



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 — April 14, 2024

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 Loves Me

Jack Lyons

God, You're good to me even when I cannot see it
Open my eyes and show me how You love me

You sing over me even in my unbelieving
Open my ears and let me hear You love me

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, I know, I know, I know. Jesus loves me*

God, You're close to me even if I cannot feel it
Open my heart to all You are, You love me

You are strong for me when my world is crumbling,
You are the one thing that I need, You love me

Love that died for me, I will live for You, All my love for You
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

All: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Bateman

Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Reading of the Word: *Jesus Provides for our Every Need*

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and done things we ought not to have done, and apart from You, there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, Lord. ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

His Mercy Is More

Boswell/Papa

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us! His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Fall On Us

Godwin

May the power of your presence overwhelm us, Holy Spirit living breath of God

Give your grace and gifts to all who gather, Help us see... set us free

May the beauty of your glory.. captivate us, Show us ways we fail to walk in love

Touch our troubled spirit with forgiveness, Renew us here... draw us near

Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Breathe in our hearts and light your fire

Fall on us, Holy Spirit, Move in this place with resurrection power, Fall on us, Fall on us, Holy God

May the comfort of your mercy bring the peace of God, Speak into our lives the word of Christ

Give us faith and hope for life's long journey, Fill our souls....make us whole

For the proud and for the hopeless, For the strong and for the weak

For the sure and for the doubting, For the one who has no peace

For the healthy and the ailing, For the rich and for the poor

For all who come in victory, For all who just endure

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

McCracken/Moore

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together. we will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

...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.)

(10:45 service only)

Singing to the Lord

Only A Holy God

Soli Deo Gloria

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Tucker Fleming

Feast in Famine

2 Kings 4:38-44 (Page 310)

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.)

At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me

Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me

At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me

There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave

Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?

You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done.

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes. You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me

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**Worthy Is the Lamb****Zschech**

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!
High and lifted up Jesus, Son of God. Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.

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.



Officer Nominations: We will be accepting elder & deacon nominations the entire month of April. Officer qualification study guides, reflection papers, and nomination forms are available in the foyer, along with the box in which to place your nomination. Please pray over any nomination you'd like to make and read the nomination form carefully.

J.O.Y.ful Endeavors Luncheon: Joyful Endeavors cordially invites empty-nesters and other like-minded senior adults, (Just Older Youth), to come enjoy a potluck meal, fun, and fellowship TODAY Sunday, April 14th, immediately after the 10:45 worship service! Please contact Mary Chism with any questions, 336.675.5900, maebelle12@att.net.

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: In lieu of Sunday School next Sunday 4/21, the youth will be having a pancake breakfast to raise funds for their summer conferences. Breakfast will be served 9:30-10:30 in the Gathering room. Suggested donation of \$5. Contact Tucker Fleming @678-448-6651 with any questions.

Summer Missions: Please be praying for Jack Lyons as he makes plans to return to Japan with Mission to the World, sharing the gospel through Community Arts Tokyo and working with college students. For more information, go to jacktojapan.com.

VBS: Save the Date. June 24-27, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Youth Fundraising: Our youth are available to help with household tasks to raise funds for their RYM conference fee. To hire them, email task details, number of students needed, and duration estimate to Tucker at tucker@decaturpca.org. Donation amounts are agreed upon with students and parents.

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 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

SPRING 2023

9:30 am

Romans: Come join us as we study Romans in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. Please join us in this study.

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 - What Is a Presbyterian?: It's the name of the "denomination" which DPC affiliates with - churches voluntarily organized and banded together by holding a shared theology and mission. So what does it mean or look like? Join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Andy Thompson
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

John Elder
James Fudge
Wade Littrell
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Service Times

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

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