

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fourteen Short Pieces for Organ: VI* Samuel Wesley
(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: I am the first and the last
I am she who is honored and she who is mocked
I am he the mother and the daughter
I am she whose wedding is extravagant and I didn't have a husband...

P: I am the silence never found
And the idea infinitely recalled...

L: I am a foreigner and a citizen of the city...
I am the one who prepares the bread and my mind within...
I am what everyone can hear and no one can say...

P: I am the limbs of my mother
I am the midwife and she who hasn't given birth
I am the comfort of my labor pains.

L: I was found among those seeking me

P: Those expecting me, receive me.

L: We seek you, O God.

P: Receive us in love, and revive us again.

Adapted from the early Christian text,
"The Thunder: Perfect Mind"

***HYMN #182**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Creator of the universe, You made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through Christ. Still, within and without us, your image is disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed. We bring our full selves to you as we pray in this moment of silence. . .

(collective moment of silence)

P: Help us, O LORD, that the new creation in Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace. We ask all this in Your glorious name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of assurance and good news, that God so loved the world Christ was sent, not to condemn us, but to save us. Beloved, you are called to be free. Serve one another humbly therefore. As Paul reminds us, the entirety of the Law is summed in one word, in this, *“Love your neighbor as yourself...”*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING “We Shall Be Known”

*We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change alive from deep within the Earth
It is time now
It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now
And what a time to be alive
In this “Great Turning” we shall learn to lead in love
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Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 10:22-30

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

WORSHIP WIZ KID

WORDS OF WONDER

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON “Calling All Saints, Widows, and Beyond” Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (people read bold)

“Moments of great calm,
Kneeling before an altar
Of wood in a stone church
In summer, waiting for the God
To speak; the air a staircase
For silence; the sun’s light
Ringing me, as though I acted
A great role. And the audiences
Still; all that close throng
Of spirits waiting, as I,
For the message.
Prompt me, God;
But not yet. When I speak, Though it be you who speak
Through me, something is lost.
The meaning is in the waiting.
(the people share a collective moment of silence in the waiting)

continued

Prompt me, God, as we lift up in prayer and speak the names of:
(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Prompt us, O God, as we as we pray the prayer you taught us long ago...

Adapted from "Kneeling" by R.S. Thomas

**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.**

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: This is the prayer they said:

We give thanks to you,

P: Every life and heart stretches toward you.

L: O name untroubled,

P: Honored with the name of God,

L: Praised with the name of Father.

P: To everyone and everything comes the kindness of the Father.

Adapted from the Early Christian text,
"The Prayer of Thanksgiving"

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For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, our Master and our Friend. Amen.

Text from Isaiah 42:14-16, Revelation 22:1-3, and *The Pilgrim Prayer* (based on Colossians 4:2-4) by the Revd. Canon Derrick Walters

Amy Finka, soprano

*DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

L: O womb of all that grows, we have known you.

O womb, pregnant with the nature of the Father,

P: **We have known you.**

L: O never-ending endurance of the Father who gives birth,

P: **We give thanks for your goodness.**

Adapted from the Early Christian text,
“The Prayer of Thanksgiving”

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #324

“For All the Faithful Women”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Go now in the name of the One
who exists and preexisted;
in the name of the Son of Humanity,
Who is the fullness of grace,
And in the name of the Spirit,
the Advocate of truth.
And may all God’s people say.

P: Hallelujah! Amen!

Adapted from the Early Christian text, “Prayer of the Apostle Paul”

Closing Voluntary

Choral Song

S. S. Wesley

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Congregational Meeting of the members and friends of The Downtown Presbyterian Church, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 12:00pm immediately following worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote in the rest of the nominating committee, as well as the newest corporation board members.

Volunteer Training - Sunday, May 22nd

We will hold trainings for everyone interested in being a liturgist or greeter Sunday, May 22nd after the congregational meeting. If you would like to participate, please gather in the sanctuary immediately after the congregational meeting.

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

We Shall Be Known

Ma Muse

G C G

We shall be known by the compan - ny we keep by the

3 G D G

ones who cir - cle round to tend these fires

5 G D G

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap the seeds of

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7 C D G

change a - live from deep with - in the earth

change a - live from deep with - in - the earth

Alto

C G , C G C D7

It is timenow it is time now that we thrive it is time we lead our-selves in-to the

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12 G C G C G

well It is time now and what a time to be a - live

well It is time now and what a time to be a - live

repeat second time only

C D Em

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

C D D7 G

in this great turn-ing we shall learn to lead in love

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324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Parking Lot Reminder

We are asking that members and guests please utilize the parking garage on Sunday mornings and reserve our church parking lot for those in need of accessible parking.

We provide parking vouchers for the SP+ lot garage at 147 4th Ave. N. Take a ticket upon entering the garage, and a greeter will give you a complimentary voucher to use when exiting. Parking tickets can be validated for Sunday worship only.

Changes to COVID Procedures

After great consideration, the session has approved or implemented the following changes to our COVID procedures.

- Social distancing yarn/signs have been removed from the sanctuary.
- Masks are now optional for staff, guests, volunteers, etc., and those attending Sunday worship services.
- We continue to recommend that anyone who is not vaccinated wear a mask within the building.
- Masks will continue to be required for nursery workers.
- In April we will return to pre-COVID communion procedures, and will have self-serve communion containers available for those who prefer them.

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Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

OUR VALUES AND ETHOS

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

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You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.