



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We all long for Eden, and we are constantly glimpsing it: our whole nature...is still soaked with the sense of exile.

J.R.R. Tolkien

Further, the resurrection of Christ is a fountain of good for His church and for the whole world.
It is the 'Amen' of the Father upon the 'Finished' of the Son.

Herman Bavinck

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:18

The Lord's Day — May 1, 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Peace/Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I climb the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Rhonda Stephens, PSC

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 146

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Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word: *Angels Guard the Way to the Eden*

Genesis 3:22-24; Exodus 25:17-22

Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer (1552)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our many sins which we have committed in thought, word, and deed. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

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.

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.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell/Papa/Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, Now the Light of Life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man;

In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man;

Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life;

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope;

Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Recognition of and Charge to Seniors

Pastor Nathan White

Prayer for Seniors

Elder Connor Ross

Singing to the Lord

Our God Saves

**Kids of the King
Dare 2 Declare**

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Series: The Implications of the Resurrection

Pastor Nathan White

I. The First Day

John 20:11-18 (page 906)

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.)

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King./

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Benediction²

Colossians 1:11-12

[May you be] strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;
giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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

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

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Nathan White (5/1); Rick Stark (5/8).

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 **today, Sunday, 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 today, Sunday, May 1. Our graduating seniors this year are: Emily Grace Lyons, Amelia McMahan, Emma Montgomery, Mary Pistorius, Xiran (Alice) Shu, Brooke Smith, and Erica Widell. There will be gift tables for each graduate located in the Café area, as well as cake and punch.

Coming Soon: The Ezra Worship Initiative! The last week in May, our Ezra Initiative Interns will arrive to begin what we pray is 10- week, a life-changing experience! The Ezra mission is to develop musically-gifted individuals into bi-vocational worship music leaders equipped and called to serve the church, and in particular the PCA. In partnership with Birmingham Theological Seminary, we will be teaching them, mentoring and training them, in the Theology of Public Worship, Musicianship, Sound & Technology, and Principles of Leadership. Let's get ready to welcome them to DPC!

Table Bridal Shower: Sunday, June 12 for Tel Schieler and Jordan (Jo) Moore. There will be a table in the gathering room for you to leave your gifts as they prepare for marriage. They are registered at zola.com/wedding/jordanandtel/.

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

2022 High School Graduate Plans

Emily Grace Lyons - University of North Alabama

Amelia McMahan - Mississippi State University

Emma Montgomery - University of South Alabama

Mary Pistorius - Troy University

Xiran (Alice) Shu - University of Alabama

Brooke Smith - Mississippi State University

Erica Widell - Calhoun Community College

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Kent Quinn
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Greg Smith
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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