



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 only person to be satisfied by the results in [Exo.4:29-5:21] was Pharaoh - and he had yet to discover that he had been entertaining entirely the wrong expectations. As for Moses and Israel, however, nothing had turned out as they had expected... Most of us have been there... to ask the question "Why?"

J.A. Motyer

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you,
as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12

The Lord's Day — July 4, 2021

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Cornerstone

Mote, Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong, in the Savior's love

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 104:31-34

Pastor: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

People: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 104

Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

Grant

O worship the King all glorious above,

O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail.

In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;

Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Reading of the Word: *standing strong in the Lord***Ephesians 6:10-13**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who has made, orders, redeems and renews all things - to You we rightly confess that we have sinned. We have not been strong in the strength of Your might. Our priorities and commitments are perverted by not loving You as we ought nor our neighbor, and by believing that which is not true about You, about ourselves, and about others. O God forgive our sins. We are truly sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior Jesus Christ to wash us our sins away and to renew us in true faith, humility and obedience, to the honor of Your great name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ**Titus 3:4-5**

But when the goodness and lovingkindness 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.

You Are My King

Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned,
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true,
It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.
You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.*

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The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Hooker

The Battle Begins
Exodus 5:1-21 (page 48)

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.)

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour, I know for sure,
All of my days are held in your hands, crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself, lead me Lord, I pray.

*Take me, mould me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.*

Benediction²

adapted from Dr. Dale Ralph Davis

Now may God be your exceeding joy, Christ your only hope, the Holy Spirit your unfailing comforter in all your worship, in all your work, in all your troubles until Jesus comes. Amen

Song of Faith

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Pritchard

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving. He is with me to the end.

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

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of July 4th.

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Numbers and Colossians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Summer RUF: Monday nights through tomorrow, RUF UAH meets for 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.

Sunday 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.

Pray for a Student: Contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle school or high school student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until August of 2022. The new assignments will start in September. If you are currently praying for a student, and still want that same student, please let us know that too.

Worship 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: Fellowship for students (including rising 6th graders) every Wednesday night in the summer, 6:00-8:00pm at the church. No dinner provided, but we will have snacks. Please use the youth room door. For questions, contact Nathan (nathan@decaturpca.org).

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
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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