



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

A holy unity exists among us, when, consenting in pure doctrine, we are united to Christ alone...
In ourselves we are scattered; in Christ we are gathered.

John Calvin

In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity.

Philip Melancthon

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Jesus, John 17:20-21

The Lord's Day — July 18, 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

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).
*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*
I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 106:47-48

Pastor: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People: that we may give thank to your holy name and glory in your praise!

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

People: And let all the people say, Amen! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 106

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Reading of the Word: *present your bodies as a living sacrifice*

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father: we acknowledge and confess how we are so prone to evil, slothful in good, and dullness of joy; and all these, our shortcomings and offenses, against the leading of the Holy Spirit and the longing of Your return. But, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have not loved You, even displeasing You. Teach us to hate our sins, cleanse us, forgive us, free us by Your Spirit and ready us for the return of our King Jesus ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us - for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree - so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You... and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Holy Is the Lord, God Almighty

Tomlin

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory!

The earth is filled with His glory!

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Sermon

Reverend Nathan Eldridge

Overcoming Anxiety
Matthew 6:25-34 (page 811)

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.)

I Saw the Cross

Carpenter

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
 He drew my soul to Him and then He cleansed it in His blood;
 And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am, A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
 No righteousness nor merit mine, no beauty can I plead;
 Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour, My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;
 In every fear and conflict see I more than conqueror am;
 Though living safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

*Safe, Safe am I, in the cross of Jesus! Still resting in a peace that is unshaken
 Then in glory I'll sing His wondrous power, Where sin can never enter in, and death is known no more.
 And in the cross of Jesus Christ I found my peace with God.*

Benediction²

adapted from Dale Ralph Davis

Now the God who is mighty, the Lamb who is worthy, and the Spirit who is near, fortify you to live faithfully in these days and all the days 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

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

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!

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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