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Bold shall I stand in that great day, for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am, from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice; now bid Thy ransomed ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf,
translated by John Wesley

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!
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Edward Mote

The Lord's Day — July 15, 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

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

We will stand...

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Carol Godwin

Responsive Call to Worship

from Isaiah 46:3 & Psalm 24:5; 95:6

Pastor: Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, and carried from the womb.

People: We have received blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation!

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:9-16

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On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

Reading of the Word: *The Beautiful First Half Of The Story*

Luke 15:11-24

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to James

James 2:1,23

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.... and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I'm Singing

Tomlin/Cash/Jobe

Only one name lasts forever, only one fame stands alone
Only one king has an anthem, that goes on and on and on
*And I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations
Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise
And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation
To the One who covers me in grace I'm singing*
Only one word in the beginning, only one truth will prevail
Only one love brings you freedom, only one Man took the nails
Praise, praise to the Savior. Praise, to the Lamb Of God
Praise, in all of His splendor. Praise, for saving my life.
*And I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations
Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise
And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation
To the One who covers me in grace, to the One who covers me in grace
I'm singing, I'm singing, I'm singing, I'm singing*

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.
I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.
I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

X. Assurance of Pardon: Courtroom Drama

Zechariah 3:1-5 (page 794)

The Lord Adds to His Church

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The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Miner

Elder Chip Walraven

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 132.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Wesley

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
even then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me
for me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Benediction³

from Ephesians 3:17-19

May Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Song of Faith

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.
Unending love, amazing grace.

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 Titus, Ruth, 2 Timothy, & Obadiah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: Will resume in September.

“JOY”- Empty Nesters Luncheon: Our next luncheon will be Sunday, July 15 at the church after worship. Bring a dish to share for a time of food and fellowship. If you have questions see Nancy Waldron, Susan Brooks or Barbara Brownlee.

Youth Movie & Pizza Night: Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 pm, bring a friend! *"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."* -Yogi Berra

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. Our last meeting will be on Tuesday July 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, mkwmcMahon@msn.com)

Women's Bible Study: This fall, the Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 beginning September 11. It will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare provided. *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)*, by Jen Wilkin. Available in the DPC Book Nook!

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

New Class Starting! Join us as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. Written in 1646, it is a study of the doctrinal foundation of the Presbyterian Church. We will discuss the daily spiritual implications of good theology. Taught by Kent Quinn, Mike McMahon, Blake Temple and Scott Mayo. 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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