



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

He who died on the cross [and rose again] knows by name the most distant star.... guides it such that it will serve the interests of His people... for order, not confusion. He is Lord over creation and redemption, ruling & overruling evil for good that neither automation nor bomb nor political menace nor depression nor economic unbalance nor fatal accident nor any other circumstance will ever succeed in separating us from His love and purpose.

William Hendriksen

The resurrection of Jesus doesn't leave us passive, helpless spectators... We find ourselves lifted up, set on our feet, given new breath in our lungs and commissioned to go and make a new creation happen in the world.

N. T. Wright

God has spoken to us by his Son...heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

Hebrews 1:2-3

The Lord's Day — June 17, 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 Assembly¹

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever, our hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7, 9

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

All: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 116

Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father's World

Babcock

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

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This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Reading of the Word: *Missing the Bigger Picture*

from Isaiah 44:24 – 45:11

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be inhabited,’ and of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins’; who says to the deep, ‘Be dry; I will dry up your rivers’; who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose’; saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’” Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations... to open doors before him.... that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel,... For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things. “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’? Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’ or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’” Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: “Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands?”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from The Valley of Vision

O Lord, not a day has passed that has not proved me guilty in thy sight: prayers from a prayerless heart; praise as a praiseless sound; my best services but filthy rags. But even as my sins rise to heaven, the merits of the blessed Jesus soar above them. I appeal now from the throne of perfect justice to thy throne of boundless grace. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness; keep me always clinging to thy cross; flood me every moment with descending grace. ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to 2 Timothy

2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful- for he cannot deny himself.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me,
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, My life He bought, my love He owns,
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings,
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.
His face forever to behold. I will glory in my Redeemer

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Rick Stark

"Risen Over Your Past"
Colossians 1:15-17 (page 983)

We Respond

Beautiful Savior

Townend

All my days I will sing the song of gladness, give my praise to the fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, you heard my cry, and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer. I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed. Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, you're the risen one, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all.*

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.)

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

He Knows My Name

Walker

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hands

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call*

I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go

Benediction³

from Numbers 6: 24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
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The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer

This Week

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

³ 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.

DPC Announcements

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at 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

Special Need! Do you have a wheelchair to donate? Sylvia Martinez's ministry in the Dominican Republic is in need of several wheelchairs. If you have one that you could donate please contact Scott Missildine or Wade Littrell.

Midweek Ministries: Will resume in September.

Summer Book Study! Moms of little ones, join us for a Girls' Night Out as we discuss *The Ministry of Motherhood: Following Christ's Example in Reaching the Hearts of Our Children*, by Sally Clarkson. We meet every two weeks on Tuesdays (June 26, July 10 & 24) at 7 pm at the McMahan's home (507 Oak Street). Feel free to invite friends for a relaxing and encouraging evening. See Melissa for more details (256-566-8885, mkwcmcmahan@msn.com)

VBS: Join us this week, June 18-22, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Rising K4-6th grade. Get ready to launch into hyperdrive at TimeLab VBS! Registration is still open at: <https://decaturpresvbs.myanswers.com/timelab/>.

Fourth of July Party: Dale & Natalie Cook invite the whole church to their home (2525 Poovey Rd.) for an Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 30th, at 5:00 pm. The Cooks are providing BBQ, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish with you (salad, dessert, dip, etc.). Food, Fun, & Fireworks!

Scleroderma Research Foundation Fundraiser: Kristi Thurman has raised almost \$1,500 for the underfunded Scleroderma Research Foundation! June is their month to raise awareness for the need to find a cure for this debilitating autoimmune disorder. Kristi has partnered with Entrusted Tees, who have created T-shirts in all sizes. They are heather gray with teal writing: "I Support the Warriors of Scleroderma." They are being sold for \$15 each (\$17 for plus sizes). If ordering a T-shirt, please write the desired size on the memo line of your check. **There are only 20 T-shirts left, so please order now if you would like to!** Checks for T-shirts, as well as for donations, can be written out to "Scleroderma Research Foundation" and given to either Annah Joseph or Tonya Roth. **Donations will continue to be accepted throughout the month of June.** ALL proceeds are tax-deductible and will go directly to the foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 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

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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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