

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The who are conscious of their own sins have no eyes for the sins
of their neighbors.

– Saint Moses the Black (330-405)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sister and brothers,
let us worship God!

*HYMN #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

CALL TO CONFESSION

It's from inside, from the human heart that all manner of dark motivations
arise. Let us offer our confession and acknowledge our need for the light of
God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) based on Mark 7:6-8; James 1:17-20

God of light,
we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy
and self-righteousness.

We honor you with our lips,
but we have not served you in our hearts.

We are satisfied with human traditions and norms
and avoid your liberating truth.

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We have confused meekness with weakness,
holiness with social conformity,
and anger with righteousness.

Forgive us, we pray.

By the power of your word
save us from the prison of our conceit
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE based on Mark 7:21-23

L: Later we will hear Jesus give a frighteningly exhaustive list of all the evil things that come from inside the human heart. It is quite likely that something on that list will resonate with you.

So know this: Time and again Jesus assures us that God's grace removes our guilt and shame, and allows us to move forward, honoring God and each other not only with our lips but with our hearts.

Let us honor each other now, saying "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)

based on Mark 7:6-7

O God, we believe that the writers of Scripture really knew what they were talking about. Open our hearts and minds to these old, old stories so that we might receive a new message for us today.

For our pastor, elders, teachers and staff,
God of light,

hear our prayer. [brief silence]

Bless the leaders of your church, O God,
not only at DPC but in our denomination.

We pray for our General Assembly co-moderators,
Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and
our stated clerk Rev. J. Herbert Nelson,

And we pray for Rev. Warner Durnell,
who is retiring as the executive presbyter of Middle Tennessee Presbytery
and Rev. Carol Tate who will serve as interim Executive Prebyter
and for Therese Howell, our presbytery stated clerk.

Give them the wisdom to discern your truth,
to honor your commandments, and to lead with humility.

Let them walk blamelessly, do what is right,
and speak truth from their heart.

For the world and for its leaders,
God of light,

hear our prayer. [brief silence]

Bless the nations of the world, O God.
Guide the leaders of governments for the sake of peace.
Give them sound judgment and merciful hearts
and help them be accountable for the common good.

Save them from the cynicism of war.

Free them from the influence of greed.

Deliver them from the temptations of social power.

For the community in which we live,
God of light, **hear our prayer. [brief silence]**

Bless our communities, O God.
Help us live as friends with our neighbors and do good to one another,
that homes may be free of fear and families live in peace.

For children,
God of light,

hear our prayer. [brief silence]

Bless children and those who care for them, O God.

Protect them from harm;
give them what they need to grow in body and mind and provide caring
adults to model for them a life of purpose and compassion.

For the sick and those in distress,
God of light,

hear our prayer. [brief silence]

Bless all who are ailing in body, mind, or spirit.
Heal them of their disease and restore them to fullness of life.

For those who are judged by others,
God of light,

hear our prayer. [brief silence]

Bless those who face the reproach of society, O God:
those in prison, whether innocent or guilty of crimes;
those who are ostracized due to mental disease,
whether or not they pose a threat to others;
those who are homeless, and those who are lost to addiction;
Surround them with compassion and save them from hopelessness.

For those other people or circumstances that have moved our hearts,
we offer our individual prayers
[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions.]

All our prayers we offer to you, God of light,
through Christ, who taught us to pray...

**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

Prayer to Jesus

George Oldroyd

Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to Thee be brought, withouten Thee I may do nought.

Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and naething is that Thee may let,
With grace my heart fulfil, my love and my liking in Thee is set.

Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee.
That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill, Jhesu for pity. Amen.
— Richard Rolle (1300-1349)

Jen Morley and Eric Near, soloists

*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) based on Mark 6:8-12

We are grateful, O God, that after we tend to our personal financial responsibilities, we have enough to support the work of the church. Bless this offering and guide those entrusted with its spending to use it according to your commandments. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (people read **bold**)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Family of God,
Kin of the Creator,
Come to the Table of Life
Welcomed and washed, forgiven and freed
Come to the Table of Life
Courage and compassion beckon.
Hunger and hope embrace.
All are invited to this meal of delight and deliverance.
All are invited to this meal of justice and joy.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you all.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Give thanks to our God
All our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy three!
Before all this is, you were God.
Outside of all we know, you are God.

