



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 Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

Exodus 34:6-7

Forgiveness is one of the chief acts by which God expresses the greatness of his glory... We cannot and must not reduce forgiveness to a therapeutic technique... Forgiveness is something supernatural.

It is a divine gift and power. It is a miraculous work.

Alfred J. Poirier

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B. Smedes

The Lord's Day — June 6, 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

Come, Worship the Lord (Psalm 95)

*Come, worship the Lord for we are His people,
The flock that He shepherds.
Alleluia!*

The Lord is God the mighty God,
The great King o'er all other gods.
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 100:1-3

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, He is God.

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 100

Hymn of Praise

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all; *(Repeat)*

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Reading of the Word: *seeking and finding the God of all peace...***2 Chronicles 15:1-15**

The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The Lord is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, but when in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. They were broken in pieces. Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress. But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded." As soon as Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, he took courage and put away the detestable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim, and he repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the Lord. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were residing with them, for great numbers had deserted to him from Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him... And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul,... They swore an oath to the Lord with a loud voice and with shouting and with trumpets and with horns. And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the Lord gave them rest all around.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we stand broken before You and our neighbors, confessing how we have perverted Your holy will and designs for our lives, even attempting to quench our thirsty souls at broken cisterns that hold no water. Thus, we are rightly parched and lack peace with You and others. Have mercy upon us, O God; cleanse us, forgive us and fill us that we might walk most freely in the righteousness and peace of Christ, doing those things which are pleasing in Your sight ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ**Titus 3:4-6**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Church, Arise

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.
Arise, shine for your light has come. Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, o church arise!
Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Through the Door

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.
Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.
And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see." The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."
And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace, Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"
And we dance in the light of Your love, And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.
Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.
Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight. Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.
Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider; Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)
This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

Sermon

Reverend Wayne Herring

Are You A Peacemaker or A Peace Breaker? Matthew 5: 1-11 (page 809)

We Respond

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Benediction²

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice! Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Song of Faith

God and God Alone

God and God alone, is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise, for God and God alone.

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

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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... reopened today Sunday, June 6! Thank you, John Lyons!

Sunday Schools! Started today (9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.). All our adults, youth and NextGen children are invited to attend! Please note that these Sunday school classes are offered at the same time as our 9:00a.m. worship service, and are mask-optional. 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 started today!

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)

Summer RUF: Monday night, June 7th, RUF UAH will begin a weekly series at Westminster Presbyterian. All of our college students, including recent high school graduates and college-aged young adults who are not currently in school, are invited to meet at DPC at 6:00 to ride there together. See Nathan with questions.

Man Night! Let's regather and roll! Adult men (plus any neighbors, colleagues at work, etc...) are invited to another Iron Man event, June 18th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Dale Cook's Iron Man Lodge (2525 Poovey Rd SE). Former PCA Pastor and now Director of Young Business Leaders - Huntsville, Nathan Eldridge, will be our guest speaker. More information coming. Any questions you may direct to Rick Stark (334.728.1409).

VBS Olympian 2021 Registration is open! If you would like to register your child for this year's VBS, please contact Lainee Oliver at rosslainee@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

9:30 am

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
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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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