



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Isaiah is envisaging those who survive through the captivity... In (46:1) the gods were 'loaded up' on the beasts, who groaned under the weight; here in vv.3-4 the people are loaded on their God, who accepts the burden.

J. Alec Motyer

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 55:22

The Lord's Day — September 5, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Tom & Teresa Wilson

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 113:2

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 113

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee; and cause thee to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
 My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
 The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
 Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;
 I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

Reading of the Word: *need for endurance...***Hebrews 10:32-39**

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin**adapted from *The Valley of Vision***

O Lord, every day I am proven guilty in Your sight: a prayer-less heart, praise-less sounds, feigned compassion, and best services as filthy rags. But even as my sins rise to heaven, the merits of the blessed Jesus soar above them. I appeal now from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness; keep me always clinging to the Cross; flood me every moment with descending grace that I too might freely offer grace and mercy to others ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Hebrews 10:12-14**

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Am the Lord Your God (Isaiah 43)

Unknown

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)

I Am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)

I am the Lord, (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned. and the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Our God

Tomlin

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind, There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God...*

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, There's no one like You, none like You.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us, And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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Sermon

Mr. John Summers

The Sovereign God Carries His Children
Isaiah 46 (page 607)

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.)

Our Great God

Ortega

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word.

Benediction²**2 Peter 3:18**

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, that to Him alone be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Song of Faith**Worthy Is the Lamb****Zschech**

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!
High and lifted up Jesus, Son of God.
Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.

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

John Summers lives in Huntsville with his wife, Michaiiah, and their two children. He is a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and provides pulpit supply throughout Providence Presbytery.

Please welcome our visiting missionaries, Tom and Teresa Wilson and their children, Ian, Liana, and Anna. The Wilsons serve in Japan with Mission to the World and are in the United States for a short time. We will hear about their work in the Report of the Living Church.

September Guest Preachers: Mr. John Summers (5th), Rev. Vinney Athey (12th), Rev. Jim Simoneau (19), Rev. Michael Alsop (26th)

Tuesday Men's Bible Study: Adult men are invited as we resume the Tuesday morning Bible Study on September 7th, 6:30a.m. - 7:30a.m., at Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE). We will continue in our study of the Book of Hebrews led by a rotation of skilled teachers.

NOON Men's Bible Study: Join us at noon on Tuesdays, beginning September 7, as we restart our men's bible study. We enjoy a time of fellowship and then we will study the book of 1st Samuel. This is a great time to jump in with a great group of guy's studying God's word together. We meet at noon at Kent Quinn's office at 1323 Stratford Road SE.

NextGen Wednesday Night Activities: this Wednesday, Sept. 8! From 6-6:30 p.m. children will go to choirs. Ages 4-7 in "Kids of the King" choir w/Teresa Quinn & Mary Chism in 6-7yo room. Ages 8-11 in "Dare to Declare" choir w/Lory Schieler & Debbie Smith in 10-11yo room. At 6:30, we begin NextGen lessons & activities in those same classrooms. We will end and be ready for parents to pick up kids at 7:30 p.m.

Midweek Youth Studies: Beginning this Wednesday, September 8th, the high schoolers will begin a series on evangelism taught by Nathan White called "To Gather" and the middle schoolers will begin a series on discipleship, specifically within the context of the local church, called "To Grow" taught by Austin Latter!

Wednesday Open Door Study: Adult men and women who don't have a place to connect on Wednesday nights (choir, Life Groups, Youth, etc...) are invited to the Open Door Bible Study, resuming this Wednesday, September 8th, 6:20pm - 7:15pm in the Gathering Area of DPC. Along with fellowship & prayer, Rick Stark will be leading a study in Galatians.

Midweek College Study: Starting this Thursday, September 9th, college-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00 at Nathan and Rachael White's house (2312 Dogwood Lane SE). We plan to go through R.C. Sproul's Truths We Confess. For more information, you can email Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or call/text him at (256) 280-7912.

Women's Bible Study: Note! Please read the first two chapters of the study guide before our first meeting! Beginning September 14th, 10-11:30 am., in the Sedona room at DPC, studying the book of James, guided by *James: A 12-Week Study*, by Greg Gilbert. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$5.00. Child care will be provided. For questions, please email Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or text 256-565-0897.

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off Party: Ladies, you are all invited to kick off the new season of women's ministry with a fun evening of food and fellowship! Sunday, September 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered at this event, so we ask that you RSVP to Allison Seale (678)431-0744 or Elena Suggs (256)221-6785.

A New Monday Night Women's Bible Study: beginning September 20th, on Monday nights, 6:30-8 pm! Meeting at Amy Nelson's home, 2522 Sherwood Dr., studying the book of James. Study guides available in the Book Nook for \$5. Questions? Contact Teresa Quinn, 256-565-0897. Guests are welcome!

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2021

9:30 am

Jonah: Come join us as we study the book of Jonah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. We are using a book called "*Salvation through Judgment and Mercy*" which leads us thru the study of one man who thru painful experience, came to discover the true character of God. Visitors are always welcome!

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

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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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