
a light unto your path to lead you on.*

*Ref: Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.*

*When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you.
I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.
Unending hope my resurrection brings.*

*When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you.
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.
Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you.
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!"*
Isa Apodaca, soloist, Text: Tom Trenney

Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:43-48

Sermon

On Being Fringe!

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

(Music may be found on page 9.)

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 How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn
*"How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings."
(Isaiah 52 v. 7)*

*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 *(faithandworship.com, mod.)*

Holy One, we acknowledge that all things have their origin with you.
These gifts we freely give to further your purpose in this place,
in our community, and in the wider world. Amen.

*Hymn

We Walk in Love Deanna Witkowski
(Music may be found on page 10.)

*Benediction

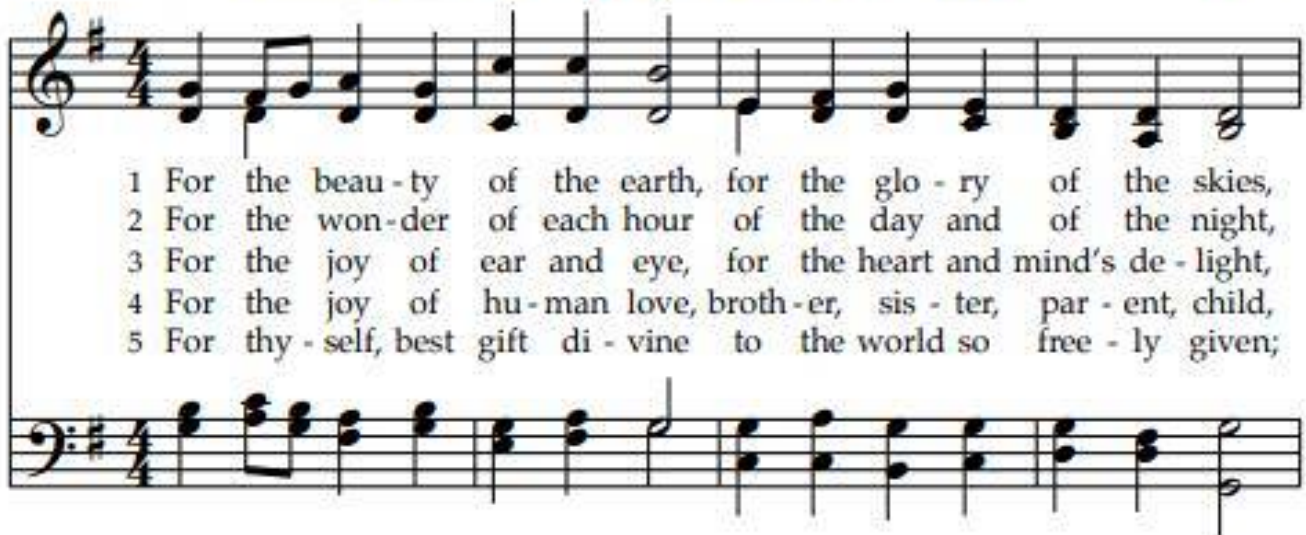
Postlude Pete Seeger Singalong Woody's Choice

Passing of the Peace

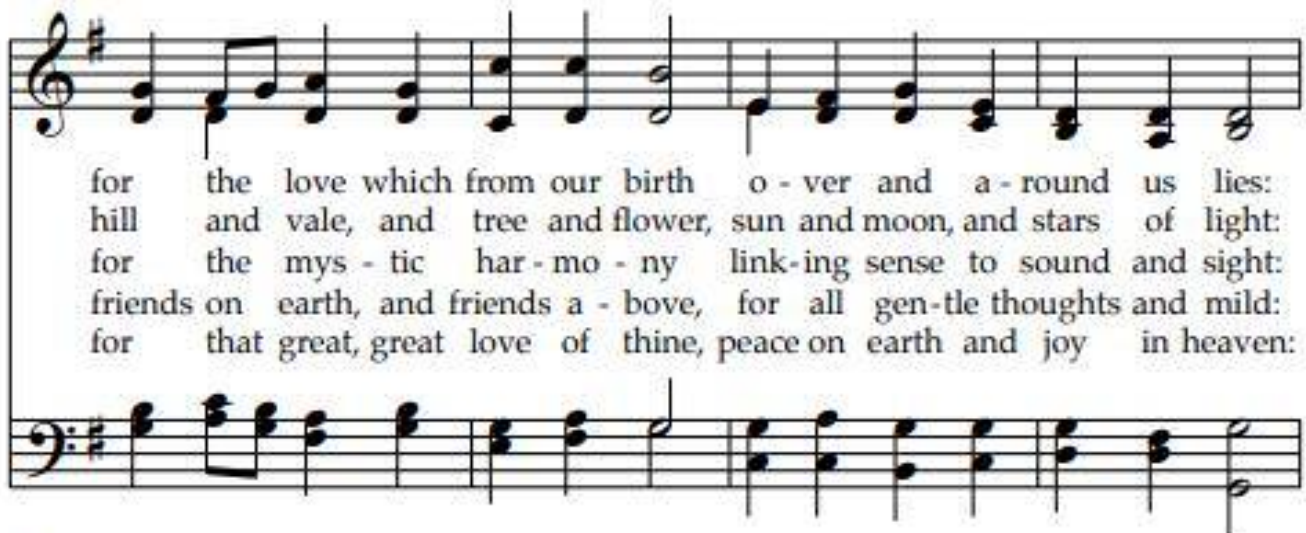
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

