



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The mind is free only under the authority of truth,
and the will under the authority of righteousness.

John Stott

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31,32

The Lord's Day — May 24, 2020 A.D.

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

Song of Assembly¹

Beautiful Savior

Townend

All my days I will sing the song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer.
I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed.
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty,
Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, you're the risen one,
heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshippers, will share one song,
and cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 19:1,2a

Pastor: After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

People: **For his judgments are true and just!"**

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 46

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God is our Strength and Refuge, a Helper ever near,
While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear,
not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,
nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

A quiet stream refreshes the city of our God;
His throne stands unaffected while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob's Savior will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of hosts is with us; He is our fortress strong.

Behold God's glorious power; He makes all warfare cease.
Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.
"Be still!" cries heaven's Sovereign, "Be still, for I am God!"
All kingdoms, all creation will bow beneath My rod."

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping when waves obeyed His will.
And soon the same voice speaking will calm earth's rebel storm.
This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

Reading of the Word: *"the five books of Jesus"*

Matthew 7:28; 11.1; 13.53; 19.1; 26.1,2

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching.... When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.... And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there.... Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.... When Jesus had finished ALL these sayings, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and everlasting God, who made and orders all things in heaven and on earth, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought; we have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of your truth; taken vows we have not kept; and failed to love others as we ought. O God, forgive our sins. We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience, to the honor of your great name ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice on 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 fears 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, e 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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Far surpassing all the rest:
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend;
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

The Gospel Is True

Hampton

We have a hope that is living and love that never will end.
We have a God who's forgiven us while we were yet in sin.
We have a grace that's amazing; a free gift to know Him by faith,
To live for His praise and long for the day, when we see Him face to face.

*Thank you, Jesus, Oh how we worship You.
Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah, the gospel is true.
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.*

Sermon

Series: **Be Strong In The Lord** (Ephesians 6:10)
VII. The Way Of Truth In These Completely Precedented Times
Matthew 7:24-29 (page 812)

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Respond

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.)

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Benediction²

Psalm 103:17,18a

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

Hampton

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,

We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

² 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

Thank You: to everyone who sent in family pictures and answered the request for videos to share with the church family during the last several weeks! Your participation in those communications were a gift to all of us. *"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love"* (1 Corinthians 13:13).

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 Genesis, 1 John, Micah, and Acts . Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

DPC Adoption Fund: Your gifts are now welcome. *"In you the orphan finds mercy."* Hosea 14.3.

Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates! Jonathan Lee-UAH, Jack Missildine-Auburn, Caroline Stark-Auburn, Pierce Thompson-Auburn

Youth Group Live Stream: Nathan is conducting a live stream for the youth, at 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights. To find the channel, simply go to YouTube and search 'Decatur PCA Youth Ministry.' It should be the top result.

Pray for a Student: 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 for at least 3 times a week, until May of 2021. If you are currently praying for a student, and still want that same student, please let us know that too.

DPC Bible Studies via Zoom: All adult men are invited to participate in weekly Bible studies via Zoom (for now). Contact pastor Rick Stark if interested (256.351.6010, rick@decaturpca.org).

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

SPRING 2020

(Temporarily Suspended)

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
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Wade Littrell
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Service Times

9:15am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

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