



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

One who is truly human and also truly God.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #21

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

The Lord's Day — May 26, 2019 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

Father, Long Before Creation

Barnes

Father, long before creation, Thou had'st chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Carrie Hill

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1,2

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 144

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O worship the King all glorious above,
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
 Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Reading of the Word: *Does the Father love the Son?*

selected verses

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.".... And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him.".... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.... The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.... For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.... Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.... He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, to real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; grant us grace and open us to a future in which we will grow more and more in your likeness and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gift of God

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings;
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Savior
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 Jeff Keith

His Tithes & Our Offerings

XV. One Word: "Abide."

John 15:9-11 (page 902)

We Respond

Trust and Obey

Towner

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

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.)

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.

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

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

Romans 15:5,6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*Mansfield's Book of Manly Men*)

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 1 Corinthians, Proverbs, Ezekiel, and 2 Corinthians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

Advice for Seekers: This little booklet, with 14 short articles by Charles Spurgeon, is available for \$1.00 at the Book Nook in the gathering area. Pick one up for you or a friend!

Youth Memorial Day Pool Party: The Suggs have graciously offered to host a swim party at their home (721 Ferry St. NE) for all middle school and high school students on Memorial Day, tomorrow, Monday, May 27th at noon. Meat will be provided, but please bring a side dish, chips, or a drink. We hope your kids can make it!

RYM Parents Information Meeting: Parents of students attending both the middle school & the high school RYM conferences this summer, join us on Sunday, June 9th. We will meet in the Youth Room immediately after worship service. You should have received medical release forms in the mail, and we'll have some available at the meeting.

Youth Group American Gospel Viewing: Saturday, July 27th, we'll be viewing the documentary American Gospel and discussing it afterward. Please note that in the newsletter that went out, this was originally planned for June 8th, but we had to reschedule. We'll meet in the youth room at 1:00. We'll have some snacks, but eat lunch before you come. We hope to see you there!

Look What Greg Poole Has Written!

Greg Poole, former pastor of DPC, has written a book! *"A Good Confession: Daily Reflections on the Westminster Catechism"* offers daily devotionals based on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, demonstrating the significance of the catechism in modern life. The devotionals are designed for families, small groups, or entire congregations. Copies will be available at this summer's PCA General Assembly. Let Tommy know if you'd like him to pick one up for you!

19 Students Left! We've had a great response to the **"Pray for a Student"** initiative, but we still have 19 students left. Please contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle school or high school student for whom you will commit to pray at least 3 times a week, until May of 2020. See Tommy with any questions.

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



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, 2019

As a reminder of the courage and readiness to sacrifice oneself for others that we honor on Memorial Day, reflect upon this partial description of the actions of a Medal of Honor recipient, as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom...

"On December 8, 2012, Chief Edward C. Byers Jr., completely aware of the imminent threat, fearlessly rushed into the room and engaged an enemy guard aiming an AK-47 at him. He then tackled another adult male who had darted towards the corner of the room. During the ensuing hand-to-hand struggle, Chief Byers confirmed the man was not the hostage and engaged him. As other rescue team members called out to the hostage, Chief Byers heard a voice respond in English and raced toward it. He jumped atop the American hostage and shielded him from the high volume of fire within the small room. While covering the hostage with his body, Chief Byers immobilized another guard with his bare hands, and restrained the guard until a teammate could eliminate him. His bold and decisive actions under fire saved the lives of the hostage and several of his teammates. By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of near certain death, Chief Petty Officer Byers reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."