38. We Walk in Love

Words by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon

Music by Deanna Witkowski

New York, NY | 2017

Gospel 3 feel (♩ = 104)

C7sus F Gm/F F Gm7

1. We walk in love u - nit - ed in pur - pose. We
 2. We cry for peace and rights for all peo - ple. We
 3. We dream a world of jus - tice and kind - ness. We

A7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C7sus

join our hands and lift up one voice. We
 wel - come friends from far — up and near. We
 build a bridge cre - at - ing new paths. We

Bm7(b5) Bbm6 F/C F

speak the truth with strength and com - pas - sion re -
 fight for those whose voic - es are si - lenced, re -
 march with joy as all walk to - geth - er. Em -

Gm F/A Gm/Bb F/C C7sus C7 F

sound - ing with hope, with cour - age and joy.
 sist - ing in faith un - til all are free.
 brac - ing each one, we bold - ly stand.

Performance Suggestion:

- Step on beat 1, Clap beats 2 & 3.

Deanna writes: "After writing the tune, I looked at 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' as a starting point in creating a list of positive key words to include in the lyrics."

Editor's note: Optional piano part available at deannawitkowski.com.

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to PDF: <https://songs.justicechoir.org/WeWalk>

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Sunday Forum September 2026



DUPC Congregational Gatherings

Public Sunday Forums will begin again in October. For the month of September the DUPC congregation will be meeting to further discuss and discern our way forward.

No Forum—Labor Day Weekend September 6

We've Got Information to Share! September 13 **Current Members of Session**

Come hear from DUPC Session Elders who will provide updates on insightful meetings held with Spiritus Christi and the Rochester Friends Meeting (Quakers) during the summer months.

We've Been There! September 20 **Panelists: Sarah Fitts-Romig,** **Nancy Simpson & Rev. Deb Swift**

Our guest panelists will each share what they encountered and experienced as part of a congregation who decided to sell their building.

We Hear You! September 27 **Moderated by Pastor Kristina Hansen**

A dedicated time for DUPC congregants to provide feedback to Session drawing on information shared during the gatherings on September 13 & 20.

Sundays, 9:45AM—The Shaw Room & via Zoom



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**Thank you for
joining us. Come
worship with us
anytime!**



September 15 - 26

**DOWNTOWN
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Liz Hogg
- Guitarist/Songwriter
September 16



A Pete Seeger Tribute
- Folk Songs & Sing-along
September 18-20 & 23-26



Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain
- History & Literature Interwoven
September 17-20



Hungry Ghost
- Guitar & Dance
September 17-18



Silver Rein II: A Goth-Folk Music Experience
- Cello & Vocals
September 18-19



The B Side of Broadway
- A Cabaret of Cut Show Tunes
September 19 & 23



La Diva de L'Empire
- Classical Music & Drag Meet
September 19



Folk Music Around the World
- The Archive Ravens
September 23-26



This City Will Eat You Alive
- Theatre Performance
September 23-25



Whelmed!
- Musical Parody of Parents & Their Grown Children
September 24-26



Mister Aubs.
- Spoken Word Poetry
September 24-26



A Funk Affair
- Premier R&B, Funk, & Soul Band
September 26



Sound of Sanctuary (SOS)
- Exploring the Sound of Rochester as a Sanctuary City
September 26



For More Information & Tickets:
<https://rochesterfringe.com>