



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 Christian is a bird that can sing in winter as well as in spring; he can live in the fire like Moses' burning bush - burn and not be consumed, even leap in the fire. His joy is from the happy consequences of his suffering.

Thomas Manton

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

The Lord's Day — July 25, 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

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 107:1-3, 9

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

Pastor: from the east and from the west,

People: from the north and from the south.

All: He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 107

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Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

Hine

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro' out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Reading of the Word: “once not... but now you are God’s people”

1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, like your people of old, we too have erred in our selfish independence. We confess that we have longed too much with worldly appetites and not enough the pure spiritual milk of your word. In your mercy, open our eyes to the true hope and life you have given us. Help us to see that all the things we think will satisfy us in this world are only shadows but you are the substance and the cornerstone of our soul. We ask for your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ: his worthiness for our unworthiness; his sinlessness for our transgression; his fullness for our emptiness; his glory for our shame; his death for our life ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

The Blessing

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The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family
and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.
In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

Rock of Ages

Toplady

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

**A Way In The Wilderness
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Exodus 18 (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.)

Give Me Jesus

Ortega

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, Oh when I come to die,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You can have all this world. You can have all this world.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

Benediction²

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...

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

Called Congregational Meeting: This past week, all current members of DPC (or family units) should have received a "Letter from the Session" announcing a Congregational Meeting on August 1, 2021 immediately following the 10:45a.m. worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of voting to receive Pastor Tommy Lee's resignation as Senior Pastor.

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.

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

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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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