

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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Gathering in God's Name

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prayer

Joel Rainey

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Come to worship with a heart of hospitality—

welcoming neighbors, immigrants, and those systematically excluded.

Come to worship as a gracious guest—

openhearted to what others have to share with you.

Hallelujah! Community is built in ordinary relationships

and the Holy Spirit guides us in the ways of solidarity.

*HYMN 289 O God of Every Nation

*CALL TO CONFESSION[†]

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God's way. Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before our God.

*CONFESSION[†]

Forgive us, O Lord, for the narrowness with which we approach our faith.

Joy has exploded into our history, yet we do not know how to be joyful.

Peace has permeated our planet, yet we continue to war among ourselves.

Hope was born in Christ, yet we allow despair to consume us.

Our nation has been as vain as it has been generous. We have allowed historical biases to persist, and even blessed them in your name. We have provided bombs where you would have us provide bread. We have rejected and incarcerated the alien resident when you have called for hospitality.

For our nation, and for ourselves, we seek your mercy, O God.

(silent prayer)

O Lord forgive us and strengthen us.

Give us the courage to live as you have called us to live;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON[†]

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness.

Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 579)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

SACRED CONNECTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

For the wonder and love of our young people, we give You thanks, O God. Help us to remain open to what they teach us and faithful in what we share with them. Together, let us become the church you have in mind. Amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION[±]

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-14
Holy Wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon All are Welcome. No Exceptions. Rev. Zach Sasser
Summer Sermon Series: Family Values, Week 2

Responding to God's Word and Call

***HYMN 513 Let Us Break Bread Together**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from FPC Values)**

As followers of the way of Jesus, we believe that God's love is for everyone and that Christ's ministry of proclamation is our ministry of proclamation.

Through God's love, we welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.

We serve God by serving our neighbors.

We affirm that everyone has been formed in the image of God, who creates; therefore, we create in partnership with God.

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, regardless of economic circumstances, faith background, racial or ethnic identity, immigration status, sexual orientation or gender identity, or political party affiliation.

God's radically inclusive and transformative love is for everyone.

With love and grace, we are called to grow together as a voice for justice

and peace, each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION WITH SESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS^{† †}

We notice gift economies—libraries, potlucks, “buy nothing” groups, the abundance of a blackberry bush— alongside the market economy. Come, beloveds, see how the generosity of the earth lives even amidst systems of greed and withholding. Let us gather our resources, that they may be shared.

OFFERTORY MUSIC	Prelude on <i>Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness</i>	J. G. Walther
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*DOXOLOGY(Hymn 591)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC	Communion	César Franck
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PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN 514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION^{‡ ‡}

Go forth practicing radical hospitality— weaving your care into your community even when it's inconvenient, even when it's fumbling and imperfect, for this is the work compassion asks of us. And, hallelujah, we are not alone— we are held in a web of love.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: Our liturgy comes from various resources including ^{‡ ‡}*Enfleshed.com*, and *The* [‡]*Presbyterian Outlook Magazine*, though some edits have been made to suite our context. Our Affirmation of Faith is based on the core values of our congregation, but we hope that all may come to see that they reflect the faith we share with all who proclaim to follow Jesus.