



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Alas for human sinfulness, that we only denounce what is unfamiliar, but with familiar things we tolerate them, although they may be great and cause the kingdom of heaven to be shut against them absolutely. It is for them that the Son of God shed his blood.

We come to tolerate them through frequent acquaintance with them,  
and through increased toleration we share in them.

Augustine

Repentance is as much a mark of a Christian as faith is.  
A very little sin, as the world calls it, is a very great sin to a true Christian.

Charles Spurgeon

# **The Lord's Day — March 22, 2020 A.D.**

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## **Instrumental Song of Assembly**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Report of the Living Church**

**Skip Thompson**

## **Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 91:1-2**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty! I will say to the Lord,  
“My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

## **Prayer of Adoration & Praise**

**based on Psalm 37**

## **Hymn of Praise**

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Bridges**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side;  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail, throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

## Reading of the Word: *An Eternal Perspective*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

## Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Compassion Hymn

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There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us  
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;  
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress  
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand  
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,  
Heard the sign of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace,  
You have shown us, O God of compassion!  
Each day we live, an offering of praise,  
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

## Surrender

Cottrell

No more running, no more hiding.  
No pretending I'm OK.  
No more struggling, no more fighting.  
Come and have Your way.

*I surrender, I bow down.  
I surrender, here and now.  
I am captured, Yours forever.  
I surrender, I bow down.*

You pursue me, You have found me.  
I fall helpless at Your feet.  
Your possession, I am conquered.  
Love has set me free.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

## Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

**3 Gifts in An Age of Covid-19**  
**Psalm 90** (page 496)

## We Respond

### Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

*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.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

## Benediction<sup>1</sup>

Deuteronomy 31:8

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Exodus, Galatians, Esther, and 1 Thessalonians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Midweek Ministries: Canceled.**

**DPC Bible Studies: Canceled**

but please take advantage of technology! Vimeo or Google Meetings or Zoom are excellent ways to connect.

**DPC Adoption Fund:** *"The church...must rise up and say, 'There are no inconvenient, unwanted children in this whole world...'"* Now, through The Adoption Fund, we have the opportunity to make our words tangible. All your financial gifts are welcome!

**Youth B\*A\*S\*H\*: Canceled.**

**Road Rally 2020: Canceled.**

**Youth Fundraising:** Due to the cancellations of the youth fundraising events, we are inviting everyone to consider giving directly (or online at DPC website). All the money raised goes to defraying the costs of the Summer RYM Conference.

**Good Friday Service:** April 10, 6:00 pm. *"...having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross."* (Westminster Larger Catechism, #49)

**NextGen Easter Egg Hunt on the Farm:** 2 yrs - Grade 5, Saturday, April 11, 10:00am - Noon @ the home of Mark Lowe & Amanda Littrell (200 McCleskey Private Drive, Hartselle). More information forthcoming.

**VBS:** Save the Date! Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! July 13-17, M-F, 9:00am-Noon, with the closing assembly being on Sunday, July 19. Rising K4-5th grade. If you would like to help out, please contact Debbie Smith or Sarah Minnon. More information coming...

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2020

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

**American Gospel:** The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. We are exploring how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, a god created in our own image.

**The Parlor Class:** This class, led by Stuart Smith & Nathan White meets in the parlor. We are studying the Nicene Creed, one of the earliest & most important expressions of our faith. We'd love for you to join us!

**Sedona Class:** Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Mark. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

**Ladies Sunday School Class:** We are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, open to all ladies, please join us!

**The WtDPC Class!** Led by Pastor Rick Stark, this is a warm fellowship and opportunity for all our guests and any interested in understanding the life, theology, and direction of DPC. Room 142 at the end of the Children's wing.

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers

Jason Seale  
Jay Suggs  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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