



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

This has to be what we are pursuing in our worship services: a liturgy that is rooted in God's story of redemption, simultaneously forming within us a desire for the true good life and conforming us to attain it.

It must be a liturgy that is rooted in the gospel. The gospel is not merely a message to be heard but it's a life to be lived. Worship should be a time when we are led in that lifestyle. Seeking to know Jesus more intimately means engaging in practices that will help us see all the ways in which He is true, good, and beautiful.

Those are the kinds of habits that true worship should form within us.

This will set the proper course for the rest of our week.

Jonathan Cruse

The Lord's Day — February 28, 2021 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

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.

Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.

Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return oh God to Thee.

Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.

Touch my silent lips oh Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day!

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods!

All: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 86

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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: "In him was life"**John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Although you have proven yourself trustworthy over and over again, we often doubt your promises to us. Although you have given us the indescribable gift of your Son as our Savior, we often doubt your love and care for us. O Lord we believe, help our unbelief. Have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!**Romans 5:8-9; 8:1**

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.... There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

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 Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.
Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.
Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.
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Sermon

Series: Communing With God
VII. God's Table Of Eternal Life
John 6:22-69 (page 891)

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Respond

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Heber

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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.

Song of Faith

Behold Our God
Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

Baird/Altrogge

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (<i>Hebrews</i>)	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -8 th Grade) DPC Youth! (9 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 9:30-11:00am Ladies Bible Study via Zoom (<i>Psalms</i>)	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (<i>1 Samuel</i>) (<i>resumes soon</i>)	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (<i>1 Peter</i>)
Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th grade / Kid’s Quest	

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.

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Church Family Reminders

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 Leviticus, Hebrews, Ezra/Nehemiah, and Luke. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Sunday Afternoon Communion Service! For those who must miss Sunday mornings because of Covid-19, we will offer a Sunday afternoon service of Word & Sacrament beginning March 14 (and every 2nd Sunday), 4:00pm – 4:30pm. Safe distancing & mask required. For more information, contact pastor Tommy Lee or pastor Rick Stark.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us for Women's Bible Study, via Zoom, on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00, led by Teresa Quinn & Annah Joseph. The group is studying *Psalms: At His Feet Studies*. Please email Annah at annahmjoseph@gmail.com to sign up! All ladies feel free to join anytime, we will be studying a new Psalm each week.

NextGen Wednesday Nights: Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us on Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:30pm. We are not providing a meal, and masks are encouraged. Teachers, paid workers and volunteers are required to wear masks. Nursery is available.

Wednesday Night Open Door Study: *"The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love"*, led by Pastor Rick Stark, for adults not in a Life Group and/or all hanging around until the children or youth finish. Masks required (for now) and safe distancing. Join us in the gathering area Wednesday evenings, 6:15p.m. - 7:15p.m.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2021

(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, 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!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jason Seale
Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

Wade Littrell
Bill Nelson
Scott Missildine
Patrick Pettus
Andy Thompson
Sam Thompson
Michael Vinson
David Whitcomb

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Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Required Service)
10:45am Worship Service #2 (Mask-Optional Service)

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