



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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: John DeHority

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Isa Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker,

Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman

Alto: Lillian Gundersen, Ruth Dunlop

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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 We give special thanks for the flowers . . . 

Given today by Nancy Brown in loving memory of her parents Jack
and Jean Lauder. Today would have been her parents' 79th wedding
anniversary.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11

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, October 13

10:30AM Sacred Studies Group

6:30PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

3:00PM DEIB Mtg, Zoom

7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15

10:00AM Personnel Mtg, Hybrid

Friday, October 16

10:00AM 3rd Friday Book Club

Sunday, October 18

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

7:00PM Sophia Circle

Celebration of Worship

October 11th, 2026 11:00 AM
20th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude

A Ground

A communal improvisation over a ground bass

Words of Welcome

Reverend Kristina Hansen

Announcements

John DeHority

Chime

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Please join in singing the refrain:

Arr. Daniel M. Cason II

"Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity."

*Call to Worship (Psalm 113, worship.calvin.edu, mod.)

One: Give praise, you servants of God!

Many: we praise the name of God!

One: Let the name of God be blessed

Many: from this time forth and forever more!

One: From the rising of the sun to its going down

Many: Let the name of God be praised!

One: This is the day that our Creator has made – for *all* people *everywhere*!!!

Many: Let us rejoice – with *all* people *everywhere* – and be glad in it!

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God
(Music may be found on page 8.)

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*Prayer of Invocation (*Jeff Ramsland, Mohawk, mod.*)

Creator,

help us to discover, in all you have made in Nature,
the good wisdom about the interconnectedness of all things,
about balance and about living in harmony.

We are not above nature, we are part of Creation;
we live by the same laws as all of nature,
and seek to learn from what God has made.

Help us discover the power that lies in the wisdom
and understanding of our role in the Great Mystery,
and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.

Creator God, may our spirits be in harmony with yours
as we gather in your worship! Amen.

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

A Directional Prayer, Ray Buckley, Tlingit/Lakota

(Read Responsively)

Here, in this place, **You have chosen to be with us.**

We turn to the east, where the morning sun awaits us,
and **Your light is there.**

We turn to the south, from which warm winds blow,
and **Your spirit warms us.**

We turn to the west the place of the unknown,
and **Your certainty awaits us.**

We turn to the north the place of wisdom,
and find **Your wisdom is already here.**

Around, before, and behind us, **Your presence is here.**

We open our arms and our hearts, so that **You may come inside.**

See that we are a good place for **You to live.**

See that we are **Your children, and you are our God.**

Live in 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.

First Reading

Psalm 133

Music for Reflection

Measure Me, Sky!

Elaine Hagenberg

"Measure me, sky!

Tell me I reach by a song nearer the stars; I have been little so long.

Horizon, reach out! Catch at my hands, stretch me taut,

Rim of the world: widen my eyes by a thought.

Sky, be my depth, wind, be my width and my height,

World, my heart's span; Loveliness, wings for my flight."

Words: Leonora Speyer

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16, 14-16

Sermon

The Work of Unity

Pastor Kristina

*Hymn

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

LACQUIPARLE

(Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

The Rev. Irv Porter offers this translation of the Lord's Prayer made by his great grandmother, Hattie Enos of the Nez Perce tribe:

† "O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe,
you are the Shepherd Chief in the most high place,
whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and the moon.

Whatever you want done, let it also be done everywhere.

Give us your gift of bread day by day.

Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.

Take us away from wrong things.

Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you.

Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen."

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Music

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton
Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*"It's been a long dark night,
And I've been waiting for the morning.
It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand new day a-dawning.
I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.
Everything's gonna work out fine. Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be ok.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand new day.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning. Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be ok."*
Isabella Apodaca, soloist

*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, 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're Free
from the *Justice Choir Songbook*
(*Music may be found on page 10.*)

Kevin Caparotta

*Benediction

Postlude

Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux

François Couperin

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony

soft - er gleam,
 find a voice!
 warmth and light,
 al - so show!

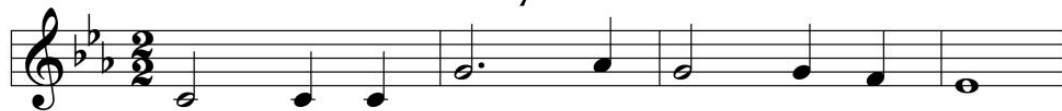
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Many and Great, O God, 21 Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

First came the evocative Dakota chant, bearing a French name ("the lake that speaks") for the site of a Native American mission in western Minnesota. That was where the original seven-stanza text based on Jeremiah 10:12-13 was written in the Dakota language to fit the tune.

Justice Choir Songbook, Volume 1

With a swing (♩ = 104)

sis - ters and broth - ers, if we all stand to - geth - er, we're free. _____
up for our broth - ers, we are strong - er to - geth - er, we're free. _____
out one an - oth - er, tak - ing care of each oth - er, we're free. _____

4. We believe in each other and together we're free.
Having faith in each other, we're free.
Children, fathers, and mothers having faith in each other,
we believe in each other, we're free.
5. Fill the world with compassion and together we're free.
If we welcome the stranger, we're free.
Leave all anger behind us, flood the world with our kindness.
If we welcome the stranger, we're free.
6. We will all sing together and together be free.
If we all sing together, we're free.
In a world that's divided, we will sing out united.
When the world sings together, we're free.

- Tap your heart:
- Walk in tempo, stepping on the first and third beats.
- Hum a verse, feel free to harmonize!

Kevin writes: "The inspiration for this song came from the idea that we can rise above injustice by standing together and by caring for one another, despite our differences."



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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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