



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.

St. Augustine

# The Lord's Day — September 10, 2023

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

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Lyte

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;  
Naked, poor, 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.  
Soul, then know 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, think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?  
Haste thee 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

**Psalm 100:1-3**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the Lord, He is God.

**People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 She is his new creation by water and the Word;  
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
 With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.  
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.  
 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### Reading of the Word: *The Lord Pursues, Rescues and Restores*

**Ezekiel 34:11-16**

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we confess that we are prone to wander and forget your faithfulness. We have sought after other gods and have placed our hope in things that cannot save us. We have said and done hurtful things to people you created in your image. We have been ungrateful and thankless when we should be humbled by your goodness. Forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**1 Peter 2:24-25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Always

Tomlin

I believe You gave sight to the blind, I believe that the dead came to life  
I believe there were wonders and signs, And You're still the same  
I believe every word that You said, I believe there are scars in Your hands  
That Your goodness is good without end, And You'll never change  
*I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace, The God of creation he knows me by name  
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.  
Your mercy is mighty, age after age, And all generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always. Always.*  
I believe You will come in the clouds, I believe You are here even now  
In Your presence, I know there is power, Power to save, oh  
[Bridge]  
You were, You are, You always will be God, You were (You were). You are (You are)  
You always will be God. Yes, You always will be God

### Leaning

Maher

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord, Let my no be no to things of this world  
If I rise or fall, if I stand at all, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms  
*What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, What a priceless gift, God, I'm yours and You are mine  
Let my restless soul be still and know, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms*  
From the morning sun and mercy new, To the evening stars, every promise is true  
As I walk this world I'm held by You, I am leaning on Your everlasting arms  
*The more I'm leaning, the more I'm flying, Feels less like dying, more like living for Heaven on Earth*

### 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.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

...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.)*

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

After Darkness, Light  
John 21:1-25 (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.)*

## Take My Life

Havergal/Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every pow'r as You choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

*Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee.*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>****Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Song of Faith****Christ Our Hope in Life and Death****Getty**

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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 next Sunday, 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](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org).

**Wednesday Night Ministries:** Our mid-week ministries have resumed. Come join us every Wednesday! 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 to our Fall Kickoff luncheon immediately following worship today! Join us for good food and fellowship, and hear more about DPC's women's activities and ministries. Interest cards for the new Flourish women's discipleship ministry are available through next Sunday, September 17. Questions? contact Teresa Quinn.

**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 next Sunday, 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](mailto: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](mailto:tucker@decaturpca.org), or 678-448-6651.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 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

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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