



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 — June 23, 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jake Larson

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8-9

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Pastor: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints.

People: For those who fear him have no lack!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Reading of the Word: *An Inheritance, Kept and Guarded***1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Forgive us, Lord, for not admitting the depth of our sin, our pride, our selfishness, and our continual excusing of our sinful choices. And forgive us, Lord, for not believing in the depth of your love for us; for not resting in the assurance of your forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in the promises of your eternal Word. O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create in us enduring faith in your salvation ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness**2 Peter 1:3-4**

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me
I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

All My Boast Is In Jesus

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What wonder of wonders, what love is this That Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified The work is finished
All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love, And I will glory forever In what the cross has done
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill Let praises now return
Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord Who else is worthy?
O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord
I boast not in riches, in strength or might But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ In plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me
*All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love, And I will glory forever In what the cross has done
Now I stand in this freedom Ransomed, clean in His sight, And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ*

King's Cross

Ezra Worship Initiative

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

(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

Why Am I Here? Psalm 124:1-8 (Page 517)

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.)

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

Benediction²**Psalm 121:7-8**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Song of Faith**Great Is Thy Faithfulness****Chisholm**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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.



VBS: Embark on The Great Jungle Journey at VBS! Join us this week 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!

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

SUMMER 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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