



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We confront the issue of racism now because of the urgent need to assess where we are as individuals and as a church body committed to putting into practice our Christian faith. As individual Christians we must exercise constant vigilance in the face of persistent and devious efforts of Satan, who seeks to make an agony of our common life in this world and ultimately to separate us from the reconciling love of God.

With utmost seriousness, we hear the apostles admonish us: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11); "Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Have we been faithful, we must ask ourselves, as those baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, in drowning "by daily contrition and repentance" also this wretched work of our old Adam so that the new man may "daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever"?

from *"Racism and the Church: Overcoming the Idolatry"*
a report of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
February, 1994

The Lord's Day — July 5, 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

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No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?

When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 148: 1b, 7a, 12-13

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the heavens!

People: Praise him in the heights!

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the earth!

People: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

People: For his name alone is exalted;

All: His majesty is above earth and heaven!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 52

Hymn of Praise

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name!

Perronet

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at his feet may fall, We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all!

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Reading of the Word: *the ransomed people of God*

Revelation 5:6-10

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Confession of Sin

Pastor: O Gracious God, we are poor sinners.

People: We were conceived as sinners, and are prone to do evil.

Pastor: We transgress, repeatedly, Your holy commandments.

People: Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves Your just condemnation.

Pastor: With true sorrow, we repent of our offenses.

People: Have mercy on us, for the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: Remove our guilt and our pollution.

People: Grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit, that we might mortify sin and produce the fruits of holiness.

Pastor: Have mercy on us, for Christ's sake.

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Titus 3:4-7

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, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Rodigast

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth

Adkins

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Sermon

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Confront The Issue Of Racism
Colossians 3:11 (page 984)

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.)

Be Unto Your Name

DeShazo/Sadler

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your Name, be unto Your Name.*

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your Name.

Benediction²

Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

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

Worship by Live Stream Information: Both services are now Live Streamed. It is the 10:45am service that will be permanently posted to the youtube channel and remain available anytime for those who need to worship with us in that manner. The link is: www.decaturpca.org - click the "Watch Livestream".

Officer Nominations: Voting members may make officer nominations anytime in the month of July. You may do so with the forms found on the round table in the church foyer or by email. Please note that the following officers will be ending their three-year term (or have been on sabbatical), and are willing to stand for election to another term: John Lyons, Mike McMahan, Scott Missildine, Michael Vinson, Greg Smith, Sam Thompson, David Whitcomb, and David Zajic. See Tommy or Rick with any questions.

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

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.

Frontline Prayer: Next Sunday July 12 @ 6:00pm. Come seek *"the welfare of the city"* (Jer.29:7) while maintaining 'safe distance' in the Gathering Room. Fellowship & refreshments outside immediately following. Masks encouraged. *"True prayer is... a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."* - Charles Spurgeon

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 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please contact Sarah Minnon or Tara Thompson.

End-of-Summer Youth Event: We are hosting events for high school (Mon, 7/27-Thurs, 7/30) & for middle school (Mon, 8/3-Thurs, 8/6). Mon-Wed of each week will be at the church. The McMahans have offered their pool on both Thursdays. There is no cost. Theme will be announced soon. Registration & medical forms due by July 22.

Praying for Decatur City Schools: First Priority partners with the churches to pray for our schools. Churches sponsor a campus and go pray for the people who will be there. This year, we are sponsoring Central Office. Sunday evening, August 2, at 6:00, Nathan will be available at Central Office (302 4th Ave NE, Decatur, AL 35601).

Pray for a Student: Contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle or high school student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until May of 2021. **We currently have 10 students remaining.**

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).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 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
Chip Walraven

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Wade Littrell
John Lyons
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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

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