



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

How sweet and awful is the place, with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays, the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs, join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear thy voice, and enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, And rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see thy churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing thy redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts

# The Lord's Day — March 7, 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 Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful; Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 34:8-10

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Pastor: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

**All: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 87

## Hymn of Praise

## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Newton/Twit

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love  
Well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove  
Who can faint while such a river, ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

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Savior if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show  
Solid joys and lasting treasure, none but Zion's children know.

**Reading of the Word: *"must suffer many things"***

**Mark 8:31-38**

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Heavenly Father, in spite of Your many promises to Your people, we confess we have not walked in them. We have sinned against You, against the gift and gifts of the Spirit and against our neighbor in thought, word and deed. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon us once again. Give us new ears to hear, new hearts to believe, new hands to turn from our idols to serve you and our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ your Son ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Hear the Good News!**

**Isaiah 43:25; 1 Peter 2:24,25**

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.... He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

**Immortal, Invisible**

**Story**

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.

Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

*You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.*

*We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.*

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.

Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place.

Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.  
Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

### **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.

### **In Christ Alone**

**Townend**

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**We Respond**

**How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place**

**Watts**

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 While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.  
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 "Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,  
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**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.)*

**O Sacred Head**

**Bernard of Clairvaux**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown,  
 O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.  
 What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners gain:  
 Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
 Look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe to me Thy grace.  
 What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
 For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
 O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
 Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**  
Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

**Song of Faith**

**I Will Glory In My Redeemer**  
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!

**Cook**

**This Week**

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Daylight Saving Time:** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday, March 14. We would hate to miss you on Sunday because of the time change!

**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](mailto: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	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

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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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