

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 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

Roughly 50 percent of all produce in the United States is thrown away—some 60 million tons (or \$160 billion) worth of produce annually, an amount constituting “one third of all foodstuffs.”

— Adam Chandler in *The Atlantic*, July 15, 2016  
and quoting a report in *The Guardian*

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Mark 6:30-43

L: Come with me to a quiet place and rest.

P: **The hour is late.**

L: The multitudes are hungry.

P: **Let us give them something to eat.**

L: Let us look to heaven.

P: **We give thanks and praise.**

L: God's kingdom is upon us.

P: We bear witness to God's work among us.

\*OPENING HYMN “God's Spark” (sung to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount”)

Let us welcome everybody  
sharing peace with grace and love.

We are called to grow together  
doing justice from above.

Called to seek God's true communion  
with diverse and varied lives;

Telling tales of joy and struggle  
caring for a world that thrives.

continued...

God we need thee as we walk on  
this long journey of our lives.  
Though the path is long and winding,  
from your hand our strength derives.  
Make the valleys safe and level  
in our world and in our hearts.  
Let us praise your omnipresence  
and respond with living love.

Let us see God's spark in others,  
know God's fount flows for them, too;  
Strive for patience, care and mercy  
in all that we say and do.  
May our faith be more than feeling,  
let it shine through every choice!  
Say "God loves you" with our actions  
and not only with our voice.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We dine. We live. We want, and we need. Let us confess our inability to recognize the people around us, the actions in which we take part, the path behind us, and the path ahead of us. Let us ask for help.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Mark 6:21-44

**We confess our ignorance -  
that we often do not know which banquet we are attending  
or at which table we sit.**

**We confess our inaction -  
that we know what to do or what not to do,  
but that we delay and make excuses.**

**Our vision is blurred.  
We are unable to correctly see the path behind us,  
the path laid before us or to see any path at all.**

**We wander, following our whims with no purpose and no reason.**

**We fall on our knees, at a complete loss.  
Guide us, Our Shepherd. Teach us.  
Place your hand in ours. Let us know that you are there.**

(Time for silent confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: No matter how far we wander or how often,  
our shepherd is always there to take our hands,  
to guide us home.

Sisters and brothers, know that today, right now,  
you *are* home.

So let us greet each other like family.

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)

Almighty God, who multiplies what we offer, and exceeds our every need,  
fill us and sustain us with your word, for the renewal of our bodies and  
minds, and the work of your kingdom among us. Amen.

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 145:7-9; 13b-21 CEB, alt. (responsively)

**L:** The people will rave in celebration of your abundant goodness;  
they will shout joyfully about your righteousness:

**P:** **“The LORD is merciful and compassionate,  
very patient, and full of faithful love.  
The LORD is good to everyone and everything;  
God’s compassion extends to all God’s handiwork!”**

**L:** The LORD is trustworthy in every pronouncement,  
faithful in every action.

**P:** **The LORD supports all who fall down,  
straightens up all who are bent low.  
All eyes look to you, hoping,  
and you give them their food right on time,  
opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

**L:** The LORD is righteous in every way  
faithful in every deed.

**P:** **The LORD is close to everyone who calls out,  
to all who call out to God sincerely.  
God shows favor to those who honor God,  
listening to their cries for help and saving them.**

**L:** The LORD protects all who show love,  
but wicked person receive no favor.

**P:** **Our mouths will proclaim the LORD’s praise, and every living thing  
will bless God’s holy name forever and always.**

**SECOND READING** Mark 6:30-44 (NT p.873)

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

**SERMON** Green Grass and High Tides Rev. Mike Wilson

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*HYMN #460** “Break thou the Bread of Life”

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

Almighty God,

The hour is late and the people are hungry

for food and clean water, for health care and safe shelter:

**Relieve those who are in need, O God.**

The hour is late and the nations quarrel and argue

putting pride, hatred, and ambition before the needs of humanity:

**Bring your peace and protect those who are in danger, O God.**

The hour is late and your creation is in pain

as our folly and carelessness blemish the beauty you have given us:

**Transform our habits and institutions, O God.**

The hour is late and our loved ones are troubled

with illness, injury, depression, pain, and anxiety

**Comfort and heal those who suffer, O God.**

The hour is late and your church is divided against itself

clinging to our petty differences of nation, party, tribe, and race

instead of the love of Christ which unites us:

**Transform your church, O God.**

The hour is late and we whisper unspoken pleas

in the silence of our hearts, Which only you know.

[silence]

And we listen in solidarity to the prayers

of need and thanksgiving of your people today:

[the people offer their prayers aloud]

And we bear witness with your saints in many places and times,

praying the prayer

you taught us...

**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    My Shepherd Will Supply My Need    Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His Name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways.  
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay.  
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.  
O may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.  
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

— paraphrased from Psalm 23

**\*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)

**We offer money today, O God, not bread and fish. But we believe you will bless this offering too, if we promise to use it to serve your people and help make visible your kin-dom. So we make that promise today, in Jesus's name. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #80**                      “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

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!

## Note about today's liturgy:

The verses of our opening hymn were written by DPC members Eric Near, Jack Henderson and Nina Cardona as part of a Pentecost project to write new verses for the familiar hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." But these verses also stand separate from that hymn as a new hymn and so today we'll call it "God's Spark."

Our call to worship, prayer for illumination and prayer of intercession were written by DPC friend Chris Leonard, and our invitation to confession and prayer of confession were written by ruling elder Justin Near as part of our summer liturgy-writing project.

## **Inter-generational Sunday School ends on 7/29**

Next Sunday is our last intergenerational Sunday School for the summer. Why should you attend?

To make a new friend

To explore scriptures that will be used in worship

To share your faith with others

To pray with others

To break bread with others

We meet at 9:45 in Parlor 1. *As a special ending for our time together, we will enjoy a full breakfast! Bring your favorite breakfast treat to share with the group.*

The children will move back to the second floor starting on Sunday, August 5.

Questions? Contact Suzie at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com) or 615-406-4915.

## **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

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

## 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.

## **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.

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!

## **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!**

## 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 14.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:44, Children:4

#### Visitors and Tourists

35 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

#### Monday, July 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Tuesday, July 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, July 25

#### Thursday, July 26

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, July 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, July 28

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

#### Sunday, July 29

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

### 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!**

## 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

Dave Coleman  
Debra Gentry  
Vickie Coffin

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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