



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

As for the mothers themselves, how deftly they move whenever the whimpering
baby either has to be quieted or is to be placed into its cradle!
Get a man to do the same things, and you will say that a camel is dancing,
so clumsily will he do the simplest tasks around the baby!

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)

The Lord's Day — May 9, 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

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Revelation 22:1-5

Pastor: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

People: No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him!

Pastor: They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads!

People: And night will be no more.

All: They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 96

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Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be, Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Reading of the Word: *drawing water from the wells of salvation*

Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father of Mercies, you have made yourself and your ways known to us, yet we have not loved you as we ought. We have thought little of your kindness to us in making us your friends by sending your beloved son to suffer in our place. Forgive us for our coldness towards you, and create in us clean hearts full of love for you, our generous Father ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, In Heaven above and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son, Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one.

From all that dwell beneath the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land, by every tongue, Let our Redeemer's name be sung.

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

I Am Not Alone

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me

When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome

Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear

I am not alone, I am not alone, You will go before me

You will never leave me (2x)

In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through

The dark of night will not overtake me, I am pressing into You

Lord, You fight my every battle, and I will not fear

You amaze me, Redeem me, You call me as Your own

You're my strength, You're my defender

You're my refuge in the storm, through these trials

You've always been faithful, You bring healing to my soul

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

...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.

(9:00 service)

A Covenant Child Comes To The Table

*Ben Elder
Covenant Child of John & Rena Elder*

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as a become follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Ben

Elder Jason Seale

(10:45 service)

We Respond

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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 let the pastor know at the table. The silver trays at the back of the table contain wine. The gold trays at the front of the table contain juice. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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 Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Far surpassing all the rest:
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend;
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

Benediction²

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Song of Faith

We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,

We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*Hebrews*)

Wednesday 6:15-7:15p,

Adult Open Door Study @ DPC ("*The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love*")

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

4 Year Olds - 5th grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*1 Peter*)

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.

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 Luke, Jonah, Jude, and Numbers. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at 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.

Sunday Afternoon Communion Service! For those missing Sunday mornings because of Covid-19, we are offering a Sunday afternoon service of Word & Sacrament every 2nd Sunday, 4:00pm – 4:30pm. Our next Communion Service is today May 9. Safe distancing & mask required. For more information, contact Tommy Lee or Rick Stark.

Coming Soon! Sunday Schools! On Sunday, June 6, 2021 (9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.), we will resume our Sunday Christian education classes. All our adults, youth and NextGen children are invited to attend! While more information is coming, please note that these Sunday school classes will be offered at the same time as our 9:00a.m. worship service, and are mask-optional. Please keep in mind this format is only temporary through the summer months and will be re-evaluated come September.

VBS: Ages 4 - 5th Grade are invited to VBS the evenings of June 21-24! This year's VBS will be four days long, and the whole family is encouraged to stay for Thursday night's VBS Summer Party! More details coming. Questions, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Lainee Oliver at rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617.

Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates! Sam McGough-Athens State University, Clay Oliver-Auburn University, Jacob Quinn-Auburn University, and Seth Thompson-Martin Methodist College.

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

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
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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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