



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 word grace emphasizes at one and the same time  
the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God.

William Barclay  
(1907-1978, Church of Scotland minister and  
Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism - University of Glasgow)

# The Lord's Day — August 8, 2021

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

## Song of Assembly

### To the Only God

Tomlin

To the only God, who is able to keep us,  
Able to keep us from falling.  
To the only God, be all glory and honor,  
Majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 109:26, 30-31

Pastor: Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love!

**People: With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng**

Pastor: For he stands at the right hand of the needy,

**People: to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 109

### Hymn of Praise

### To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O Come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be, Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Reading of the Word: "“Blessedness lavished upon us”****Ephesians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin****from *The Book of Common Prayer***

**Eternal and Sovereign God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**Assurance of Pardon in Christ****1 John 2:2-3**

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!  
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.  
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

### Come Ye Sinners

Ortega

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready, stands to save you full, of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

Lo! the incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

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## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

...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.

**Eating At The King's Table**  
**II Samuel 9** (page 260)

**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.)*

**Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me      Robinson, Farren, Thompson**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
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## **Benediction<sup>1</sup>**

**based on Jude 24-25**

May you walk in Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy; to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **Song of Faith**

### **By Faith**

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We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Next Up!** The next books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Jeremiah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**Nursery Coordinator:** *To assist the families of the church by coordinating a safe, caring environment for the children entrusted to our care...* this is the vision and goal of our Nursery Ministry. We are looking for a new Nursery Coordinator, a paid, part-time job at DPC. Anyone interested should contact Rick Stark and/or leave their resume in the church office.

**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](mailto:nathan@decaturpca.org)).

**Pray for a Student:** Contact Tonya ([tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto: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  
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  
David Whitcomb

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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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