

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You don't have anything,
if you don't have the stories.

– Leslie Marmon Silko, *Ceremony*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Slane*
Melody taken from Hymn #450

Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Mark 5:21-43

L: We have come

P: to gather around Jesus.

L: We have come,

P: to plead for his help.

L: We have come,

P: to feel his power.

L: We have come

P: to be affirmed in our faith.

L: We have come

P: to be shocked by the miraculous.

L: We have come

P: to be given something to eat.

L: We have come

P: to worship Jesus!

*HYMN #44

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Faith - a deep trust - in Jesus is often hard because it requires us to admit that our talents, knowledge and resources are not always enough to confront the challenges of life. Let us open ourselves to new ways of being by praying together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Christ,
trusting you does not always come easy
when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world.
We do not believe that love conquers fear.
We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.
We cannot conceive how you could heal us.
Forgive our lack of faith,
and renew our trust in you,
for we would be your disciples.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Mark 5:33-34

L: Jesus assured a woman that it was her faith
that freed her from her illness
and restored her to community.
Our faith in Jesus sets us free too;
by it we are reconciled with God and each other.
Jesus said to the woman, “Go in peace.”
We say, “Peace 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

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Living Christ, Word Made Flesh,
we want to be close to you.
We ask that by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we may find ourselves truly in your presence
in the hearing and preaching of the Word Written.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God...
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

FIRST READING

Psalm 130

(OT p.538)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 5:21-43

(NT p.871)

L: The Gospel of our Lord. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

They Laughed at Him

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #178

“The Woman Hiding in the Crowd”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

based on Romans 8:26; 2 Samuel 1:17-27

During the silence after each petition you may say aloud your individual prayers.

Knowing that God hears our prayers,
and trusting in the Spirit
who intercedes with sighs too deep for words,
let us pray together, saying,
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Death is all around us, Lord;
the world groans with the weight of it.
Hear our prayers for your warring world. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

The rulers of the nations need your wisdom, Lord;
oppression and injustice prevail.
Hear our prayers for the leaders of the world. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

The church is divided, Lord;
we fight and splinter.
Hear our prayers for the peace and unity of the church. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Your children suffer, Lord;
they are hungry and can find no rest.
Hear our prayers for those who are poor or have no homes. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

We are sick, Lord,
and some of us are dying.
Hear our prayers for healing and peace. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Our hearts are troubled, Lord;
guide us until we find our rest in you.
Hear our secret prayers. [*silence*]
Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God,
for you are faithful and your love never ends.
Gather our prayers and conform them to your will.
we pray in the name of the one who taught this prayer:

**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 Almighty and Everlasting God Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help
and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

***DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity
and a genuine love for those who are in need.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives
that together we may bring healing and hope to the world.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Children: Who is welcome at this table?

Congregation:

**Friends and strangers,
the hungry and the weary,
refugees and wanderers,
saints and sinners,
all are welcome here.**

Presider: And why is everyone welcome at this table?

Children: Because Jesus welcomes everyone!

Presider:

Yes! Jesus draws the welcome circle wider,
so that everyone may come to the table -
So that everyone can come and meet Jesus.
Therefore, let us give thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

Congregation:

We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

Presider:

It is our greatest joy, Creator God,
to give you thanks in every time and place.

continued...

You made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them -
sun, moon, and stars,
mountains, rivers, and trees,
animals and people.
You even made us in your own image to love and serve you,
and you show us your mercy every day.
Therefore with all people and all creation,
we shout your praise:

Congregation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider:

All glory and blessing are yours, Saving God,
for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ.
Born a child like us,
he grew up to be your servant.
Jesus taught your truth.
He welcomed, healed, forgave, and loved people.
In the end, he suffered and died
to save us from sin, from slavery, and from exile.
And God raised him up to give us a new life.
We praise you that before he died,
our Savior gave us this holy meal
to eat together until he comes again.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Presider:

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.
After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Presider:

The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the covenant sealed in my blood,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: What do we remember at this table?

Congregation:

We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

Children: What do we ask at this table?

Presider:

Merciful God,
pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking together
we may be made one with Christ and with one another.
At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord,
and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name
until the day you make all things new.

Congregation:

Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION A Prayer for Communion Roberta Bitgood

Most gracious God, Who art at this time calling us to prepare ourselves for coming to the Holy Table, grant us grace from the heart, freely to forgive one another. Accept us as we dedicate ourselves to Thee; by faith Holy Spirit, and enabled to live in Thy fellowship now and evermore. Amen.

– Words from *The Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Today's communion liturgy is from the new edition of the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* and was used during mid-week worship at the recent 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA).

Join us after worship

at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

Summer Worship in the Chapel

July 1–September 2

Starting on Sunday, July 1, and continuing through September 2, we'll gather for Sunday worship in the Chapel. The Chapel allows us to worship with greater intimacy and gives us the opportunity to do some things with liturgy, narrative, music and art that will be more effective in that space.

One of creative elements the Worship & Arts committee will encourage is congregational participation in crafting liturgy - things like the call to worship, prayer of confession, assurance of pardon and prayers of the people. We'll be creating some guides and resources to help you, and maybe even having a workshop or two. More on that will follow soon.

