



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.
2 Corinthians 4:5

In a forthright kitchen wonder—the response to nothing more than a social embarrassment—Jesus changes water to delicious wine at a wedding in Cana.... [I]t seems unlikely that John would describe such a homely feat unless he had been present and convinced of its actual and inexplicable occurrence. If not, why invent—for the inaugural sign of Jesus' great career—miraculous solution to a mere social oversight?

Reynolds Price

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make
his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Psalms 104:14–15

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Isaiah 25:6

The Lord's Day — September 18, 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

God So Loved

Bergthold/Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will love forever*

*The power of hell, forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Praise God, Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, Praise Him for wonders of His love

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-7

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Congregation: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Congregation: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 47

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Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour. Thou Who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence ever more. His sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see, and to eternity, love and adore.

Reading of the Word: *Consider the Sovereign God*

Isaiah 45:5-8

I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things. "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Righteous and Holy Sovereign, in whose hand is my life, save me from myself, from the artifices and deceptions of sin, from the treachery of my perverse nature, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for I know that all my thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. I have acted as if I hated you, although you are love itself; O Father of my spirit, King of my life, cast me not into destruction, drive me not from your presence, but wound my heart that it may be healed; break it that your own hand may make it whole ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

The Gospel Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Lord Is My Salvation

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The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love,
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. Oh sinner come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. (So)
*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.*
Bridge (sing after 2nd vs & chorus)
Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.
There's joy for the morning. Oh sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. (So)

Jesus, Only Jesus

Tomlin

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.
Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

(Immediately following this prayer, 4-5 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

Lord of the Wine and Lord of the Whips

John 2:1-17 (page 887)

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.)

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour, I know for sure,

All of my days are held in your hands, crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit

Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart,

I know you're drawing me to yourself, lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Benediction²

Jude 1:24–25

Now to 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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

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.

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

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Join us on Tuesday mornings! We meet 10-11:30 am at the church in the gathering room. Also, on Monday nights we meet 6:30-8 pm at Amy Nelson's home (2522 Sherwood Dr). We are studying the Old Testament prophets, guided by The Word of the Lord, by Nancy Guthrie. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Child care is provided on Tuesdays. For questions, contact Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

Men's Morning Bible Studies:

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE).

Every Tuesday, 12 - 1:00pm, at Kent Quinn's office (1323 Stratford Rd SE), lunch together immediately afterward.

Every Friday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Blake Temple's office (305 Bank St NE).

Wednesday Night Ministries - Yahoo! Our Wednesday night activities have resumed. The church family meal begins at 5:30pm (\$5.00/per person or \$20/family). From 5:00 – 7:30pm, there are ministries such as Children & Youth Choirs, Adult Worship Choirs, NextGen lessons & activities, Life Groups, the Open Door Study, etc... (details in the Thursday Email)

New to DPC? If you're visiting or just new around DPC, you're invited for a casual evening at the Phillips' home, today Sunday, September 18, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (2705 Summerwind Dr, SE, 662.736.0191).

Women's Ministry "Fall Gathering": All the women of DPC are invited to the Stark's home (3773 S. Woodtrail Rd SW) this Tuesday, September 20, 6:00-8:00pm. Bring snacks and drinks to share. Come for a relaxing evening of fellowship. For more information, contact Betsy Stark (334.728.1409, bstark8905@gmail.com) or Faye Temple (256.227.6525, faye.temple@temple-inc.com).

Joint Adult Sunday School: Next Sunday, September 25, 9:30am - 10:30am in the Gathering Room, come hear from our newest missionary, Adair Evans. She leaves for her first assignment with Mission to the World - Munich, Germany on September 29. Let's send her off with lots of encouragement!

NextGen Missions Fundraiser: Do you love to support foreign missions? Do you also love cookies? Well, do we have a great opportunity for you! On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the NextGen kids will be providing dessert for the churchwide dinner. For a donation of 50 cents per pre-packaged treat, you can help our kids support DPC missionaries, and satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time!

Secret Sisters: Love to encourage one another? Secret Sisters is a great way to shower someone with words and small gifts of encouragement. Runs September to May. Sign up list is located at the 'Welcome Table' in the Gathering Area of the church. Contact Julie Rodgers for more information (256-520-2497, jrose0152@yahoo.com).

Midweek College Study: College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00 at Chris and Laine Oliver's house (2309 Greenwood Dr. SE). We are studying Revelation using Dennis E. Johnson's *Triumph of the Lamb*. For more information, contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or (256) 280-7912.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2022

9:30 am

Presbyterianism: Who We Are and How We Got Here: Come join us as we study Presbyterianism, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. Topics include Revelation and Scripture, Overview of Reformed Theology, Covenant Theology, God (Theology) and Man (Anthropology), Christ (Christology), Salvation (Soteriology), Church (Ecclesiology), Practical Theology, Church Policy and the PCA, and Elders and Deacons. Please join us in this study.

Sedona Class: A study of Mark - Sports Center of the Bible. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ons are welcome!

Youth Sunday School: The reformer, John Calvin, often called the Psalms, "An anatomy of all parts of the soul." The early church father Athanasius said that the Psalms "embrace the whole life of man, the affections of his mind, and the motion of his soul." Luther was known to call the Psalms "a little Bible" as the book contained within it all the themes of the rest of Scripture set to prayers and songs. Join us as we study this remarkable book this summer, learning to praise and pray to God using the very words He gave us.

Study #158 - Ephesians: In a world where Christianity seems increasingly sidelined and even irrelevant, we need to grasp the truths of this life-changing letter - Ephesians. Come join this new adult class (Room #158), where in the context of study and fellowship, we will discover how being "in Christ" changes everything—our view of ourselves, our world, our future, our church, homes and workplaces.

Session

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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