



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.

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† **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...

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Liturgist: Nancy Brown

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Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman

Alto: Lillian Gundersen, Ruth Dunlop

Tenor: Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Gavin Kosmack

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
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Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

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

Monday, October 5

5:00PM Justice Team Mtg, Zoom

Tuesday, October 6

10:30AM Sacred Studies Group
6:30PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, October 7

7:00PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg, Zoom
7:30PM Property Team Mtg, Zoom

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Celebration of Worship

October 4th, 2026 11:00 AM

19th Sunday after Pentecost

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

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Prelude

Peace Like a River

Arr. Joel Raney
For piano 4-hands

Words of Welcome
Announcements

Reverend Kristina Hansen
Nancy Brown

Chime
Introit

God's Got the Whole World

Mark A. Miller

*"God's got the whole world in God's hands.
God has you and me in those hands.
God's got the whole world in God's hands."*
Text: Negro Spiritual, adapt. M. Miller

*Call to Worship

One: As we gather around Christ's table today,

Many: **we remember the peoples of the world,
divided into many nations and tongues.**

One: We gather in God's presence,
– Creator of every human being, every plant and every animal.

Many: **We join in the chorus of praise with our siblings around the world
to celebrate the Holy One!**

One: May Christ's church be strengthened and united
through the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Many: Yes, God, may it be so!

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

O For a World

AZMON

(Verses 1-3 and 5; Music may be found on page 11.)

*Prayer of Invocation *(pacificpilgrim.com)*

God of our lives, your Word is one of communion – not division.

Your gifts are gifts of abundance, peace, and freedom

– not scarcity, violence, and oppression.

We thank you that in Christ you have given us the greatest gift:
you gave us yourself.

As we gather today, may your gifts and your presence be received
with joy and humility.'

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Holy One,

we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task of unity.

On this World Communion Sunday:

Give us *eyes* to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of people everywhere.

Give us *minds* to accept and celebrate
our differences.

Give us *hearts* big enough to love
your children everywhere.

Give us *mouths* that speak out against injustice.

Give us *hands* that serve generously.

We thank you for setting a table
with space enough *for us all*!

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 Psalm 19:7-14 (responsively with sung response)

RESPONSE 🎵 : Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my Path.

⁷ God's law is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of God are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ God's precepts are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of God is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the reverence of God is pure,
enduring forever;
God's ordinances are true
and righteous altogether.

RESPONSE 🎵 : Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my Path.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them are your children warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **But who can detect their errors?**
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your child also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

RESPONSE 🎵 : Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my Path.

Music for Reflection Sweet Hallelujah Mark A. Miller
A joyful song of praise with quotes from the doxology

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Sermon "The Big 10? Or The Big 2?" Pastor Kristina

*Hymn Jesus Calls Us GALILEE
(Music may be found on page 12.)

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

Peace Is

Fred Small

Arr. J. David Moore

"Ref. Peace is the bread we break

Love is the river rolling

Life is a chance we take

When we make this earth our home

Gonna make this earth our home.

Feel the cool breeze blowing through the smoke and the heat

Hear the gentle voices and the marching feet

Singing call back the fire, draw the missiles down

And we'll call this earth our home. Ref.

We have known the atom, the power and pain

We've seen people fall beneath the killing rain

If the mind still reasons and the soul remains

It shall never be again. Ref.

Peace grows from a tiny seed

As the acorn grows into the tallest tree

Many years ago I heard a soldier say

When people want peace, better get out of the way. Ref."

*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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

(Verses 1-2, Music may be found on page 13.)

World Communion Liturgy (www.jordanrimmer.com, mod.)

L: God be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

P: **We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.**

L: Join in songs of thanks and praise to our God.

P: **We join with all who are here and throughout the world in praise.**

It began last night – as you were going to bed – World Communion Sunday.

Asian Christians shared the bread and the wine.

Churches in China met in secret so that they would not be arrested.

Christians in the Middle East, some of whom have come to be Christians only by having dreams of Jesus, met under the watchful eye of the government as they celebrated the Eucharist.

In Europe, Christians gathered in churches that used to be much fuller and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

In Africa, the sacrament was celebrated in great numbers by a growing number of Christians, many of whom bare scars of persecution as they commune together. Those celebrating today include Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Baptists, thousands of other denominations, and even those without denominations.

Christ followers met both in public and in secret. Some met in freedom while others gathered under threat of persecution and death. Some take the sacrament today with organ music, others with simple singing, and still others in quiet so as not to be arrested.

In wealthy churches and in desperate poverty the sacrament is observed. In churches, homes, huts, and in God's creation this seal of the covenant was experienced. The bread is given to people that could overeat all day and to people who had no idea what they would eat or where they would get it today.

