



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

The Lord's Day — October 8, 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

King's Cross

Ezra

King of the ages, all you've created, Jesus, Ruler of the universe as man
Laid down your glory, entered my story, Jesus, gave your life a ransom as the Lamb.
Your sacrifice has set me free.

*On the King's cross, on the King's cross, scarlet hands and crown of thorns
God himself who saved His own, I'm forgiven on the King's cross*

Now you are risen, and it is finished, Jesus, God as human reigning on your throne
I am your treasure, purchased forever, Jesus, with your life and death marked as my own
Amazing love, how can it be, that you my God, would die for me

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day!

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods!

All: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
 Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word: *A Light for the Nations*

Isaiah 49:5-7

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. You have promised that your Word is powerful unto salvation, yet we doubt the power of your word to change us or anyone else. You have called your people to bear witness to the truth of your word yet we often fail to believe it ourselves, let alone share it with others. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love in Christ. Lord we believe, help our unbelief and forgive us for our sin ...*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

God So Loved

Sovereign Grace

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Allelujah! Thou, burning sun with golden beam.
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Allelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one. O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!
All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Allelujah! Christ has defeated every sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelu-jah!

Immortal, Invisible

Story

Immortal, You are not like a man, that You change Your mind or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see, the depths of Your majesty.
You're the God of forever and ever amen! The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
We sing, "Hallelujah!" We worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God.
Immortal, You are not bound by death. You're the living God, my very breath.
Invisible, You are not bound by space, But Your glory is filling this place. Yes, Your glory is filling this place.
Immortal yet You once died for me, To pay my debt, to set me free.
Invisible, You will not always be, 'Cause You're coming to reign as our King,
And the saints will fall down at Your feet.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes
And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name, sing like never before
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Allen Schmidt

...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

The Disciples' Concerns 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Page 966)

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.)

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

Benediction²

Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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

Welcome to our Visitors! We are so grateful to God that you've come! If you are willing, please use the QR to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable with. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



Fall Festival: Join us for the Fall Festival Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.! We will have games, inflatables, bonfire, chili-cookoff, and an open mic night. If you would like to make chili for the cookoff, please contact Vicki Stephenson at vicki_stephenson@me.com. Contact Jessica Keith to sign up for open mic night at jlkeith78@gmail.com. Candy donation bin located in children's wing.

Operation Christmas Child: Be an International Missionary in Decatur! (1) Visit the OCC table in the Gathering Room. (2) Take home a shoebox (3) Prayerfully shop for items to fill it. (4) Pray for the child who will receive your gift. (5) Return stuffed shoebox(es) by Wednesday, November 15. Our hope is to give out/receive all 95 boxes! Contact Mary Chism for more information, maebelle12@att.net.

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.

Grandparenting Matters! Sunday School: Grandparents are invited to join a new Sunday School. We are studying and discussing from the Scriptures why intentional Christian grandparenting matters and how do we practically pass along our faith to our children and grandchildren. For more information, contact pastor Rick, 334.728.1409 or 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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2023

9:30 am

“Grandparenting Matters”: We invite all grandparents to join us. 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, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

Sedona Class: Galatians The class taught by George Godwin, 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
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Service Times

8:15am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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