



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

What must it have been like to be one of His disciples and to know Him as a man but then to see with clarity His deity in an encounter of dazzling light? The most spectacular of these encounters was His transfiguration, that moment when His transcendent radiance paralyzed Peter, James, and John with awe. All they wanted at that moment was to bask in Jesus' glory forever—and so that is what they asked for. It has always struck me that Jesus said no to that request. Instead, Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration with His disciples and went back into the world.

R.C. Sproul

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Psalms 50:1-2

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:3

The Lord's Day — April 3, 2022

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

Song of Assembly¹

Come, Worship the Lord (Psalm 95)

Talbot

*Come, worship the Lord for we are His people,
The flock that He shepherds. Alleluia!*

The Lord is God the mighty God,
The great King o'er all other gods.
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Allen Schmidt, PSC

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 142

Hymn of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

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Reading of the Word: *Behold, my servant...***Isaiah 52:1-15**

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the Lord: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” For thus says the Lord God: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. Now therefore what have I here,” declares the Lord, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the Lord, “and continually all the day my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.” How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin**from *The Book of Common Worship*, 1946**

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon**Isaiah 53:4-5**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.

*You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.*

Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.
Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.

Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.
Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,
And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

The Wonderful Cross

Watts/Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Lead Me To The Cross

Fraser

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember redemption's hill,
Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out, bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

To your heart, to your heart. Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Kent Quinn

Singing to the Lord

Doxology

Kids of the King

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

The Transfiguration: "Listening To The Cross"

Luke 9:28-36 (page 867)

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 signal the pastor to let him know. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

By His Wounds

Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions

He was crushed for our sins

The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him

And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice

In the life that You gave

We are healed for You paid the price

By Your grace we are saved

We are saved

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Benediction²
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Song of Faith

I Will Glory In My Redeemer
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.
I will glory in my Redeemer!

Cook

This Week

Monday 6:30pm Women’s Bible Study @ Nelson home (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm DPC Youth! (6 th -12 th Grade)
Tuesday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (<i>Hebrews</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Worship Choir Practice
Tuesday 10:00-11:30am Women’s Bible Study @ DPC (<i>Luke</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Open Door Study (<i>Galatians</i>)
Tuesday @ Noon Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (<i>1 Samuel</i>)	Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm Life Groups
Wednesday 1:00pm (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday) Singled Out for Christ	Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm 4 Year Olds - 5 th Grade / Kid’s Quest
Wednesday 5:00pm Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	Wednesday 7:30pm Praise Worship Band Practice
Wednesday 5:30pm Church Family Meal	Thursday 6:00pm College Student Study @ Oliver’s home (<i>Truths We Confess</i>)
Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm Kids Choirs: 4 Year Old - 2 nd Grade / Kids of the King 3 rd Grade - 5 th Grade / Dare 2 Declare	Friday 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (<i>Zechariah</i>)

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.

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Church Family Reminders

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Stephen Watson (4/10); Nathan White (4/17); Marcus Nobles (4/24).

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make and read the nomination form carefully.

"Freedom In Christ" Women's Retreat: This Friday & Saturday, April 8-9! The response has been very exciting!! Thank you to all the women who signed up and are planning to attend. With the attendees currently registered, we are now at FULL capacity. If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please put your name on the waiting list in the event anyone needs to cancel at the last minute. For more information, please contact Leigh Littrell, Vicki Stephenson, or Tara Thompson.

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 15, at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend. *"At the cross, in holy love, God through Christ paid the full penalty of our disobedience himself."* — John Stott

Next Gen Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for our annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at DPC. We are excited to have everyone come to the church for a morning of fun and fellowship. Be sure to bring your basket to collect eggs. See you then!

RYM Summer Conferences! Middle school conference is June 27-July 1, cost is \$415. High school conference is July 11-16, cost is \$440. Non-refundable \$100 deposits for all students, to save your spots, are due on May 1. Balances will be due on June 5. More fundraising information will be published soon. Scholarships are available. Please see Nathan with any questions. Registration flyers have been mailed out.

2022 Senior Recognition Sunday: There will be a reception honoring our 2022 high school graduates immediately following worship service Sunday, May 1. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

DPC Short-Term Mission Trip: You are invited to our mission in the Dominican Republic, May 31-June 7, 2022!! Check the DPC website - "short-term mission trips" - under the Ministry tab for full information. First come, first serve, limit ~25. Questions? Contact Carol Godwin, carolg@pclnet.net or 256.227.5614.

VBS: Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! Join us June 13th-16th from 5:15-8pm as we travel through the Solar System to learn about how God saves. Please fill out the link below to register your 4 years-5th grade children. There will be a \$15 registration fee due by the beginning of VBS. <https://forms.gle/hkU6vsbL4kbEyCv9A> Please contact Kristin Ladner if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. kristinladner@gmail.com or (256) 345-9331

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2022

9:30 am

Zechariah: Come join us as we study the book of Zechariah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. The book of Zechariah addresses God's people who are discouraged and in need of renewal. In doing so, it provides a captivating vision of God and his work in the world, leading us into a deeper longing for God and the coming of his kingdom, which finds its realization in Christ. Please join us in this study.

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!

Youth Sunday School: One of the key things we want our students to know before they graduate is how to study Scripture for themselves well. This semester, our high school and middle students will be learning how to study the Bible for themselves beginning with the assumptions they have about why and how we study the Bible and going all the way through to how to faithfully examine texts from Scripture's different genres and authors, all with the goal of understanding the divine author who reveals himself to us in it.

Session

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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