The one thing in common? –

We all come to the same table of our Lord.

In many different languages, by ordained clergy and volunteer pastors, something like these words of institution were given: On the night He was betrayed Jesus took

bread. And when he had given thanks and blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying,

"This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant. Drink you all of it."

Let us pray, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for this sacrament of communion shared with Christians around the world. May it encourage us to be one in spirit, one in mission, and to be in union and Communion with one another and with You. Amen.

Communion

Music at Communion

Meditation

Prayer After Communion

God of glory, we give you thanks
for this feast of your goodness and grace.

Send us out to share the bread of life
with all – *and all means all* – who hunger for your love;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

(Sing 2X in the language(s) of your choosing—Music may be found on page 14.)

*Benediction

Choral Response

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Please join in singing the refrain:

"Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness."

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.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

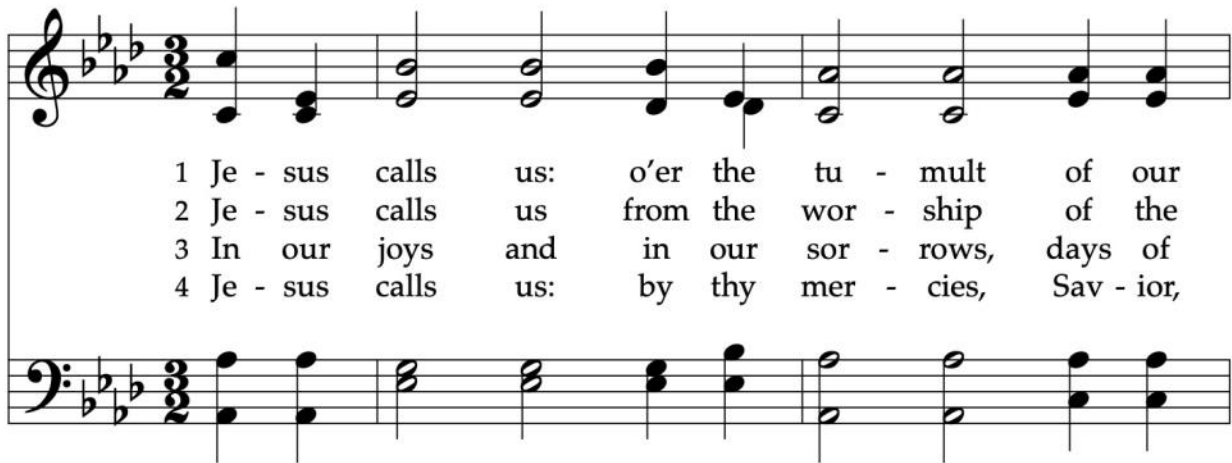
Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
 Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

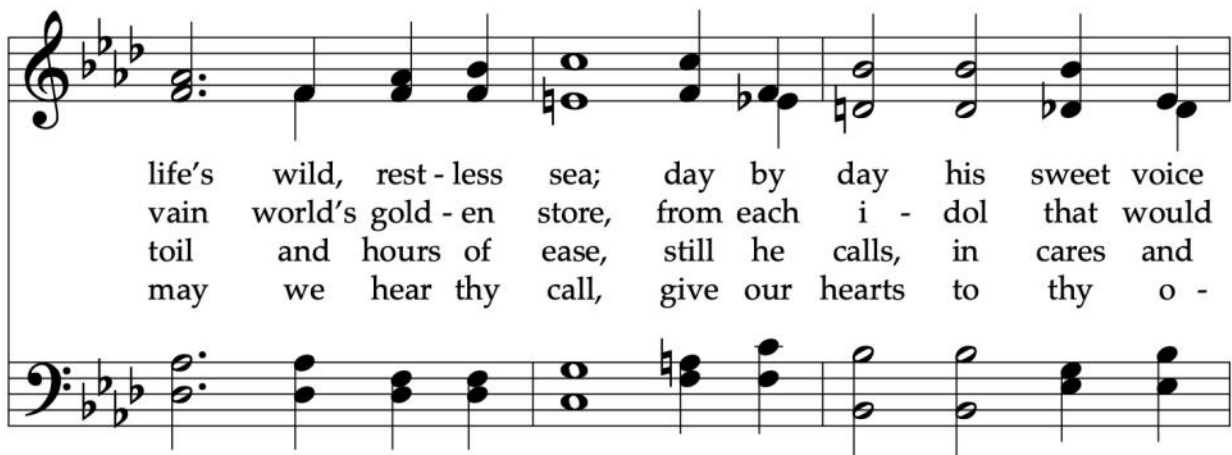
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Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE
 8.7.8.7

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

LINSTEAD
 LM with refrain

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

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



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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