



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

It is no use either saying that if there is a God of that sort—an impersonal absolute goodness—then you do not like Him and are not going to bother about Him. For the trouble is that one part of you is on His side and really agrees with his disapproval of human greed and trickery and exploitation.

You may want Him to make an exception in your own case, to let you off this one time; but you know at bottom that unless the power behind the world really and unalterably detests that sort of behavior, then He cannot be good.

On the other hand, we know that if there does exist an absolute goodness it must hate most of what we do. This is a terrible fix we are in. If the universe is not governed by an absolute goodness, then all our efforts are in the long run hopeless. But if it is, then we are making ourselves enemies to that goodness every day, and are not in the least likely to do any better tomorrow, and so our case is hopeless again.

We cannot do without it, and we cannot do with it.

God is the only comfort, He is also the supreme terror: the thing we most need and the thing we most want to hide from. He is our only possible ally, and we have made ourselves His enemies.

Some people talk as if meeting the gaze of absolute goodness would be fun. They need to think again. They are still only playing with religion. Goodness is either the great safety or the great danger—according to the way you react to it. And we have reacted the wrong way.

C.S. Lewis

The Lord's Day — August 9, 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

Lo, He Comes

Wesley

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Now redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1,2,4,12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 57

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Hymn of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Reading of the Word: *the giver of rest*

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we sadly admit that we have transgressed your law in many ways. Particularly, we have been people of little faith; worrying about what we shall eat, what we shall wear, what we shall do with tomorrow's problems. We have not sought your kingdom and righteousness as you have commanded. O Lord, forgive your people; deliver us from evil worry; lead us to see you as our portion and our inheritance. Increase our faith, that we may rest in your care and providence and thereby show the world that you are our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ we pray ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Luke 9:30-31

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..... And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure [literally, EXODUS], which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Jesus, Only Jesus

Wood, Nockels, Tomlin, Redman, Stanfill

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.
Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.
*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me,
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer, My life He bought, my love He owns,
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings,
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.
His face forever to behold. I will glory in my Redeemer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

...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)

Pastor Tommy Lee

XI. Rest Is Part Of Strength

Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:15 (pages 61 & 150)

We Respond

Doxology

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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.)

Search Me, Know Me

Rainey/Scott

Search me, know me, try me and see, every worthless affection hidden in me.
All I'm asking for is that You'd cleanse me, Lord.

Create in me a heart that's clean, Conquer the power of secret shame,
Come wash away the guilty stain of all my sin.

Clothe me in robes of righteousness, Cover my nakedness with grace
All of my life before You now I humbly bring.

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

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.

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.

Sunday Nursery & Childcare: Beginning today, August 9th, we are re-launching our ministry of nursery & childcare for both Sunday morning worship services. Our ministry team will ensure all the wisest protocols for health and safety are practiced. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Ladner (256.394.8508, enodell@gmail.com)

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".

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.

Drive-Thru Baby Shower: In order to keep everyone safe, friends and family are having a "Drive Thru" baby shower for Kelly Thomas next Sunday, August 16 @ 2 PM. Everyone is invited to drive by 632 Jackson St SE and say hello. Kelly is having a boy and is registered at Target and babylist.com

Table Bridal Shower: for John Bolding and his fiancé Melissa Thurber on Sunday, August 23. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at Target and Walmart.

Secret Sister: September-May. All ladies are invited to participate. It's a great way to encourage one another in the Lord. More info & sign up sheets are on the desk in the gathering room. Forms due by Sept. 6. New this year is porch drop offs & mailing if interested. Return forms to Elizabeth Lee (elizabethleemomof5@att.net) or leave on the desk.

Youth Girls 6th - 12th Grade: are invited to participate in Youth Secret Sister. This is a great way to encourage one another. More information about what is required and sign up sheets can be found on the desk in the gathering room. Forms are due by September 6. Turn in forms to Elizabeth Lee

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.**