

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018

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We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We were born with our eyes wide open, So alive to wild hope. Now can you
tell me why, time after time they drag you down - down in the darkness deep?
Fools, in their madness, all around. Know that the light don't sleep. Know that
the light don't sleep.

— David Gray, *Silver Lining*

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to God as long as I have my being!

L: The Lord gives justice to the oppressed,

The Lord sets the captive free!

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind

And lifts up those who are bowed down!

P: This is our God who keeps promises forever.

Hallelujah! Come praise the Lord!

***HYMN #806**

"I'll Praise My Maker"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God who made heaven and earth and every living thing, from the highest star to the deepest ocean bed, is the same God who became human, and who knows the depth of all that is in us. The same God who lights the dawn sees what we hide from others and from ourselves. The same God who when we reach out for help, is already there reaching out to us with never-ending love and the promise of forgiveness. Trusting in God's grace, let us reach out and offer our confession together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**For failing to love others as you have loved us
God of grace, forgive us.**

**For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods
God of grace, forgive us.**

**For plundering the earth and abusing the planet,
God of grace, forgive us.**

**For fearing those who are different from us and ignoring those in need
God of grace, forgive us.**

**For all the ways we try and hide ourselves from you,
God of grace, forgive us.**

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: The God who made us, knows us, loves us, is calling us to be Resurrection people - to be liberated by forgiveness.

Jesus says, "Rise up, you are healed! You have a new beginning. Be free!"

As we are forgiven, so we are called to forgive. Let us turn to each other with open hearts and words of welcome and reconciliation.

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) from Book of Common Worship

Guide us O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see
light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 146:1-2, 5-10 (responsively, CEB, alt.)

L: Praise the LORD!

Let our whole being praise the LORD!

P: **We will praise the LORD with all our lives;
we will sing praises to our God as long as we live.**

L: The people whose help is the God of Jacob—
the people whose hope rests on the LORD their God—
they are truly happy!

P: **God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
God: who is faithful forever,
who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!**

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Wash away, we pray,
the tiredness of our bodies and souls.
Hold gently in your healing hands
the broken places in our lives and relationships.
Be our company in isolation,
our source of hope in despair,
and the way forward at every dead end.
God of tenderness and compassion, hear our prayer.

God of all good gifts,
thank you for setting a table of welcome
for everyone;
for making room whether we are faithful or faithless or failing.
We pray that all who are hungry will find enough to eat
and clean water to drink
as we share and live more responsibly.
Teach us to sit down with enemies,
sharing common meals and common hopes.
Makes us true servants of yours
for the sake of the world.
Teach us to love as you love
for the sake of the world.
We pray for faith that is worth handing on
to yet another generation
for the sake of the world you love.
God of all good gifts, hear our prayer.

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 last petition we offer boldly and with one voice:

**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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Faye Dickson and Emily Rattle

Safe Haven Family Shelter is the only shelter-to-housing program of its kind in Middle Tennessee that accepts entire homeless families. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide support to Safe Haven.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
Eternal Power, be our support.
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— St. Alcuin

*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, bless these offerings so that we might continue our witness in our city. Help us to use these gifts wisely, to reach out to others compassionately, to listen to the voices of those who hurt with humility, and to proclaim your Love boldly. In the name of Mary’s son and our brother, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Fishes and Loaves People

The Saturday Breakfast volunteer team, also known as the Fishes and Loaves People, will meet **today, August 19** in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The meeting should be brief, allowing cars to exit the parking garage before 2:00.

Children's Sunday School

School-age children (kindergarten and up) gather for Sunday School in room 211 from 9:45 am-10:45 am. Following Sunday School, their leaders will bring them to the chapel to meet their parents for worship.

It is wonderful for adults to share their gifts in ministry with children. If you would like to help with children's Sunday School, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

Singing Workshops

July 8 - September 2

Some people think they can't sing or are not 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. The first Sunday we learned the importance of posture - relax the tension in your body and sit / stand with your back as straight as you can. The second Sunday we addressed breathing and how the diaphragm works to support breathing. The third we learned about the mechanics of vocal production and found our voice range. In the fourth and subsequent weeks, we will connect these initial lessons as we learn more about our voices by singing.

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!

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!

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.

Children and Worship

The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed today by JoAnne Byl and McKennan Henninger.

For effective faith development, children over 5 years old are encouraged to experience the entire worship service with their parents. To help, children's bulletins, books and coloring pages are available on the table outside the chapel.

If you have questions about children and worship, please contact Suzie Lane at 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 section straight through several times.

August 19

Mark 8:22-26

Rev. Stacy Rector – guest preacher

September 2

Mark 9:2-29

August 26

Mark 8:27-38

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.

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

150 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on August 11.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:42, Children:10

Visitors and Tourists

48 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:00 Fishes and Loaves People Meeting
- Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, August 21

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, August 22

Thursday, August 23

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, August 24

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 26

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal
9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal
9:45 Christian Education - Rm #211
10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel
11:00 Worship - The Chapel
1:00 Session—Parlor 2

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!

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.

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