



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

The Lord's Day — September 3, 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

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No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 35:3-6

Pastor: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart,

People: "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Pastor: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

People: then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
 Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
 His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
 To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Reading of the Word: *The Promises of God Can Be Trusted*

Isaiah 25:6-9

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. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave

*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*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name

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

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)

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

Were You There?
John 20:24-31 (Page 907)

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.)

Give Me Jesus

Ortega

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, Oh when I am alone

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, Oh when I come to die,

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You can have all this world. You can have all this world.

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

Benediction²

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Song of Faith

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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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.

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

Going to TWO WORSHIP SERVICES! *"Inviting everyone to love and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in every aspect of human life"* requires us to make room for our neighbors! Beginning September 17, we will go to two worship services, 8:15 and 10:45am. If you have not already done so, please make sure your family unit is represented in our survey indicating which morning service you would prefer to attend. JUST CLICK THE QR CODE.



Life Groups/Small Groups: Looking to grow spiritually? 'Discipleship' is a key component of the DPC mission! Please use the "interest card" to indicate your desire to participate in a Life Group or other small group. For more information, contact pastor Rick Stark, rick@decaturpca.org.

Wednesday Night Ministries: Our mid-week ministries will resume this Wednesday, September 6th. Come join us! Soli de Gloria Choir begins at 5:00pm. A church family meal is served from 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Kid's Choir and Youth begin at 6:00pm; Adult Choir begins at 6:15. NextGen, Open Door Study and Life Groups are at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Women's Fall Kickoff Luncheon: All women are invited! The Women's Ministry Team will host a fall kickoff luncheon next Sunday, September 10th, immediately following worship. We will introduce all the women's activities and ministries kicking off this fall, while enjoying good fellowship and good food! Please join us!

Flourish! Ladies, please remember to turn in your interest cards (located throughout the church) to be a part of Flourish, our new intergenerational discipleship ministry. Cards will be accepted until September 17. Need more information? Please see Melissa McMahan.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings, beginning September 19th... 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the church gathering room. We will be studying Proverbs, guided by *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Childcare is provided! For questions, contact Teresa Quinn (256)565-0897 or Annah Joseph (256)822-8394. Visitors are welcome!

Grandparenting Matters! Sunday School: On September 24, we invite all grandparents to join a new Sunday School. We will be studying and discussing from the Scriptures why grandparenting matters and how do we practically love and pass along our faith to our children and grandchildren. For more information, contact pastor Rick, 334.728.1409 or rick@decaturpca.org.

Midweek College Study: College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Tucker at tucker@decaturpca.org, or 678-448-6651.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2023

9:30 am

Judges: Come join us as we study “Lessons from Judges: Living with the True God”, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

Sedona Class: “What the PCA Believes”. The class taught by Jeff Keith and Connor Ross, meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ins are welcome!

Study #158 - Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon: In the context of study and fellowship, we will discuss and make applications from the stories of the New Testament church - its community, doctrine, and mission - through the Letters of Paul.

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

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Greg Smith
Blake Temple
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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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