



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The Judge was judged. He who absolves from sin was bound; He was mocked who once framed the world;
He was stretched upon the cross who stretched out the heavens; He was fed with gall who gave the manna
to be bread; He died who gives life. He was given up to the tomb who raises the dead.

Alexander of Alexandria (AD 273-326)

The Lord's Day — May 23, 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

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

We will stand...

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord reigns!

People: He is robed in majesty!

Leader: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea.

People: The Lord on high is mighty!

Leader: Your decrees are very trustworthy.

All: Holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Psalm 93

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 98

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

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That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Reading of the Word: *The Lesson of the Manna*²

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.... And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.... You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst.... And he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.... he gave them bread from heaven in abundance.... Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven".... Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna.... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna...

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Hear the Good News!

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

² Numbers 11:7-9; Deuteronomy 8:2,3; Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 78:24,25; 105:40; John 6:31,32; Hebrews 9:3,4; Revelation 2:17

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lo, He Comes

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

Lo! He comes in glory shining, saints arise and meet your King.
Glorious captain of salvation, "welcome, welcome" hear them sing.
Shouts of triumph, Shouts of triumph, make the heav'ns with echoes ring.

Yea amen let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O Come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come Lord, come!

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.
*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land*
No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Sermon

Series: A Way In The Wilderness

Pastor Tommy Lee

XXIX. God Gives His People "A Changed Manner Of Life"

Exodus 16:14-30 (page 58)

(9:00 service)

We Respond

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

(10:45 Service)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Bailey Braeutigam Ross
Covenant Child of Connor & Britt Ross*

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Solemn Words to the Children

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Bud

Elder Jeff Keith

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.)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

*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.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine;

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Benediction³

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.

³ 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.

Wednesday Nights for Youth in the Summer: Students are welcome to come to the church from 6:00-8:00 every Wednesday night in the summer for a time of fellowship. This includes our rising 6th graders to give them a chance to get to know other members of the youth group. We won't provide dinner, but we will have snacks. Please use the youth room door. If you have any questions, contact Nathan.

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, 5:15pm-8pm! Dinner will be provided for kids & volunteers! This year's VBS will be four days long, and the whole family is encouraged to stay for Thursday night's VBS Summer Party! Questions, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Lainee Oliver at rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617.

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.

Sedona Class: A study of 1 Peter: A Living Hope Amidst Life's Great Challenges. Using material written by Dr. Frank Barker, we will unwrap practical ways Peter's message can guide us through our dilemmas and day-to-day living. 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! (*BEGINNING IN MID AUGUST*)

Session

Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale
Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
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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