



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

"You have listened to your fears, child," said Aslan. "Come, let me breathe on you.
Forget them. Are you brave again?"

"A little, Aslan," said Susan.

Prince Capsian, from The Chronicles of Narnia
by C.S. Lewis

The Lord's Day — August 23, 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

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.

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We have been crucified with Him, buried and risen to life.

Now justified, soon glorified, we shall be made like Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

John 1:29; Psalm 63:2; 11:7

Pastor: The next day [John the baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Pastor: The Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 59

Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Watts

I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

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There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there

Reading of the Word: *there is no spiritual neutrality*

John 8:31-44

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.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.” They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember and the sins long forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in the work of your Son. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Father, have mercy on me and make me whole ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jay Suggs

Sermon

Series: Be Strong In The Lord (Ephesians 6:10)

Pastor Tommy Lee

XIII. We Have An Opponent

Ephesians 6:10-20 (page 979)

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.)

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do-
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Benediction²

3 John 1:14-15

We hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

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: As of August 9th, we have re-launched 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".

Table Bridal Shower: for John Bolding and his fiancé Melissa Thurber today, Sunday, August 23. There is 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

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry

The youth ministry will begin meeting again on Wednesday night, September 9th. Information regarding scheduling and safety guidelines will be available soon.

Fall Life Groups

This past year there were 5 LG's (including the Open Door Study) meeting on Wednesday nights. In view of COVID-19 conditions, we're looking for creative ways for these groups to meet safely in homes beginning early September. Please contact Rick Stark (334.728.1409, rick@decaturpca.org) if you are interested in participating.

Every man must serve somebody: we have no choice as to that fact. Those who have no master are slaves to themselves. Depend upon it, you will either serve Satan or Christ, either self or the Saviour. You will find sin, self, Satan, and the world to be hard masters; but if you wear the livery (uniform) of Christ, you will find him so meek and lowly of heart that you will find rest unto your souls.

C.H. Spurgeon, in his final sermon

Session

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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Only Service)

10:45am Worship Service #2

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