



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

Most of us tell ourselves that the reason we remain unfulfilled is because we simply haven't been able to achieve our goals. And so we can live almost our entire lives without admitting to ourselves the depth of our spiritual thirst. And that is why the few people in life who actually do reach or exceed their dreams are shocked to discover that these longed-for circumstances do not satisfy.

Indeed they can enhance the inner emptiness by their presence.

Tim Keller

The Lord's Day — February 12, 2023

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

Song of Assembly¹

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Lyte

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.
Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.
Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in ev'ry station something still to do or bear;
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,
What a Savior died to win thee; child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?
Haste on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2-6

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

Congregation: for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Congregation: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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O worship the King all glorious above,
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
 Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Reading of the Word: *Rivers of Living Water*

Ezekiel 47:1-9

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Holy Father, you are the source of living water, and you bring life where there was only death. When we were dead in trespasses and sins, you made us alive together with Christ. Now, instead of practicing good works in the way of life, we continue to follow the passions of our disobedient nature and give in to the sinful desires of our bodies and our minds. Show us the immeasurable riches of your grace and fulfill your good work in us, leading us to faithful life in Christ ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Who Can Satisfy My Soul?

Jernigan

Who can satisfy my soul like You?
Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do.
Who could ever be more faithful, true?
I will trust in You. I will trust in You, my God.
Living Water, rain down Your life on me,
Cleansing me, refreshing me with life abundantly.
River full of life, I'll go where You lead.
And I will trust in You, Lord, I will trust in You, my God.

*There is a fountain who is the King,
Victorious Warrior and Lord of everything.
My Rock, my Shelter, my very own,
Blessed Redeemer, Who reigns upon the throne!*

Behold Him

Baloche

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time,
He who made every living thing, behold Him.
He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child,
He became like the least of us, behold Him.
*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.*
He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame,
even now He is in our midst, behold Him.
He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.
*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb,
the roaring Lion, oh, be still and behold Him.*
*Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God,
the Risen Savior, oh, be still and behold Him.*
Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty;
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

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 Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(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.)

Singing to the Lord

Finished Work of Christ

Soli Deo Gloria

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

You're Probably Thirsty
John 7:1-39 (page 892)

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.)

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Rodigast

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Benediction²

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be satisfied.

Song of Faith

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Fitts

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

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

Youth Super Bowl Party: The youth ministry will have our annual Super Bowl party tonight, Sunday, February 12th, at 5:30, in the gathering room. Contact Nathan with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Youth Fundraising: Several of the youth have signed up wanting to do babysitting, yard work, and housework to raise money towards their RYM conference fee. If you are interested in having any of this type of work done for you, by DPC youth, please send a description of the task and the number of students needed to Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org. The donation amount will be whatever is agreed upon with the student and their parents. Payment should be made to DPC with the students' names in the memo line. Please contact Nathan if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study: Our Bible study on Luke meets each Tuesday, 10 to 11:30, in the church gathering room. Study guides are available for purchase in the book nook for \$8.00. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Teresa Quinn at teresaquinn703@gmail.com

Wednesday Mid-Week Ministry: Join us for a church family meal served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Choirs and Youth begin at 6:00pm; NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Foster Parents Needed: With around 6,000 children in foster care, the need is clear. Classes for new foster parents begins February 28 at the Morgan County Department of Human Resources. If this interests you, talk to Deacon Steve Sasser (256.303.6722, steve@sasserlawllc.com) and/or check out the link <https://dhr.alabama.gov/fosteer-care>.

Our Pictorial Church Directory is Online! We need *every family* to create a Login and upload a picture. Please go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and follow the prompts under “First time signing in? Create Login”. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in and edit your family profile. You won't be able to see your changes until an administrator approves the change. Contact chip.walraven@gmail.com or tonya@decaturpca.org if you need help.

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 going through *1 Kings*. For more information, contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or (256) 280-7912.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2023

9:30 am

1 & 2 Thessalonians: Come join us as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. 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!

Study #158 - Ezra and Nehemiah: Come join the new adult class in room #158 where in the context of study and fellowship, we will discuss the vital story of a community revived and restored by God's grace, through the gifted individuals of Ezra and Nehemiah, preparing the way for the Messiah to come.

Session

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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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