



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, Of never failing skill;
He treasures up his bright designs, And works His sovereign will.
Ye fearful saints fresh courage take, The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break, In blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1773

The Lord's Day — August 15, 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

You Are God Alone

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You are not a god, created by human hands
You are not a god, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a god, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is

*You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone*

You're the only God, whose power none can contend
You're the only God, whose name and praise will never end
You're the only God, who's worthy of everything we can give
You are God, and that's just the way it is
Unchangeable, Unshakable, Unstoppable
That's what You are

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship:

Hebrews 1:8-9; Romans 11:36

Pastor: But of the Son he says, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

People: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

All: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 110

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Reading of the Word: *Oh the unsearchable depths...***Romans 11:25-36**

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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 before you that we are prone to evil and slothful in good, and we have many shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in blindness to your bigness, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon in Christ**Romans 4:7-8**

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

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Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong; And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King, Lead on.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:

O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:

No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:

His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:

I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free

From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

In Christ Alone

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In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

Sermon

Rev. Ron Clegg

God Out Of The Box Habakkuk 1:1-2:1 (page 785)

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.)

We Fall Down

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Benediction¹

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

¹ 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

Ron Clegg is a native WV and has degrees from Marshall University ('76) and Reformed Theological Seminary ('86, Jackson, MS). Having come to faith in Christ through Campus Crusade for Christ, he later served on Cru Staff with the Music Ministry (Atlanta, GA). After his seminary training, Ron served in pastoral ministry in Alabama and Georgia. In April 2000, Ron and his wife Gayle served the ministry of World Harvest in Budapest, Hungary. After returning to the states in 2007, Ron served as Sr. Pastor at Parkview Church (Lilburn, GA) and Pastor of Discipleship at Southwood Presbyterian Church (Huntsville, AL). He and his wife Gayle have four adult children and ten grandchildren.

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Next Up! The next books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings is Jeremiah. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at 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.

Community Bible Study: For women unable to attend the DPC Tuesday Bible study (or wish to do both), CBS offers another opportunity to study the Scriptures (Joshua, James, 1 & 2 Peter, Colossians). The study will meet on Thursday mornings beginning August 26. For more information, contact Leigh Littrell (leighlittrell@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday Women's Bible study begins September 14th, 10-11:30 am. We will meet at the church in the Sedona room, studying the book of James, guided by *James: A 12-Week Study*, by Greg Gilbert. Study books are available for purchase in the Book Nook for \$5.00. The study will be led by Teresa Quinn, Betsy Stark, Carol Godwin, and Hope Schmidt. Child care will be provided. If you have questions, please email Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or text 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

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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Connor Ross
Allen Schmidt

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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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