



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus' sake.  
2 Corinthians 4:5

"Go! (*as you are going*) and make disciples of all the nations...  
And behold, (*there*) I am WITH YOU always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

"It happens, we do not make it happen. The more we get involved in what God is doing, the less we find ourselves running things; the more we participate in God's work as revealed in Jesus, the more is done to us and the more is done through us. The more we practice the resurrection the less we are on our own or by ourselves, for we find that this resurrection that is so intensely and relationally personal in Father, Son, and Spirit at the same time plunges us into relationships with brothers and sisters we never knew we had: we are in community whether we like it or not.

We do not choose to be in this community; by virtue of the resurrection of Jesus, this is the company we keep."

Eugene H. Peterson, *Christ Plays In Ten Thousand Places*

# The Lord's Day — April 25, 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>

## Indescribable

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!  
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.  
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship:

**Psalm 94:12-15**

Pastor: Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,

**People: To give him rest from his days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.**

Pastor: For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;

**People: For justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 94**

## Hymn of Praise

## Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

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Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

**Reading of the Word: *Encountering God of the city: grace, mercy and love***

**Jonah 4:1-11**

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?" Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**adapted from The Book of Common Prayer**

**Almighty and merciful Father, have mercy on me, the sinner, and upon us all; forgive us through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ; strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal communion with You ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Hear the Good News!**

**Hebrews 7:25**

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.  
Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

### The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
Oh to see my name written in Your wounds, for through Your suffring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.  
What a life, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

### Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,  
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss  
*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human  
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen  
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss  
To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

**Another Kind of Communing: "*The With-ness of God in the Witness of the Streets*"**

**Acts 9:32-43** (page 918)

**Facing a Task Unfinished**

Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known

*We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*  
We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers

**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.)*

**At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)**

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me  
Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me

*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave  
Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?*

You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**  
Now may the Father who loved you before the foundations of the world, and the Son who set you free and made you His servants, and the Counselor who stands by you forever, give you ears to hear, hearts that crave Him, lives that reflect Him, and voices that proclaim Him. Amen.

**adapted from Dr. Dale Ralph Davis**

**Song of Faith**

**Come People of the Risen King**  
Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
*One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay ( <i>Hebrews</i> )	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> 4 Year Olds - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade / Kid’s Quest
<b>Tuesday 9:30-11:00am</b> Ladies Bible Study via Zoom ( <i>Psalms</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 @ Noon</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office ( <i>1 Samuel</i> ) ( <i>resumes soon</i> )	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice
<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:15p,</b> Adult Open Door Study @ DPC (" <i>The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love</i> ")	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. ( <i>1 Peter</i> )

<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 Luke, Jonah, Jude, and Numbers. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**New Service Protocols:** The 9:00 service will continue to be mask-required, and we will continue to seat every-other-row, until attendance grows beyond that, and then we'll start filling in every row. But the overflow video room will remain available for any who prefer it. The 10:45 service now returns to pre-pandemic, "normal" conditions.

**Officer Nominations:** Voting members may make officer nominations anytime in the month of April 2021. 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: Elders Chip Walraven & Stuart Smith, and Deacons Wade Littrell, Steve Sasser, and David Zajic. See Rick Stark or contact him ([rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org), 334.728.1409) with any questions.

**Middle School & High School Students:** RYM is just around the corner! Registration and deposit (\$100.00) are due by this Wednesday, April 28th. Scholarship money is available so don't let the cost keep you from going! Please see Nathan with any questions.

**Father / Son Campout** Come and enjoy a Father / Son Campout at Freedom Farm, hosted by Brian and Julie Rodgers (352 Turney Bridge Road, Sommerville, AL) beginning at 3:30pm this Friday, April 30. Bring your own camping gear. We will have food, power for cpap machines if needed, and lots of fun activities. See Brian if you have any questions.

**Graduate Sunday:** Next Sunday, May 2, we will briefly recognize our high school seniors in our service and celebrate them with gift tables and a meet-and-greet in between the two services! Seniors and their families will attend the service they normally do, but all of their names will be called in both services. Our 2021 graduating high school seniors are: Sarah Carpenter, John Chambers, Ian Jones, Jaden Lee, Elizabeth McMahan, Colin Nelson, Lacy Slaten, Mia Suggs, SaraBeth White, and Matthew Wilson.

**College Graduates?** We are compiling a list of college graduates. If you know of any DPC students who are graduating from college this year, please send their names to [office@decaturpca.org](mailto:office@decaturpca.org)

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 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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