



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

I have never heard anybody say, "One day I realized there was no God, no one behind reality, no life after death. I realized existence is a meaningless accident, begun by chance and destined for oblivion, and it changed my life. I used to be addicted to alcohol, but now the 'law of natural selection' has set me free. I used to be greedy, but now the story of the Big Bang has made me generous. I used to be afraid, but now random chance has made me brave."

I have never heard the story of an accidental, meaningless universe changing a life like that.

Now, I have heard people say they were oppressed by the form of faith they followed
and felt a sense of liberation when they didn't believe it was true anymore.

But I have never seen anyone receive the power to live the kind of life and become the kind
of person he or she wants to be by hearing that there is no story behind the universe.

I have never heard anyone say, "Now I have found a meaningful existence from a meaningless reality."

John Ortberg

The Lord's Day — September 2, 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

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face:
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return oh God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips oh Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.
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Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

from the Cohees, in Taiwan

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1,4

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple!**

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Hymn of Praise

For All the Saints

How

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reading of the Word: "let us go up to the mountain of the Lord"

Isaiah 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a joyful spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Peace with God

Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*

My strength is in Your Name for You alone can save, You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear

Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand, I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful (2x), You are Faithful*

The God of angel armies is always by my side

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

*Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.*

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

His Tithes & Our Offerings

We Respond

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Mote

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, 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.

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.)

Speak O Lord

Getty, Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

Benediction³
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

from 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

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Cash, Cash & Tomlin

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am <i>(begins Sept 11)</i> Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Joshua)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am <i>(begins Sept 11)</i> Ladies Bible Study @ DPC <i>(None Like Him)</i>	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday @ Noon <i>(begins Sept 11)</i> Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Romans)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Adult Open Door Study (Prayer)
Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 5:00pm Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid’s Quest 1 st - 2 nd Grade / Kid’s Quest 3 rd - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 5 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

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

New Kitchen Coordinator! Elena Suggs has been asked by the Deacons to coordinate the stewardship of our kitchen, its equipment, and all our beautiful volunteers during the various church events (*along with her delicious meals on Wednesday nights*)

NextGeneration Parent Meeting: Today, September 2, immediately following worship in the Parlor.

Midweek Ministries: Wednesday nights begin this Wednesday 5:30-7:30. Enjoy a cooked or catered meal (\$5/per or \$20/family) and then plug into a variety of fellowship & growth opportunities: Children's, Youth, Choir, Life Groups, Open Door Study.

Life Groups! Wednesday nights beginning this Wednesday, adult small groups will meet together, If you're not in a LG and want to be or are interested in leading one, please contact Rick Stark.

Youth Group: Wednesday, Sept. 5, 5:30 pm meal, 6:00 pm start. Friends, Games, Worship, #theology, I AM's, Food, Fun. Invite a friend!

Iron Man Night! Friday, September 7 @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Dale Cook's Iron Man Lodge, 2525 Poovey Road SE. *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," Prov.27:1*

Ladies Painting Party! This Sat., Sept. 8, 9:30-12:00 in the Cafe area. Artist Tracy McCann will help us complete an 11x14 fall pumpkin painting on canvas. The cost is \$10. (WOG can help cover your \$10 please let Elizabeth Lee know). RSVP to Sarah Crupi and pay (cash or check made out to DPC) no later than Wed., Sept. 5th. 404-748-0125.

RUF at UAH is requesting our help for snacks. There will be a box on the desk in the gathering room for you to drop off any snacks by next Sunday, Sept 9th. If you would like to donate money instead. please give it to Elizabeth Lee.

NEW Ladies Sunday School Class: Beginning next Sunday, September 9, we will be studying Galatians in the Library at 9:30 am. This will be a discussion based Bible study, facilitated by Barbara Brownlee, Elizabeth Lee, Julie Missildine and Holly Vinson. Open to all ladies, please join us!

"JOY"- Empty Nesters Luncheon: Our next luncheon will be next Sunday, Sept. 9, 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.

Frontline Prayer: "Jack Miller... said you never see any gospel movement without prayer that is 'kingdom-centered, extraordinary, united and prevailing.'" — Tim Keller, from his article, *Gospel Movement: The Role of Prayer*. Frontline Prayer meets next Sunday night, Sept. 9, 6:00 pm, at the Lees' home (2422 Jarvis St. SW). Come join us!

Women's Bible Study: This fall, the Women's Bible Study will meet on Tues. 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!

Table Bridal Shower: We are having a table bridal shower for Joy Cowley & Brain Hubbard on Sun., Sept. 16 to celebrate their new life together. They are registered at Target. See Elizabeth Lee or Margie Thompson with questions.

Parenting in the 21st Century: All parents of youth are invited to the Lee home (2422 Jarvis St. SW) Sun., Sept. 23, 7:00 pm, for discussion about one of the most significant callings in the world. See Tommy with any questions.

18-25 Year Olds: There is an amazing conference happening in January with the hopes of seeing a new generation live for the most loving cause in the universe: bringing people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into the everlasting joy of knowing and worshipping Jesus. Check it out at www.crossforthenations.org. See Tommy!

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

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

“Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise,
and apply your heart to my knowledge,
for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,
if all of them are ready on your lips.
That your trust may be in the Lord,
I have made them known to you today, even to you.”

Proverbs 22:17-19

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of September, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as the book of Proverbs says of God's Words above, you'll find it "pleasant to keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips."

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.