

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 21, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

Prelude in C Major from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*, Book I, BWV 846
Gabrielle Lewis, piano

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 66:8,16

L: All you people, bless our God!

P: Let the sound of God's praises be heard!

L: Come close and listen, all you who honor God

P: For we will tell of what God has done for us!

*HYMN #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 66:20; Acts 17:30

L: Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent,
but also assures us of forgiveness.

Therefore, let us offer our confession to the one who is steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 Peter 3:16, 21; John 14: 15, 21

Loving God,

we do not always keep your commandments;

we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.

Wash us in the water of life that we may live again

through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

Amen.

(time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on John 14:16, 18

L: Sisters and brothers,
God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: And as God's forgiven, restored and strengthened people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and friendship.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADERS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Tools of the Heart, Tools in the Hand"
by The DPC Juveniles, Les Kerr, and Tammy Vice
Less Kerr, guitar

For each of us God has a plan. He give us
tools to get things done. Tools of the heart, tool in the hand
and wis-dom to use the right one.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Tools of the Heart, Tools in the Hand". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the song, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is simple and suitable for a church service.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on John 14:16, 17

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:

Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence.

Spark us with a word of life – a message that we may share with others
as we seek to live Christ's love in the world.

All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Act 17:16-34

(NT p.)

L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To An Unknown God

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

based on Acts 17:27-29;

Psalms 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-14; John 14:14-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God who listens and gives heed to our prayers.

We praise and we bless you, our true and loving God.

We pray for all who search for you:

may they find their way in you.

Bless us with lips that sing your praise

and lives that tell the stories of all that you have done for us.

Open our eyes to find you among us as we share your love with others.

Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are oppressed by governments or institutions:
for those whose voices are not heard or believed,
those with no one on their side.
Bless us with a joy for justice
and the strength to persevere as we work toward your coming realm.
Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for all who hunger,
and those who worry each day how they will care for their families.
Bless us all with meaningful work and fill us with good things,
as we love and care for each other and find our sustenance in you.
Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer the violence and scars of war,
for all soldiers and their families,
and all who live and serve in war-torn places.
Give them courage in the face of fear;
in times of trouble, do not let their feet slip.
Bless us with your vision of peace,
for you have made us one family by giving life and breath to all.
Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We remember before you all who have died,
and pray for all who will die today, that they may know your peace.
Bless us with the gift of faith, that we may know you and love you,
and enjoy life eternal shared with you.
Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for all those people and situations we now name aloud.
[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]
Lord in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

And hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught, saying ...

**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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Will Give My Heart to the Lord

words & music by Mark Patterson

Gabrielle Lewis, piano

I will give my heart to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to love him.
I will give my song to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to praise him.
I will give my life to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to serve him.

*DOXOLOGY #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)**

based on 1 Peter 3:16; John 14:15-21

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to people your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
And Bear It Into the World**

***HYMN #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Caccia from *Five Lyric Pieces*

Norman Dello Joio

Our guest pianist today is Gabrielle Lewis. She is a 2014 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Theory. Gabrielle is founder and director of the Nashville Citizens' Orchestra, for which DPC is the home performance venue, and Senior Associate Conductor for the Vanderbilt Commodore Orchestra.

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Faye & Jim Dickson— *greeters and refreshments*

Nina Cardona — *liturgist*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson — *offering counters*

And next week:

Chuck Cardona — *liturgist*

Justin Near and Claire Armbruster — *offering counters*



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Enjoy all the homemade ice cream you can eat!
Music! Games! Big Shade Trees! Support MOB!

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on the lawn at First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville (rain or shine)
FREE PARKING

Buy your tickets Sunday mornings at DPC
\$10/adults, \$8/children 2-12, kids under 2 are FREE!
Tickets will be available onsite at the event (cash or checks) and online:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/>
All proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center!

If you can't attend, please support this important benefit by purchasing tickets for friends or family members or surprise someone you don't know during worship at DPC with a gift!

Free parking is available at designated spaces at Franklin Road Academy, John Overton High School and Judson Baptist Church, with frequent complimentary shuttle service available.

Ice Cream Crankers - If you want to make and serve your ice cream at the event, you can sign up at the church on Sunday mornings or contact Jack Henderson

If you want to compete, the contest, rules and entry information will also be available on Sunday mornings or at:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/forms>

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace – each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Betsy Bahn, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2017

Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

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