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After all is finished, you will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
 angels teach us their song,
 saints pull us into your presence.
And this is our song:

Holy, holy, holy God,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy three!
You beyond the galaxies,
 you under the oceans,
 you inside the leaves,
 you pouring down rain,
 you opening the flowers
 you feeding the insects,
 you giving us your image,
 you carrying us through the waters,
 you holding us in the night,
 your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
 your hand with Miriam and Moses,
 your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
 you lived as Jesus among us,
 healing, teaching, dying, rising,
 inviting us all to your feast.

Holy God, we remember your Son:
Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Come again in glory, Lord Jesus.

His life with the humble,
 his death among the wretched,
 his resurrection for us all;
 your wisdom, our guide,
 your justice, strength,
 your grace our path to rebirth.

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And so we cry Mercy:

Mercy!

And so we cry Glory:

Glory.

And so we cry Blessing:

Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

Enliven this bread,

awaken this body,

pour us out for each other.

Transfigure our minds,

ignite your church,

nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united,

make us, though broken, whole,

make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

And so the earth pleads, Come Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

our Life, our Mercy, our Might,

our Table, our Food, our Server,

our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,

our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,

our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,

our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now,

praise tomorrow,

praise forever.

And so we cry:

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 The Gift to be Simple Traditional Shaker Tune
arranged by Bob Chilcott

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down
where you ought-a be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn,
turn will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Today's communion liturgy is from the new PC(USA) Book of Common Worship and was used during the opening worship of this summer's 223rd General Assembly.

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!

Notes on Hymn #429

Hymn #429 is a new hymn text and tune for DPC and is based on today's gospel reading. Yale Divinity School professor Thomas H. Troeger, the author, ironically begins his text with the imagery of a golden chalice "fit to hold grace and truth and love divine." In the 2nd and 3rd verses, the author hits home the faults pointed out in the scripture with double adjectives, e.g., "empty cultic deed," while bringing home the meaningless pious actions, like those of the Pharisees, pointing out the "public pleas" as an illustration. By contrast, the author lists the desirable expressions of worship in verse 4 and summarizes our connection with God through communion and "as we cherish this outward rite, we reflect your inward light."

Dr. Troeger and Dr. Carol Doran are a collaborating duo and have written many hymns together, two of which are in our current *Glory to God* hymnal. This tune, *Inward Light*, was tailor-made for the text. Doran has taught at several divinity schools and held a tenured position at The Virginia Theological Seminary.

JuveNiles Fall 2018

Our JuveNiles choir begins our fall 2018 semester with a Fun Day on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. We will rehearse and have some fun music theory games as well as see a puppet show at Nashville Public Library and have a fun ice cream treat at the Goo Goo Store. Our Fun Day ends at 2 p.m.

The JuveNiles choir is open to all rising kindergartners and up. We rehearse weekly through the school year at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please feel free to contact William Taylor, DPC's Director of Music, if you have any questions. The JuveNiles will sing during our August 26 service.

Children's Sunday School

Starting today, August 5, school-age children (those starting kindergarten and up) will 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. Complete directions and materials are provided for all teachers. If you would like to help with children's Sunday School, please contact Suzie Lane at suzielane@dpchurch.com or 615-406-4915.

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, staff today by Jackie Wong 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.

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.

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 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

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!

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

172 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on July 28.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:54, Children:7

Visitors and Tourists

28 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

Monday, August 6

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, August 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, August 8

Thursday, August 9

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, August 10

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, August 11

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

11:00 JuveNiles Choir Fun Day

Sunday, August 12

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education - Rm #211

10:45 Singing Workshop - The Chapel

11:00 Worship - The Chapel

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.

SESSION 2018

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