

**The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Opening Voluntary	Chorale Prelude on <i>Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist</i> (translation: We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit) William Taylor, organist & director of music	Dietrich Buxtehude
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Welcome

Call to Worship	Sounding the Seasons read by Holly Kellar	a sonnet by Rev. Malcolm Guite
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*Tangled in time, we live with hints and guesses
Turning the wheel of each returning year,
But in between our failures and successes
We sometimes glimpse the Love that casts out fear,
Sometimes the heart remembers its own reasons
And breathes a Sanctus as we tell our story,
Tracing the tracks of grace, sounding the seasons
That lead at last through time to timeless glory.*

*From the first yearnings for a Savior's birth
To the full joy of knowing sins forgiven
We gather as God's church on God's good earth
To share an echo of the choirs of heaven
I share these hints, returning what was lent,
Turning to praise each 'moment's monument'.*

Hymn	"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Amy Finka, cantor
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Gathering Prayer	XXXII Beati, quorum (trans. Blessed are they)	a response to Psalm 32 by Rev. Malcolm Guite
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*In your deep silence and your mystery
You led me to confess and be forgiven.
You gave me the relief of honesty.*

*How long and bitterly I might have striven
With all the guilt that I could hardly name
How painfully my heart might have been riven*

*By hidden memories and secret shame
Instead you blessed me with a new beginning
Unbound me from bands and brands of blame*

*My false accounts of losing or of winning
And called me to come forth like Lazarus
And start my life again, rejoicing, singing*

*Baptized and born in your mysterious
And all-involving love, a love that lifts,
A love that comforts and embraces us.*

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

Sermon

Rev. Mike Wilson

Special Music

"For the Healing of the Nations"

text: Fred Kahn, 1965

Amy Finka, soprano

music: John Francis Wade, c. 1750

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead your people into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how, through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

Hymn

"Live Into Hope"
Amy Finka, cantor

Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

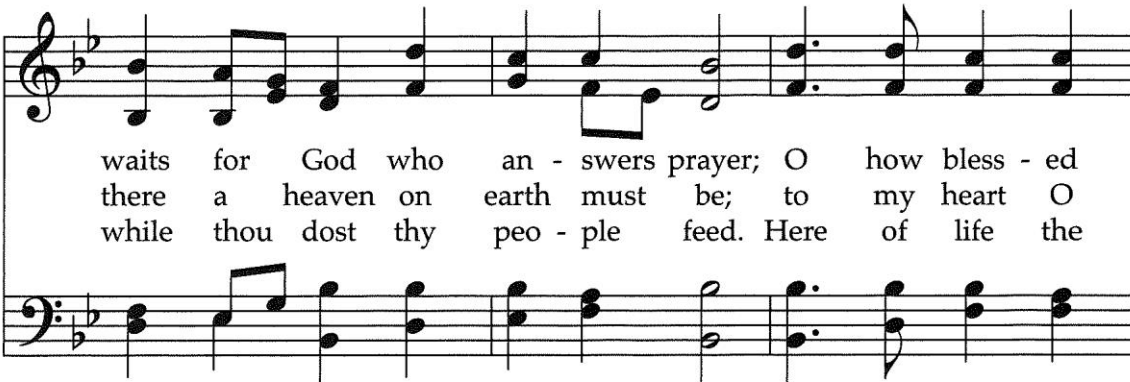
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



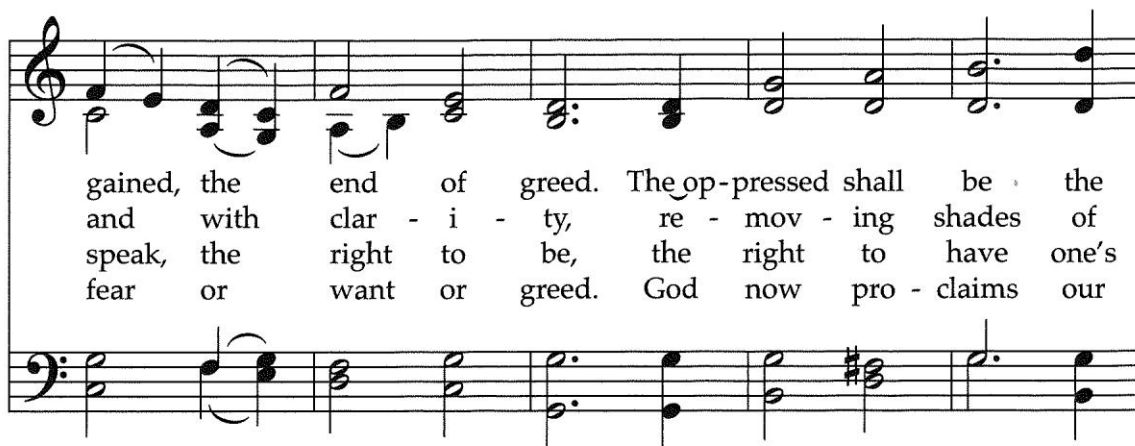
is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

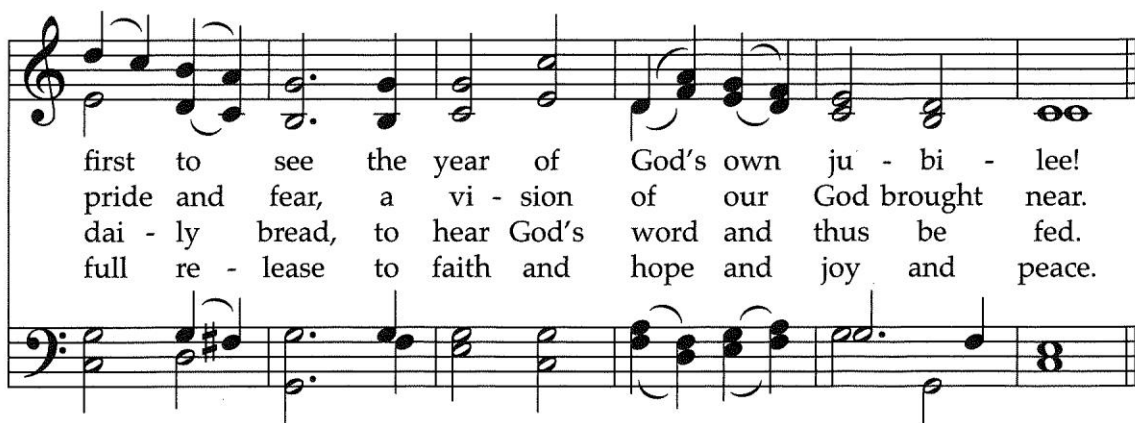
Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
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