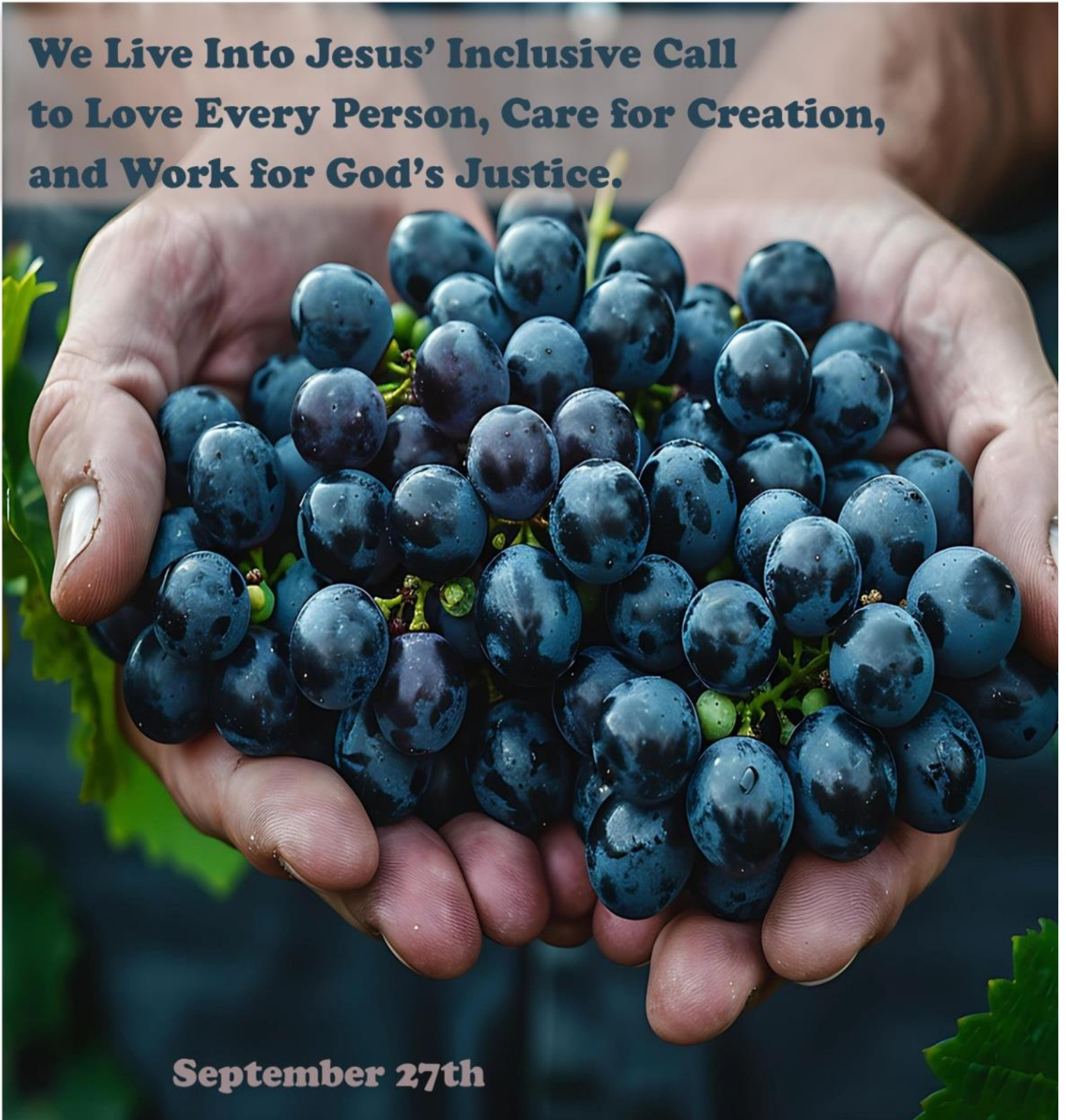




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



September 27th

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 - 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: Jason Cloen

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

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
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 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

Tuesday, September 29

10:30AM Sacred Studies Group

Wednesday, September 30

7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 1

11:00AM Worship Team Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

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



September 27th, 2026 11:00 AM
18th Sunday after Pentecost

*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.*

Words of Welcome	Reverend Kristina Hansen
Announcements	Jason Cloen

Introit There Is More Love Somewhere African-American

1. There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

2. There is more hope. . . 3. There is more peace. . . 4. There is more joy. . .

Many: and send us on our way rejoicing!

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*Prayer of Invocation *(Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, mod.)*

Gracious God, how shall we do your will today?
Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted?
Who will you lead us to serve?
Help us trust you. Help us listen.
Bless this community as we come together to worship.
Encourage us, comfort us, united us, employ us -
and make our joy complete!
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *(Bruce Prewer.com, mod.)*

Most loving God,
among us there are many shades of strength and need.
We are people of much knowledge who desire wisdom,
people of little knowledge who desire to know and understand,
people of many possessions who desire fulfillment,
people of few possessions who desire to have enough,
people of ideals who desire vigor,
people of belief who desire faith,
people of faith who desire love.

Most merciful God,
Cleanse our motives, refresh that which is stagnant,
and invigorate everything that shows promise in your eyes.

