



Every good thing we could think or desire is to be found in this same Jesus Christ alone.

For, He was sold, to buy us back; captive, to deliver us; condemned, to absolve us;
He was made a curse for our blessing; sin offering for our righteousness; marred that we may be made fair;

He died for our life; so that by him fury is made gentle,
wrath appeased, darkness turned into light, fear reassured,
despisal despised, debt canceled,
labor lightened, sadness made merry,
misfortune made fortunate, difficulty easy,
disorder ordered, division united,
ignominy ennobled, rebellion subjected,
intimidation intimidated, ambush uncovered,
assaults assailed, force forced back,
combat combated, war warred against,
vengeance avenged, torment tormented,
damnation damned, the abyss sunk into the abyss,
hell transfixed, death dead, mortality made immortal.

In short, mercy has swallowed up all misery, and goodness all misfortune.
For all these things which were to be the weapons of the devil in his battle against us,
and the sting of death to pierce us,
are turned for us into exercises which we can turn to our profit.

If we are able to boast with the Apostle, saying,
"O hell, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?,"
it is because by the Spirit of Christ, we live no longer, by Christ lives in us.

John Calvin

The Lord's Day — July 22, 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

The Gospel Is True

Hampton

We have a hope that is living and love that never will end.
We have a God who's forgiven us while we were yet in sin.

We have a grace that's amazing; a free gift to know Him by faith,
To live for His praise and long for the day, when we see Him face to face.

*Thank you, Jesus, Oh how we worship You.
Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, the gospel is true.
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.*

We have been crucified with Him, buried and risen to life.
Now justified, soon glorified, we shall be made like Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 29:11; 63:4

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

People: **We will bless you as long as we live; in your name we will lift up our hands!**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:17-24

Hymn of Praise

God of Our Fathers

Roberts

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand, Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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Reading of the Word: *Fellow Heirs With Christ*

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to 1 Peter

1 Peter 2:6; 3:18

It stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You?
Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do.
Who could ever be more faithful, true?
I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.

Living Water, rain down Your life on me,
Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly.
River full of life, I'll go where You lead.
And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

*There is a fountain who is the King,
Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything.
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,
Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!*

The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear
*I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me
You will never leave me (2x)*

In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You
Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear
You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own
You're my strength, You're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials
You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Greg Smith

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength: Love the Lord your God
XI. Assurance of Pardon: Something Not Based On The Law
Galatians 4:1-7 (page 974)

Pastor Tommy Lee

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love, At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul, I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness,
My value fixed - my ransom paid, At the cross.

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.)

Through the Door

Cottrell

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.

And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see."

The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace,

Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"

And we dance in the light of Your love,

And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.

Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.

Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight.

Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider;

Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)

This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Benediction³
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen

from Ephesians 3:20-21

Song of Faith

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
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.

Newton/Tomlin

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

Midweek Ministries: Will resume September 5.

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 this 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, mkwmmcmahan@msn.com)

Youth B*A*S*H* Event

On Tuesday, July 31st from 8:00 AM to Noon, our students will have the opportunity to help paint and set up classrooms at Oak Park Elementary (formerly Oak Park Middle School, 1218 16th Ave SE, Decatur, AL 35601). This is a great opportunity for our students to serve our community. We hope to see you there!

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!

Kitchen Reminder

In order to allow Jean Nelson, our wonderful cleaning lady, to worship at her church, she no longer comes to the church to clean on Sunday evenings. Jean comes on Monday, Thursday (when we have Wednesday Night Ministries), and on Friday to tidy up for Sunday. If you have a special event, or are in charge of a Wednesday Night meal, please make sure that the food garbage is taken to the dumpster and crumbs are swept up. Also, please make sure someone from your group takes any soiled dishrags and aprons home to wash so they will be clean and ready for the next event, and that the ovens are wiped out if something has spilled. If tablecloths are used, they will need to be taken to the cleaners. Your diligence in this will cut down on the roach and ant problem that we have been having lately.

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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