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2 Corinthians 4:5

True happiness is to rejoice in the truth, for to rejoice in the truth is to rejoice in you, O God,
who are the Truth, you, my God, my true Light, to whom I look for salvation.

Augustine

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

The Lord's Day — February 26, 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

Here I am to Worship

Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth You created. All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jack Lyons, MTW Japan

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5, 7-9

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds!

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Pastor: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights!

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading of the Word: *The Lord God Helps*

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Your Great Name We Praise

Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.
Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Most Holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small, In all life You live Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail, We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross, love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn, love so amazing love so amazing
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You, All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

The Blessing

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The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family
and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.
In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

(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

Let Your Spirit Rise Within Me

Kids of the King

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

The Last Hour of Darkness
John 8:12-20 (Page 894)

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.)

We Hunger and Thirst

Exalted Son of glory humbly came down, Wounded for the broken, bore the sinner's crown
Through the willing death You died, You became our bread of life

*Jesus, we hunger and thirst for You, Lord, As we remember Your sacrifice
We see the wounds from Your hands and pierced side, Extravagant love! Oh how great the price
Now our lives are Yours*

The priceless blood of Jesus, this gracious cup, A life spring overflowing, poured out for us
He has conquered every sin, For the ones who trust in Him

*The cup we drink, the bread we eat, Reminds us You are all we need
And makes us long for Your wedding feast, The cup we drink, the bread we eat
Reminds us You are all we need, And makes us long for Your wedding feast*

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

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

Dominican Republic Mission Trip! DPC is going back, June 7-13, 2023, for a fantastic ministry opportunity! Please let Carol Godwin know if you are going or are considering going, for she is needing a head count (256.227.5614, carolg@pclnet.net).

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.

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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