



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 — August 4, 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, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7, 9

Leader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Leader Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

All: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
 Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
 Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side;
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail, throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
 Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
 Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heaven! One with the Father known,
 One with the spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
 To thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
 Be Thou, O Lord thro' endless days, Adored and magnified!

Reading of the Word: *Grace for Any Need***Hebrews 4:12-16**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are unwrapped and exposed to your eyes and ours. Forgive us, Father, and cover us in Christ. Teach us confidence in Jesus, our sympathetic high priest, and give us plentiful grace for all of our need ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness**Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 8:12**

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins... For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

From Depths of Woe I Raise To Thee

Luther (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark:
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. From all our sin and sorrow.

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft & Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Newton

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
Dear Name! The Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.
Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

(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

In Over My Head
Psalm 130:1-8 (Page 518)

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.)

Laden With Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord
 And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
 The volumes of my Father's grace, does all my griefs assuage
 Here I behold my Savior's face, in every page

This is the field where hidden lies, the pearl of price unknown
 That merchant is divinely wise, Who makes the pearl his own
 Here consecrated water flows, to quench my thirst of sin
 Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, no danger dwells within

This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail
 My guide to everlasting life, through all this gloomy vale
 Oh may Thy counsels mighty God, my roving feet command
 Nor I forsake the happy road, that leads to Thy right hand

Benediction²**2 John 1:3**

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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.



NextGen Promotion Sunday: Today, August 4th, children and youth who are moving to new Sunday School classes will be promoted. Parents should have received an email beforehand with details about which class their child should attend. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our young ones as they continue their journey of faith and learning.

State of the Church: Mark your calendars for August 25th at 6:00 PM for our annual State of the Church meeting. Hear about the exciting things happening at DPC, discover what's coming up, and learn about our focus for the next year. Don't miss this important gathering as we come together to celebrate and plan for the future!

Wednesday Nights Return: Our Wednesday night activities are starting back up on September 4th! Join us this semester for community and fellowship with something for everyone.

Life Groups/Small Groups: Looking to grow spiritually? "Discipleship" is a key component of the DPC mission! Please click the link below to reach out to our Associate Pastor, Rick Stark, to indicate your desire to participate in a Life Group this fall.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2024

9:30 am

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

Sedona Class: Philippians 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 - Mark: Dive into the life & teachings of Jesus as we explore the Gospel of Mark. This class walks you through the rich narratives and powerful messages of Mark's account, offering fresh insights and inspiring reflections. 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
Andy Thompson
Chip Walraven

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Service Times

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

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