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They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring, Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

Christ shall have dominion, Over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions, Shall his empire be;

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show; Yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
He will surely save them from oppression's might, For their lives are precious in his holy sight.

Ever and for ever shall his Name endure, Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
And in him for ever all men shall be blest, And all nations hail him King of kings confessed.

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings; He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name, His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

Sir Arthur S. Sullivan

based upon Psalm 72:8-14, 17-19

may be sung to the tune best known for *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

To enjoy other hymns based upon Psalm 72, see:

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor

The Lord's Day — July 29, 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

O Church, Arise

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1,3; 66:8

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us!

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:25-32

Hymn of Praise

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Cory

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You: We bless Your holy Name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been.
When perils o'er take us, escape You will make us, And with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, To You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us; To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

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Reading of the Word: "Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said..." Genesis 18:16-33

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel According to 2 Peter

2 Peter 1:2-4

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small, I will call Your name, great God who saves.
And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

Through the Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize
When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely
All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely
Through the precious blood. Through the precious blood.

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

XII. Prayers of Supplication

Psalm 72 (page 485)

We Respond: Prayers Of The People

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

All: Save and defend your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our missionaries:

All: Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten the coming of the fullness of the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

All: O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Alabama, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

All: God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you....Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care. 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.)

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

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Benediction³

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers [and sisters], and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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

Thank You Church Family!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 118:1

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the love poured out through the body of Christ. We are humbled and thankful for the many ways you have loved us..... through prayers, cards, many delicious meals, texts, flowers, words of encouragement, and visits. The Lord is an ever-present help and his kindness has been shown through YOU! This journey has and is showing us that when we share burdens and walk with each other through the valley, the load is much lighter. What a testimony to God's love and faithfulness! To God be the Glory for this gift of His blessings that you have so graciously lavished on us.

"The Lord gives strength to this people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." Psalm 29:11

With Grateful hearts, Margie and Skip

Thank You!

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank you for the outpouring of love you have expressed to us during the hospitalization and passing of Dennis' mother. We are truly overwhelmed by your kind words, visits, food, encouragement, and service to us. You have been the aroma of Christ to us and to our extended family. The Lord has comforted us through you. We are so very grateful to you all and to God for the gift of you to us.

By His Grace, Dennis, Renee and Jonah Little

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 2 Timothy, Obadiah, John, & 1 Samuel. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Youth B*A*S*H* Event

This 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!

Frontline Prayer: Join us Sunday night, August 12, at the church, at 6:00 pm for our monthly prayer meeting.
"[Prayer] gives us relief from the melancholy burden of self-absorption." - Tim Keller

Ladies JOY Summer Breakfast: Tuesday, August 14th at 8:45, in the cafe area, cost is \$5.00. Please bring along a picture from a special, happy time in your life to share with the group if you want. We will have a delicious homemade breakfast, and great time of fellowship. RSVP to tonya@decaturpca.org by August 10th. Any questions please call Edythe Truog at 407-925-6476. Feel free to invite a friend!

Midweek Ministries: Will resume September 5.

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.

DPC College Student Board

The DPC College Student Board has been updated (thank you, Teresa Quinn!) with new additions! Come see it, in the hallway off the hallway where you find the church office. Please pray for our students, as they face new and sometimes daunting challenges.

"Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart" (Psalm 119).

Session

George Godwin
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Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn

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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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