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

Psalms 150

Psalms for Praying
Nan C. Merrill

Music for Reflection

Psalm 100

Emma Lou Diemer

"Make a joyful noise all the lands.

Serve our God with gladness!

Come to God with singing!

Know that our Maker is God.

Know our Creator is God.

It is God who made us.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving,

Enter the courts with praise!

Give thanks to our God!

Bless God's name!

For God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Know that our Maker is God. Know that Christ is God.

Know that the Spirit is God.

Make a joyful noise!"

Text: Psalm 100, adapted

Former organist of
Central Presbyterian Church

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Extravagant Generosity

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

(Verses 1-3, 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

Loving Hands

Cary Ratcliff

*"Loving hands, we all need loving hands,
for the sea and the sands cannot hold all the rain, all the tears and the pain.*

Where is God's loving hand?

*Loving hands left a sign in the sand; strong his call:
Jesus' hands reach to all, reaching out, teaching all, looking up
to see God's loving hand, to be God's loving hand.*

*Giving hands, will there be giving hands?
Healing hands, when we're hungry or cold, people sick, people old
can all hold onto God's loving hand.*

Come be God's loving hands."

Text: Cary Ratcliff

*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

Together We Serve
(Music may be found on pg 8.)

SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

Antonio Soler
Arr. E. Power Biggs

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.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

Dm All *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

B♭ *Gm7* *A* *A7*

you to re - veal your - self to us.

Dm *Gm* *C* *F*

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

B♭ *Gm7* *A7* *Dm* (*hold last time*) *Fine*

on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

Dm *Gm* *C7* *F* *B♭* *Gm*

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
 2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
 3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:
 4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our

A *A7* *Dm* *Gm7* *C7* *F*

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
 hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
 hear our prayer. We call you; we wait:
 dark - ness. We call you; we wait:

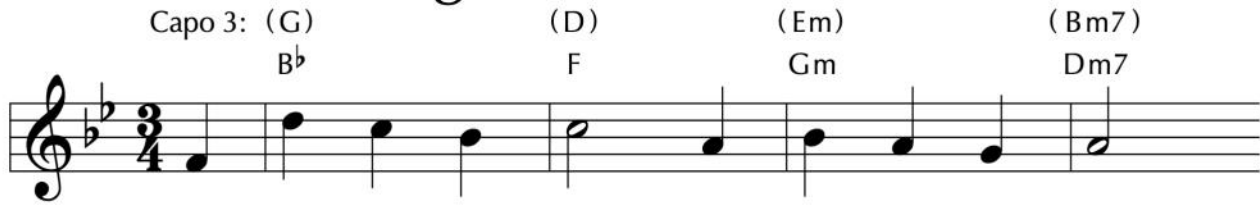
B♭ *Gm7* *A* *Dm* *to Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

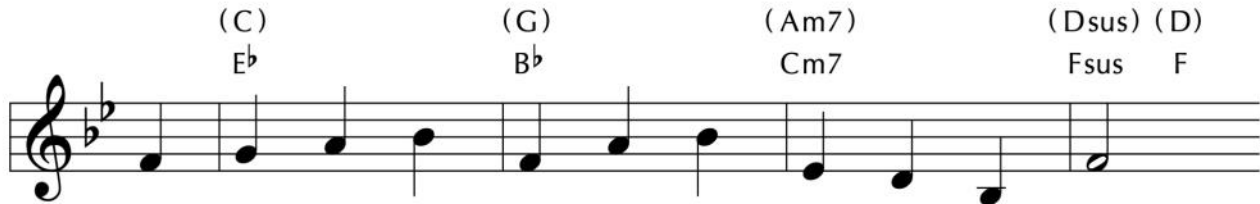
The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

Together We Serve

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1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.



Sunday Forum October 2026

Finding Welcome in Times of Change

What's Going On with America? Immigration Updates and Actions

Cassandra Bocanegra

October 4

Cassandra Bocanegra has worked in the world of immigration for many years, and the immigration landscape keeps changing and remains overly complicated. Come find out more about what is happening and what individuals can do to support the collective movement to protect our community members.

Awareness and Support for our Immigrant Neighbors in Downtown Rochester

Maria Garcia & Cassandra Bocanegra

October 11

DUPC is right around the corner from a federal building. Our presenters from Enlace Services and NYIC will share about the current building and concerns for its planned expansion. What should we know about what the modifications could mean for our neighborhood and for our neighbors at risk?

What Has God Called Us to Do with Our Resources?

**Pastor Alan Dailey, Jim Humphries,
and Willie (Wilma) Wood**

October 18

Our guest panelists formerly of John Knox Presbyterian Church will share their experiences of selling their building to another congregation and finding a new place for worship with their neighbor, Greece Baptist Church. How did this major change bless each of the three congregations involved?

Spiritus Christi - Can't Hold Back the Spring

Reverend Myra Brown & Ministry Leaders

October 25

For 25 years Spiritus Christi has been our sister congregation within these walls. At this forum Rev. Myra and other Spiritu ministry leaders will share their history -what brought them here, how they have grown and thrived as a parish, and their ideas for new projects and partnerships.

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

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