



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Worship works from the top down, you might say. In worship we don't just come to show God our devotion and give him our praise; we are called to worship because in this encounter God (re)makes and molds us top-down. Worship is the arena in which God recalibrates our hearts, reforms our desires, and rehabilitates our loves. Worship isn't just something we do; it is where God does something to us. Worship is the heart of discipleship because it is the gymnasium in which God retrains our hearts.

James K.A. Smith

# The Lord's Day — May 20, 2018 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## Our God

Tomlin

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind

There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise

There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God You are higher than any other*

*Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God...*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise

There's no one like You, none like You.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us

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## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 68

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

**People: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity.**

Pastor: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people!

**People: Blessed be God!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 112

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Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**Reading of the Word: *"in all circumstances"*****1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**O Lord, we cling to that trustworthy saying:**

**"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."**

**Forgive us, Lord, for not admitting the depth of our sin and corruption,  
our pride, our selfishness, our lusts, our vanity,  
and our continual excusing of our sinful choices.**

**And forgive us, Lord, for not believing in the depth of your love for us;  
love that sent you to the cross to suffer and die in the place of sinners.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for not resting in the assurance of your forgiveness.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in the promises of your eternal Word.**

**O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create in us enduring faith in your salvation**

*...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!*

## **The Gospel According to Colossians**

**Colossians 1:19-23**

In [the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **Lead Me To The Cross**

**Fraser**

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,  
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human  
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Mike McMahan**

## **His Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Sermon<sup>2</sup>**

**Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

**VII. "Thanks be to God!"**

**Psalms 136 (page 520)**

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<sup>2</sup> 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 173.

## **We Respond By Confessing Our Faith:**

**I believe in one body, one Spirit, and one hope; I believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.**

**Great is the mystery of godliness! He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.**

**I believe that Christ will come again and restore all that was broken by our fall, and until that day dawns guide and keep me and his church by his grace and for his glory. Amen!**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

*(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)*

### **Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)**

**Rice**

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;

O raise your head, for Love is passing by.

Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away;

And precious blood has washed away the stain.

So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl;

Remember when you walk, sometimes we fall.

So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain;

So if your sky is dark and pours the rain,

Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

And when the love spills over, and music fills the night,

And when you can't contain your joy inside;

Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye;

They go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side.

And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live! *(repeat)*

**Benediction<sup>3</sup>**

**Romans 11:33,36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**Song of Faith**

**We Are the Body of Christ**

**Hampton**

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,  
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 6:30pm</b> Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)
<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice	

<sup>3</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God’s assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

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## DPC Announcements

**I want to say thank you for the generous gifts and donations I received from my church family. And to all of you who came to move me out of the Refuge of Grace home into my own apartment last Saturday morning. Your kindness and hard work meant so much to me. Your continued love, support and prayers are so important to me and my daughter Emma. I am so amazed at all that God is and continues to do in my life. You are such a blessing! Thank you all again. Shelly Burns**

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 1 Timothy, Joel, Titus, & Ruth. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Midweek Ministries:** Will resume in September.

**Inquirers' Class:** So what is a "reformed church"? And what's it like to be a member at DPC? Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am (April 22 - June 03), we are having conversations about just these kinds of questions!

**Graduation Sunday:** There will be a reception honoring our 2018 graduates immediately following worship service today, May 20. Our 2018 High School graduates are Calli Lee, Sally Ann Missildine, Garrett Sexton, and Seth Thompson. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

**Youth Memorial Day Weekend Swim Party:** Join us Noon to 4 pm this Saturday, May 26th at the Suggs' home, 721 Ferry St. Decatur. All middle school/high school youth and their families are invited! Celebrating a visit from our friends the Mulligans, we'll be grilling the burgers and dogs, but please bring a side dish, chips, desserts, or drinks  
\*Modest swim attire only, please!

**VBS:** Get ready to launch into hyperdrive at TimeLab VBS! Online registration is open NOW! Register your student Time Traveler(s) at: <https://decaturpresvbs.myanswers.com/timelab/> June 18-22, M-F, 9:00-12:00pm Rising K4-6th grade. Don't forget to order your Time Traveler a t-shirt for \$12.99. T-shirts will be mailed directly to you!

**Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates!** Jacob Carpenter-University of Mobile, Lee Godwin-Auburn, David Quinn-Auburn, Matthew Sasser-Auburn, Mollie Schmidt-Mississippi State, Emily Smith-Auburn, and Jackson Walraven-Auburn.

**Sermon Outline Notes:** for adults and children are available on the back table.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

**"2 Peter"** - Join us as we study 2 Peter. Peter's second letter takes as its theme "the knowledge of God." It is written to provide direction to all who come after the apostolic age. The apostles knew that after their death the gospel message they preached would be challenged by many and discarded by some. This letter is meant to remind readers across the ages that the content of the apostles' message, as put forward in the preaching of Peter, reveals what it truly means to "know God." The class meets down and across the hall from the church office.

**Foundations of the Faith:** Join us as we study the book of James, where we learn how faith responds to difficult circumstances. This is the believer's daily walk. This class, led by Stuart Smith, meets in the Parlor (in the children/youth wing) and is open to everyone.

**Young Adult Class:** The Young Adult class, led by Nathan White, is going through a series on the Apostles' Creed, one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith joyfully professed by Christians from multiple traditions. Join us in the choir room, down the back hallway from the sanctuary as we spend one week studying each of the twelve articles of the creed.

**Sedona Class:** Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Acts. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn

Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

## Diaconate

James Fudge  
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John Lyons  
Scott Missildine  
Bill Nelson

Steve Sasser  
Sam Thompson  
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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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