



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that,
for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

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And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know
that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

1 John 5:14-15

The Lord's Day — September 29, 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

Here I am to Worship

Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

*Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth You created. All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2, 5

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 12

Hymn of Praise

Facing a Task Unfinished

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Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known
Where other lords beside Thee, Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee, Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying, For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying, And pass into the night

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*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers

Reading of the Word: "*his treasured possession*"

Deuteronomy 7:6-10

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from The Valley of Vision

O Lord, every day I am proven guilty in Your sight: a prayer-less heart; praise-less sounds; feigned compassion and best services as filthy rags. But even as my sins rise to heaven, the merits of the blessed Jesus soar above them. I appeal now from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness; keep me always clinging to the Cross; flood me every moment with descending grace that I too might freely offer grace and mercy to others ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lord Most High

Harris/Sadler

From the ends of the earth (Echo), From the depths of the sea (Echo)
From the heights of the heavens (Echo), Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak (Echo), From the shouts of the strong (Echo)
From the lips of all people (Echo), This song we raise Lord
Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High be magnified

Praise God

Ken/Watts/Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.
Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.
From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.
Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.
Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.
In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.

Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)

Doerksen

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.
*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy set apart for You Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

Singing to the Lord

The Lord of Hosts

Worship Choir

Who gives the sun for the light and hangs the moon for the night? The Lord of Hosts is His name.
Who laid the valleys so wide and raised the mountains so high? The Lord of Hosts is His name.
We come to worship. We come to praise! We lift Him up! Lift Him up higher and higher, There is no other God.
We lift Him up! Reigning with goodness and power, He's our Strong Tower, God.
And the Lord of Hosts, the Lord of Hosts is His name!
Who calls His mercy to rise, who speaks the dead unto life? The Lord of Hosts is His name.
His power breaks every chain, we will forever proclaim, "The Lord of Hosts is His name."
Let all creation give Him glory. Let all people give Him praise!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Laying Hold Of That For Which We Were Laid Hold Of 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15 (page 989)

We Respond By Receiving New Members

The Lord Adds to His Church

Nikki Barlow, Sandi Curtis, & Micah Lewter

To read more about our new members, see page 7.

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as become followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for New Members

Elder Chip Walraven

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.

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

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

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (Revelation)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (Revelation)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Gospel of Mark)

Wednesday 5:00pm

Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

5 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Adult Open Door Study

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid's Quest

1st - 2nd Grade / Kid's Quest

3rd - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians)

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

My heart is full of thank-you's for the prayers, calls, and also the meals for Phil & Katrina. Your generosity is appreciated. I am home and have a long path to a full recovery, and I know your prayers are with me. Thank you, Karen Olin

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: Join us each Wednesday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ DPC. Come enjoy a cooked or catered meal (\$5/person or \$20/family) and then plug into a variety of fellowship & growth opportunities: Children, Youth, Choir, Life Groups, Open Door Study.

Senior High Students: This Wednesday October 2, we are meeting at the Lees' home (2422 Jarvis St. SW) for a dinner of greatness and Bible Study. Come on by anytime around 5:30pm. Invite a friend!

Sanctity of Life: Biological Perspectives: Next Sunday, October 6, DPC will host a special corporate Sunday School class, starting at 9:30. Please be on time! Agnes Ortega, Cameron Sheeler, and Tommy Lee will present.

Happy Anniversary! Tommy and Elizabeth Lee and their family are celebrating their ten year anniversary with the Church. We want to celebrate this special anniversary and show Tommy and his family our love and appreciation. Join us at a reception in their honor next Sunday, October 6th immediately following the worship service.

Senior High Students: we're meeting in the Youth Room for pizza & a movie, next Sunday, October 6, at 6:00pm. But this isn't a fun movie. It's about a very serious issue... an issue about which Christians must be strong. Come join us.

JOYLadies! You are invited to meet for brunch, Friday, October 11, @ 9:30am, at Whisk'D Cafe, 1051 Grant Street SE. No need to RSVP, just show up. If you need a ride, please contact Tonya at office@decaturpca.org

DPC/St. Peter's Fall Festival - October 30th, 5:30 – 8:00pm (218 Cedar Lake Rd. SW). There will be music, the annual Chili Cook-off, a bonfire, Trunk-or-Treat, games & hayrides. Lettttt's get ready to...R-U-M-B-L-E!!!!

DR School Book Drive: DPC Music Ministry has the joy of furnishing books in Spanish for the school library in the DR! See the display table in the gathering area and consider bringing in a favorite children's book in Spanish or donating, through the end of October.

Silent Auction: We are having another silent auction to help fund RYM for our students. This has been incredibly successful over the last two years and we hope it will be again, but we can't do it without your help! If you'd like to donate an item or have any questions, please email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org. Dates will be announced soon!

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



Gold Star Mothers Day



September 29, 2019

Today we honor all the mothers who have lost sons and daughters to the nation's cause for justice and freedom. All gave some; but in particular we honor one who gave all – Mrs. Alleta Sullivan (the Navy's version of the story, Saving Private Ryan).

The five Sullivan brothers, World War II sailors serving together on the USS Juneau, were killed in action with the sinking of the ship on November 13, 1942. These were the sons of Thomas (1883-1965) and Alleta Sullivan (1895-1972) of Waterloo, Iowa:

George Thomas Sullivan, 27 (12/14/1914), *Gunner's Mate Second Class* (George had been previously discharged in May 1941 as *Gunner's Mate Third Class*.)

Francis Henry "Frank" Sullivan, 26 (02/18/1916), *Coxswain* (Frank had been previously discharged in May 1941 as *Seaman First Class*.)

Joseph Eugene "Joe" Sullivan, 24 (09/28/1918), *Seaman Second Class*

Madison Abel "Matt" Sullivan, 23 (11/08/1919), *Seaman Second Class*

Albert Leo "Al" Sullivan, 20 (07/08/1922), *Seaman Second Class*

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you." - Deut.20:12*

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and
sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." - Heb.12:1*

Introduction of New Members

Nikki Barlow I was born a twin (sister) in California but grew up in the suburbs outside of Seattle. Raised in the Lutheran Church, at 17 I gave my life to Christ, praying to God to be my Father. God answered me, actually confirming the vision given in Revelation 4, striking me with awe, giving me a new love for the Scriptures and the ability to forgive my dad. Later, I moved to Montana with my dad, residing there for 15 years. I love to travel and have participated in missions in Mexico and West Africa (actually discovered I'm part Nigerian along with a Scotch-Irish ancestry). Currently, I work at WalMart and love at DPC!

Sandi Curtis Born in Mobile, AL as a "military brat," I later became a military wife and as a result, I have lived all over the U.S. and overseas. But it was in Grosse Pointe, MI that I raised our two children, and now I am a grandmother of seven grandchildren! In 2018, I retired as an O.R. Registered Nurse. Just this past June 2019, I moved to Decatur, AL in order to be nearer my son, daughter-in-law and four grandsons.