



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 — May 26, 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

You Speak

Ezra

In the midst of raging waters, when the storm is all around,
You are there to calm the chaos with love that knows no bounds
When my soul is lost and troubled with fear and deep distress
You are near to bring deliverance to bring me peace and rest
*You speak and the waves obey. You speak, and darkness turns to day
You speak, and then we know; God, you are always in control.
(You're always, You're always, God you are always in control.)*
When the burdens feel too heavy, And it's hard to find my way,
You are there to guide me gently, lead me to a brighter day, yeah!
*The world is crashin' in, but Father I am listening
God, Your voice is louder, Your words hold all the power*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

People: Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul!
Friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving. He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.

Reading of the Word: *Responding to the Lord of Heaven and Earth*

Acts 17:24-31

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.” Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we have been prone to independence and self-reliance. We try to build monuments of our own accomplishments. We pray that you would forgive us and turn us to Jesus who cleanses us by his blood. Help us to long for the lasting kingdom, built upon his resurrection ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Confidence

Ezra

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest
Your full sacrifice is finished, Once for all our precious Lamb of God

*We have confidence to enter in the holy place
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way
We have confidence to enter in the holy place
By the new and living way*

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest
Now the veil that was between us by your body torn forever on the cross

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest*

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.

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder George Godwin

(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

Homesick for a Place I've Never Been

Psalms 120:1-7 (Page 516)

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.)

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)*

Benediction²**from 2 Timothy 4:18**

May the Lord rescue you all from every evil deed and bring you safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith**Doxology****Old 100th**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.



Iron Man Night: All the men in the church (16 and over) and their friends will gather again for Ironman Night, this Friday night, May 31, from 6:00pm – 8:30pm at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle). Gil & the gang will be smoking the meat, DPC will provide the drinks, and the men should bring sides and dessert. Scott Phillips will lead us in a discussion on *"Two Important Virtues You Want"*.

VBS: Embark on The Great Jungle Journey at VBS! Join us June 24-27, from 9:00am-12:00pm, for an unforgettable safari adventure! At "The Great Jungle Journey," kids will explore the wonders of God's creation while navigating through the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Don't miss out on the fun! Register now and prepare for a wild ride filled with laughter, learning, and lifelong memories.

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.

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: Shepherding A Child's Heart 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!

College Sunday School: Calling all college students back in town for the summer!! Join us for a journey through Genesis 1-11! Meet us in the Parlor for a dynamic and engaging exploration of the Bible. From deep discussions to meaningful connections, this class is designed just for you!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Brian Rodgers
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
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Service Times

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

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