Our worship will more deliberately focus Mark's gospel following a *lectio continua*, or "continuous reading." Normally Pastor Mike and the Worship & Arts committee follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle, as a guide for preaching and our worship. But for our ten weeks in the Chapel, Pastor Mike created a custom lectionary that takes us from Mark 5:21 through Mark 9:29 with almost no omissions. This long section of Mark is almost entirely action with very little sermonizing from Jesus or authorial theologizing. Our broad focus will be on touch, embodiment and movement.

We also have some ideas for participatory and cumulative art projects, drama, movement and more. Again, more info will follow!

The W&A committee is really excited about the possibilities of our summer worship and we hope you all will join us not only with regular attendance but enthusiastic participation.

Cushions for the Chapel

The cushiness and freshness of the Chapel pew cushions has been questionable for a long time and we thought it best to remove them. So for our summer worship in the Chapel beginning on July 1, we're inviting all regular attending members and friends to bring a seat cushion for themselves and one extra for a guest. Any single, comfortable cushion will do - just something to make the pews a little more comfortable for you and a friend.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for All Ages

Come join us in Parlor 1 next Sunday morning at 9:45 for intergenerational Sunday School. Enjoy fellowship, fun, Bible study and food for all ages.

Upcoming scripture:

- July 8 – Mark 6:1-13

Breakfast snacks are always welcome!

If you'd like more information, contact Suzie at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

Join us today, right after worship, at the Nashville Farmers' Market for our First Sunday Lunch Meet-up! Get some food from one of the fantastic vendors, then look for friendly faces in the dining area.



Nashville Farmers' Market is at 900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.



First Saturday Art Crawl is coming next Saturday, July 7. The crawl is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and DPC is a popular stop. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Hosts need to be at the church by 6:00 p.m. Email Michael Arwood (dagmal@aol.com) if you'd like to help out Saturday.

Liturgy for Summer Worship

For our summer worship in the Chapel we want to invite you - our DPC members and friends - to contribute to the services by crafting liturgy. And for our purposes you can think of liturgy as those things we say together and the prompts that introduce those elements. So, if you want to try your hand at composing the words and prayers of worship, send an email to Pastor Mike – mikewilson@dpchurch.com – noting which movements and Sundays you'd like to tackle. You can also tell him whether or not you'd be interested in a liturgy workshop or get-together.

Want to know even more? Here are the specific elements of worship you can work on:

- Call to Worship**

An invitation to the congregation to come into God's presence with praise. It reminds us that our worship centers on God and not ourselves.

- Invitation to Confession**

A reminder of *why* we need to offer confession, both individually and as a community.

- Prayer of Confession**

Confessing the truth about ourselves and the ways we have fallen short of both God's and our own best intentions.

- Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace**

We are assured that in all things we are loved, forgiven, restored and renewed, and encouraged to share that love with others.

- Prayer for Illumination**

An invitation to God to open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit to receive and understand the Word written and proclaimed.

- Prayers of the People**

An opportunity to join together for prayers of petition and joy, with particular attention to world, national, local and personal concerns.

- Prayer of Dedication**

We give thanks for our offerings and pray that they would be used to further reveal God's kingdom.

Pastor Mike is primary responsible for our weekly liturgy and he either selects it from pre-written liturgy sources - books, websites, journals - or writes it himself. Almost always the liturgy is tied to the Revised Common Lectionary that Mike uses for preaching and reflects the lectionary's scripture and themes.

Your liturgical contributions can be for any part of or all of a service and should be tied to the custom lectionary we'll be using for our Chapel worship. (You can get that from Pastor Mike or by emailing Dena in the office: denaswoner@dpchurch.com)

A good way to understand how liturgy, theme and scripture tie together is by looking at this bulletin or those on the DPC website. Most movements are accompanied by a note that says “based on...” with scripture verses listed. If you read the passages and then the liturgy you’ll see how the two come together.

And of course, we’ll give full credit each week to everyone who contributes!

Singing Workshops **July 8 - September 2**

Some people think they can’t sing or aren’t good at it, so they sing timidly or not at all. But the truth is ***everybody can sing***. What they need is encouragement and a few easy-to-learn techniques. Starting on Sunday, July 8, and every Sunday through September 2, our director of music, William Taylor, will supply both in a series of workshops right before worship.

We’ll gather in the Chapel at 10:45 to learn how we can sing with greater confidence and enthusiasm and participate even more fully in our worship experience. Even if you think you can’t carry a tune in a bucket, join us to discover just how much fun bold congregational song can be. There will be no judgment or singling-out - just big deep breaths and a lot of fun!

Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space.

Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday. We want to enlarge our pool of experienced DPC hosts for those Saturdays when other churches and organizations are sending volunteers. Go here to sign up for any Saturday and to see who else is coming: <https://goo.gl/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

If you can volunteer, please respond to dpcbreakfast@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet Help!

We maintain a clothes closet to help our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. We are currently in need of the following items.

- 1) JEANS for Men and Women - all sizes
- 2) SOCKS for Men and Women - **New Only**
- 3) UNDERWEAR for Men and Women - **New Only**

Thank you for your support!

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "**dpchurch**" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

176 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on June 23.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:45, Children:5

Visitors and Tourists

24 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:30 Lunch Meet-up at Farmers' Market

Monday, July 2

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, July 3

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day - Church Closed

Thursday, July 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, July 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, July 7

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

6:00 ART Crawl

Sunday, July 8

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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 2018

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