



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #35

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Titus 3:4-6

The Lord's Day — September 1, 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4a

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

People: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the Lord,

People: And greatly to be praised!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 8

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Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

Hine

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro' out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Reading of the Word: *The Word of Truth*

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.... continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 51

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble; glorying in our own righteousness, we reject you; and turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives; and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne, my Surety stands, Before the throne, my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise! Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fear and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father" cry.

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands, Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, How great is our God

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1)

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXIII. Our Spirit-Declared Truth

John 16:12-15 (page 902)

We Respond

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

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.)

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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

Benediction³

1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Song of Faith

Jesus, Only Jesus

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

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (1 Corinthians) <i>resumes September 10</i>	Tuesday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark) <i>resumes September 3</i>
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation) <i>resumes September 10</i>	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul’s Letters to the Thessalonians)
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Revelation) <i>resumes September 10</i>	

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.

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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 Ezekiel, 2 Corinthians, Song of Songs, and Hebrews. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

"Welcome To DPC!" Kick-off Lunch: A special catered lunch for all our visitors and new friends of DPC will be immediately following worship, next Sunday September 8th. Please RSVP with pastor Rick Stark (334.728.1409) or Tonya (in the church office, 256.351.6010).

Frontline Prayer: Join us for Frontline Prayer next Sunday night, September 8th, 6:00 at DPC. We will be praying for the class of 2022. If you have agreed to pray for someone in that class, please join us! *"This, then, is the prayer of faith: to ask God to accomplish what He has promised in His Word. That promise is the only ground for our confidence in asking."* - Sinclair Ferguson

Women's Bible Study: will meet on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00, beginning September 10. The study will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare is provided. We will study the book of Revelation, guided by *Revelation: Let the One Who is Thirsty Come*, by Sarah Ivill. Please join us! Books are in the Book Nook for \$11.

Visitors, New Friends of DPC: Come join the *"Welcome To DPC!"* class beginning September 15, 9:30 – 10:30 in Youth Room #2. We will be learning together about the *church*, the *gospel*, the *reformed tradition*, and being a *member* of Decatur Presbyterian Church.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be Sunday, September 15, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

BIGGER & BETTER: Youth Group, we meet in the Youth Room for a BIGGER & BETTER on Sunday, September 15, at 5:30pm. Bring a friend!

Silent Auction: We'll have another silent auction at the Fall Bonfire this year to help fund RYM for our students. This has been an incredibly successful fundraiser over the last two years and we hope it will be again, but we can't do it without your support! There are two ways that you can help. Obviously, we would love for you to come and bid on items at the auction, but we also need people to donate items! If you're interested in making a donation or have any questions, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org.

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

Google these words to read an amazing story:

"Chinese Christians memorize Bible in prison:
Gov't 'can't take what's hidden in your heart'"

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 story suggested above suggests, that's just one thing we could learn from the underground church in China.

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.