



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Archibald Alexander from his deathbed

Jesus is our Savior, not by virtue of what He said, not even by virtue of what He was, but by what He did. He is our Savior, not because He has inspired us to live the same kind of life that He lived, but because He took upon Himself the dreadful guilt of our sins and bore it instead of us on the cross. ... It is true that the death of Christ is an example of self-sacrifice which may inspire self-sacrifice in others; it is true that the death of Christ show how much God hates sin; it is true that the death of Christ displays the love of God... But [all these truths] are swallowed up in a far greater truth - that Christ died instead of us to present us faultless before the throne of God.

J. Gresham Machen

For Jews demand a sign and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jew and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

2 Corinthians 1:22-24

The Lord's Day — May 30, 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

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ,
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 99:1-3

Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 99

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

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Reading of the Word: *granted all things pertaining to life and godliness***2 Peter 1:1-11**

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we stand naked before You, confessing that You are holy and we are not. We have sinned against You and against others in unrighteous ways, careless words, and loveless deeds. Hear us, O God, and forgive. Most Merciful Father, by faith we stand clothed before You in the righteousness of Christ, forgiven and free, and ready to walk in the way of Your commandments, doing those things which are virtuous in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ**1 Peter 1:18-19**

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without spot or blemish. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

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.

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Sermon

Don't Leave Jesus
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10 (page 1003)

Mr. John Summers

Responsive Prayer of the People

Pastor: Almighty Father in heaven, You have taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men; to pray in faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord: For Your holy Church on earth; for her ministers, elders, deacons, and all her leadership; that all who love the Savior may love Him truly and serve Him faithfully.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and King of the Church!

Pastor: For all who do not know the Gospel of Your love in Jesus Christ, that You would be pleased to gather them into Your fold.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and Lover of Souls.

Pastor: For Your missionaries, ambassadors of Christ, especially those known to and supported by us, that they may cause Your light to shine in the dark places of the earth.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and Light of the world!

Pastor: For our country, for our President and others in authority, that You would guide them in Your wisdom and truth.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and King of Kings!

Pastor: For the poor, the exploited, and those too weak to defend themselves; for those seduced into immorality by our increasingly ungodly culture; and especially for women and unborn children abused, injured, and even murdered.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and Mighty Deliverer!

Pastor: For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, that You would comfort, sustain and heal them.

People: We ask You to hear us, O Lord and God of all grace!

Pastor: We give You thanks and praise for the glorious company of the Apostles, the Prophets, the martyrs, and for the fellowship and unity of the faithful in all the ages.

People: In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen!

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.)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
Dear Name! The Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.
Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Benediction²

Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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.

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

The DPC Coffee Bar... will be reopening next Sunday, June 6! Thank you, John Lyons!

Coming Soon! Sunday Schools! Next 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.

Next Gen Summer Sunday School Classes & Teachers, classes start next Sunday, June 6

4 & 5 years: Teresa Quinn

6 & 7 years: Debbie Smith

8 & 9 years: Rena Elder & Lainee Oliver

10 & 11 years: Bill & Amy Nelson

(birthday cutoff is September 1st)

VBS Olympion 2021 Registration is open! If you would like to register your child for this year's VBS, please contact Lainee Oliver at rosslaine@gmail.com or 817-944-5617. Registration for each child is \$10. You can pay Lainee directly or bring your payment to Tonya in the church office M-F from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are excited for you to join us June 21-24 from 5:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.!

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.

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



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2021

(Resumes NEXT Sunday, June 6)

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*)

Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Required Service)

10:45am Worship Service #2 (Mask-Optional Service)

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