



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—

this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Day — June 24, 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

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Getty

How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained, life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide.

He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Isaiah 1:18 & Psalm 32:1

Pastor: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 117

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Hymn of Praise

Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Reading of the Word: *"Longing for His Renewed Presence"*

Isaiah 64:1-12

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil- to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to Titus

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Holy Is the Lord, God Almighty

Tomlin

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!
The earth is filled with His glory!

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour, I know for sure,
All of my days are held in your hands, crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself, lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Sermon²

Pastor Rick Stark

"Risen Over Your Present"
Colossians 1:18-20 (page 983)

We Respond

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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 Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

Benediction³

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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

PRAY FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, as they travel to RYM conference this week.

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, mkwmcmahan@msn.com)

Fourth of July Party: Dale & Natalie Cook invite the whole church to their home (2525 Poovey Rd.) for an Independence Day Celebration this 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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John Lyons
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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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