



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

It is about the greatness of God, not the significance of man. God made man
and the universe big to say something about Himself.

John Piper

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

The Lord's Day — July 11, 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

Beautiful Scandalous Night

Daugherty

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, To the crimson perpetual tide;
Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more. Go under and be purified;

Follow Christ to the holy mountain. Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall,
Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows, For you and for me and for all.

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree, On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me,
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white, On that beautiful scandalous night.*

On the hillside you will be delivered, At the foot of the cross, justified.
And your spirit restored by the river, That pours from our blessed Savior's side.

Ah, you carried the sin of mankind on Your back, And the sky went black.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 105:1-3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

People: make known his deed among the peoples!

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 105

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
 Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Reading of the Word: *Christ always leads us in triumph*

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia. But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from the Book of Common Prayer

Merciful God, our heavenly Father: You pardon all who truly repent and turn to Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I humbly confess my sins and ask for Your mercy. I have not loved You with a pure heart, nor my neighbor as myself. I have not been just in dealing with others. I have not loved kindness or walked humbly behind You, captive in the procession of Christ. Have mercy on me, O God, because of Your loving kindness
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally
Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory,
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory,
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

God of Wonders

Byrd

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your Majesty.
You are holy, holy.
Lord of Heaven and earth,
Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your Majesty.
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *(So)*

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.*

Bridge (sing after 2nd vs & chorus)

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *(So)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Brian Rodgers

...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.

Sermon

**A Way In The Wilderness
XXXI: The First Fight
Exodus 17:8-16 (page 59)**

Pastor Nathan White

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.)

Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth

Adkins

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Benediction²

adapted from Isaiah 55:11-123

May the word of God go out from his mouth to you and not return to him empty, but rather having accomplished all that he has purposed. May it succeed in the thing for which he sent it. May you go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

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

Church Office: The church office will be closed this week, July 12-16 . Tonya will be on vacation, returning Monday, July 19.

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, Colossians, and Jeremiah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

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.

Summer Nights For Youth: 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).

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.

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!

Session

Jeff Keith
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Kent Quinn
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Connor Ross
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale
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Jay Suggs
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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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