



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Words—so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary,
how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.

Nathaniel Hawthorne

...we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The Apostle James

The Lord's Day — June 14, 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

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

Report of the Living Church

Sarah Minnon, Gemma Crupi, Lily Crupi,
Luke Minnon, Caroline Vinson, & Luke Vinson

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-4

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 49

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Reading of the Word: *we are known by our speech habits*

Colossians 3:7-14

In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

a prayer from Martin Luther

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised: "He who believes in me shall have eternal life." Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have said: "Be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. I will raise you up on the last day, and you will have eternal life." I cannot help myself by my own strength. I come to you for help ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come Ye Sinners

Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

All I Have Is Christ

Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ,

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me

O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose

And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling, All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly, In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph, Only through His power.

May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in everything.
That I may be calm to comfort, Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

Series: Be Strong In The Lord (Ephesians 6:10)
VIII. Practical Strength: Godly Speech
Proverbs 25:11 (page 547)

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.)

Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)

Rice

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;
O raise your head, for Love is passing by.
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!
Now your burden's lifted and carried far away;
And precious blood has washed away the stain.
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!
Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl;
Remember when you walk, sometimes we fall.
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!
Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain;
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain,
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!
And when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
And when you can't contain your joy inside;
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!
And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye;
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side.
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live! (repeat)

Benediction²

Psalm 33:13,14; 2 Chronicles 16:9

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth... For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.

Song of Faith

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever , He is a Friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

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

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.

Bridal Shower: Ladies, please join us to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Jonathan Lee to Anna Fassnacht at a bridal shower on Sunday, June 28th at 2:00 in the church Gathering Room. Anna is registered at Target and Amazon. See Margaret Fudge or Sarah Crupi with questions.

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.

VBS: Save the Date! Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! July 13-17, 6:00pm-8:30pm, M-F. Rising K4-6th grade. Registration table is in the Gathering area. VBS T-shirts \$10.00. VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please contact Sarah Minnon or Tara Thompson.

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).

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**