

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
July 15, 2018

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(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

He got me a cup of tea with honey, toast with honey, yogurt with honey, like I was John the Baptist with the flu.

– Anne Lamott, *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts of Faith*

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Ephesians 1:3,5,11,12

**L:** God blessed us in Christ.

**P:** God chose us in Christ.

**L:** God destined us in Christ  
to be God's children.

**P:** God called us to be an honor to God's glory  
because we hope in Christ.

**L:** Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

based on Hymn #307

“Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.” That is a worthy petition in any age. Let us confess our weakness and ask for an anointing of God's power.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) based on Hymn #307; Mark 6:14-29

We are bound by fear, O God of grace and glory.  
We are not immune to warring madness.  
We submit to selfish gladness.  
We capitulate to the hosts of evil 'round us.

Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage.  
Strengthen us in the gift of thy salvation  
so that we might pursue thy kingdom's goals.  
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE  
based on Ephesians 1:3,5,11,12; Hymn #307

L: Remember, we are blessed, we are chosen,  
we are destined, we are called.  
By God's grace we are free,  
free to sing our faith and praise,  
free to love each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.  
Let us show that love now.  
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

## God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on Hymn #307

O God, may our poor souls be enriched today by the proclamation of the  
gospel and through the Spirit's illumination. Amen.

## 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 85:8-13 CEB, alt. (antiphonally)  
left side reads **bold**, right side reads *italics*

**Let us hear what the LORD God says,  
because God speaks peace to God's people, to God's faithful ones.  
Don't let us return to foolish ways.  
God's salvation is very close to those who honor God.  
so that God's glory can live in our land.  
Faithful love and truth have met;  
righteousness and peace have kissed.  
Truth springs up from the ground;  
righteousness gazes down from heaven.  
Yes, the LORD gives what is good,  
and our land yields its produce.  
Righteousness walks before God,  
making a road for God's steps.**

SECOND READING                      Mark 6:14-29                      (NT p.872)  
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*HYMN #163                      "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

God of grace and glory,  
God of those who suffer for righteousness' sake,  
Receive our prayers of hope and healing  
on behalf of the church and the world.

Give wisdom to all leaders and people  
to resist the powers of fear and violence  
that destroy our common life.  
In the face of injustice, oppression, and brutal power,  
strengthen our wavering wills to stand in the power of Christ.

Stir up in us the power to care for your creation,  
not as resources to be exploited,  
but as a precious gift to be held in trust  
as a revelation of your faithfulness.

Inspire your church to share Christ's love  
beyond the safety of its walls,  
and fill us with an infectious joy for sharing your gospel  
as we welcome your coming reign.

Bring healing and wholeness to all  
who are haunted by broken relationships, abuse,  
illness, or terror and trauma of any kind;  
restore us in your peace.

Eternal God, in Christ you gather all things up  
in heaven and on earth;  
enfold all those who will be born this day  
and all those who will die into the joy  
of your never-ending realm of peace,  
for our hope is set on Christ as we live to praise his glory. **Amen.**

And hear now all the other prayers we offer today,  
either aloud or in silence.

*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]*

Our final petition we pray together 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 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates Melchior Vulpius

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Oh, blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
Oh, happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of Triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

—George Weissel, trans. by Catherine Winkworth

#### \*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)

**O God, you give only what is good. We pray that what we have given is good and ask your blessing on what we have surrendered. May this money help us continue our work, making the name of Jesus well-known through our service, worship and witness. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN #731 "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm"

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

### **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!

### **Preaching Texts July 8 – September 2**

The preaching texts for the summer are a continuous reading from Mark 5:21 through 9:29. Your experience of the series will be enhanced by reading that section straight through several times.

#### **July 8**

Mark 6:1-13

#### **July 15**

Mark 6:14-29

#### **July 22**

Mark 6:30-44

#### **July 29**

Mark 6:45-56

#### **August 5**

Mark 7:1-23

#### **August 12**

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Carol Tate — guest preacher

#### **August 19**

Mark 8:22-26

Rev. Stacy Rector — guest preacher

#### **August 26**

Mark 8:27-38

#### **September 2**

Mark 9:2-29

## Intergenerational Sunday School Continues!

Join our multi-age group on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Parlor 1 for food, fellowship and Bible study. During July, we will study passages from Mark that will also be used in worship.

July 15: Mark 6:14-29

July 22: Mark 6:30-44

July 29: Mark 6:45-56

Many thanks for Jim and Faye Dickson for bringing yummy snacks each week!

Will we see YOU on Sunday morning?

### **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. For our summer time in the chapel, our director of music, William Taylor, will supply both in a series of workshops right before worship each Sunday. This past Sunday we learned the importance of posture - relax the tension in your body and sit / stand with your back as straight as you can. We will next address breathing before we begin to sing. Posture allows good breathing which provides better singing and much more to come.

Let's continue to gather in the Chapel at 10:45 and 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!

### **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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## **Summer Worship in the Chapel**

**July 1–September 2**

Through September 2 we’ll continue to 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.

## **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](mailto: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 Givings!**

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

168 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 7.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:53, Children:8

#### Visitors and Tourists

56 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 2

#### Monday, July 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, July 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, July 18

#### Thursday, July 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, July 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, July 21

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

#### Sunday, July 22

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel

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

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

#### Class of 2018

Cary Gibson  
Michael Korak  
Jim Dickson

#### Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

#### Class of 2020

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Vickie Coffin

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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