



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

September 15, 2024

SERVICE TIMES

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Mark
Room 167: Romans
Room 168: Philippians

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30pm Meal
6:00pm NextGen & Youth
6:15pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant
Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

God of Wonders ¹

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your Majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of Heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
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Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth.
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your Majesty.
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

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Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Call to Worship

LEADER: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

PEOPLE: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches the ends of the earth.

LEADER: Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

PEOPLE: This is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

PSALM 48:9-10, 14

At God's command and invitation, we enter his presence and respond with worship.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Worship involves the whole person: body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing hymns and songs grounded in biblical truth engages all our faculties in worship together.

Hymn of Praise: God Of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

PSALM 73:21-26

Hope Even When We Wander

Reading of the Word

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, we confess the sin that clings closely to us, so we seek your help to lay it aside. We confess that our disappointments make us weary and fainthearted, so we seek your help to endure. We confess our mistrust of your fatherly discipline, and we seek your help to submit to your loving guidance at all times. Have mercy upon us, O Lord

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

PSALM 103:11-13

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

*So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King,
Lead on, O King, Lead on.*

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come quiet my soul,
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.
Everything I once held dear

I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh Lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

To your heart, To your heart
Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

...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, during the 10:45 service only, 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 & Offerings

Sermon

The New Pillar of Fire
Acts 1:12-26 (Page 909)
Pastor Scott Phillips

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. 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.)

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word.

Benediction

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. May he be your rock and your fortress, and for his name's sake may he lead you and guide you.

FROM PSALM

103:17; 31:3

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jay Suggs
Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Andy Thompson
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

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If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use the QR code to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



Church Family Reminders

Iron Man Night:

Men aged 16+ are invited to Iron Man Night on September 20 at 6:00 PM at Gil Cook's farm. Delicious Boston Butt will be provided, you bring a side or dessert. Come early for shooting and fellowship!

JOY Group Potluck:

Senior adults are invited to the JOY Group Potluck on September 22 after the second service. Bring a dish to share! Questions? Contact Mary Chism (maebelle12@att.net).

Wednesday Night Activities:

Wednesday nights are back! Dinner starts at 5:30 PM, with activities for all ages to follow.

Women's Fall Bible Studies:

Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 AM in the Sedona classroom. Books are \$10.

Life Groups/Small Groups:

Grow spiritually in a Life Group or small group. Use the "interest card" or contact Pastor Rick Stark (rick@decatupca.org) for more details.

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