

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

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

Dance me to your beauty with a burning violin
Dance me through the panic till I'm gathered safely in
Lift me like an olive branch and be my homeward dove
Dance me to the end of love

—Leonard Cohen, “Dance Me to the End of Love”

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #375

L: We come to this place of prayer,

P: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

L: We come to this place of grace,

P: for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.

L: We come with these people called the church,

P to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to live as one for our God.

*HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious Power,
you call us to your everlasting springs
to be drenched and reformed,
but we fail to heed you.

We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you.

Forgive us for our failings,
and guide us into unity with all
for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God,
and in every moment in between, there is God:
creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

P: **And through Christ, gracious love is poured into our thirsty souls;
through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift
we can share with those around us.**

L: Then let us do it!
May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA PATRI #581 Glory Be to the Father

*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)

Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence,
speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit,
that we may hear your word for us today.

In Jesus's name we ask it. 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.

(Children under age 6 may go with the nursery staff. Children ages 6 and up are encouraged to remain in the sanctuary.)

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-2:4, CEB abbreviated (OT p. 1)

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

SECOND READING John 17:20-26 (NT p.111)

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

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayer response will be

L: Holy God,

P: **hear our prayer.**

During the prayer, the leader will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

You may come forward during the prayer to light a candle at the prayer table.

THE LORD'S 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 At Thy Feet, Our God and Father Virgil T. Ford

At Thy feet, our God and Father, Who has blessed us all our days,
We with grateful hearts would gather to begin the day with praise;
Praise for light so brightly shining on our steps from heav'n above,
Praise for mercies daily twining 'round us golden cords of love.

Jesus, for Thy love most tender on the cross for sinners shown,
We would praise Thee and surrender all our hearts to be Thine own;
With so blest a friend provided, we upon our way would go,
Sure of being safely guided, guarded well from ev'ry foe.

— James Drummond Burns

*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 Hymn #300

We share these offerings to show our love
and to help others in their walk of faith,
their work in ministry and mission,
and their worship and praise.

Add your blessing, O God, to our gifts
so that they will be used responsibly and well
to achieve your goals. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Come to the table, come to the feast.
 Come, there is welcome for the greatest and the least.
 Come for forgiveness, come to confess.
 God's saving power and our unworthiness.

Come to the table, come, eat the bread.
 Christ's body broken, our hungry souls are fed.
 Come to the table, come, drink the wine.
 His cup of blessing, gift of love divine.

Come to the table, come one and all.
 Come to remember, come, now, to recall.
 Our dying Savior, our living Lord.
 Our hope in heaven, Christ our great reward.

Come to the table, go then in peace.
 Your spirit quicken, and your faith increase.
 Come to the table, go forth to be.
 Christ's faithful people through eternity.

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude Pomposo

George Blake

Pentecost, Next Sunday



Pentecost is sometimes called "The Birthday of the Church." So in addition to compelling drama, Spirit-filled music and inspiring liturgy and preaching, we'll also have cake!

Stay after worship for cake, beverages and fellowship in the narthex...and hopefully we'll even spill out the doors in celebration.

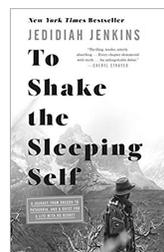
And don't forget, Pentecost is the *only* day all year when the liturgical color is red. So wear something red...or scarlet, burgundy, crimson, fire-engine, ruby, cardinal, vermilion or...well, you get the idea!

Nursery Childcare

After the Word For Our Youngest Disciples, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed today by Catherine DeSimone and Samantha Barclay.

DPC Book Group: *To Shake the Sleeping Self* by Jedidiah Jenkins

We've chosen! We'll meet sometime in July! Jedidiah Jenkins is a local grown guy with an interesting story to share. Maybe he'll be in town to meet with us? Keep your fingers crossed.



Time and Place TBD.

Intersection/Hannibal Lokumbe Concert at DPC

Tuesday, June 4 at 5:30 pm, preceded by "Walk of Love" at 5:00

Elder David Maddox and Music Director William Taylor are members of the Board of Directors of Intersection, a local contemporary classical music group. On Tuesday Intersection will be presenting a concert at the church in conjunction with the League of American Orchestras, which is holding its national convention in Nashville. The following description is taken from the LAO conference materials:

At 5:00 PM, the entire Conference delegation (and others) is invited to convene in the lobby of the Omni Hotel with Nashville community members to participate in a silent walk to Downtown Presbyterian Church. The meditative "Walk of Love" was envisioned by composer Hannibal Lokumbe as an integral part of his work, *Crucifixion Resurrection: Nine Souls a-Traveling*, honoring the nine victims of the mass shooting at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC. Participants will hold banners commemorating the victims; the twelve-minute reflective experience will serve as a prequel to the work.

At 5:30 PM, composer Hannibal Lokumbe's *Crucifixion Resurrection: Nine Souls a-Traveling* will be performed by Intersection Contemporary Music Ensemble, with Artistic Director Kelly Corcoran conducting, in a free concert at Downtown Presbyterian Church, 154 5th Avenue North. The work is scored for jazz ensemble, chorus, narrators, and vocal soloists.

Conducted by *Kelly Corcoran, conductor, artistic director, Intersection*

First Sunday Lunch Meet-up

First Sunday Lunch Meet Up in June Returns to the Farmer's Market! Time to get some veggies!



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

New Member Classes

Are you interested in exploring membership at DPC? Want to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Pastor Mike will be forming a new member cohort soon. The group usually meets for three Sundays before worship.

Whether you've just started worshipping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years), there will be plenty to talk about. And there's no pressure to join; this is foremost an opportunity for conversation, information and inquiry.

If you're interested in attending or just have some questions – email Mike at mikewilson@dpchurch.com.

Once he knows how many people will be participating, he'll set the dates and place.

Hospitality Meeting

DPC Hospitality Committee meets again **Monday, June 10**, 6pm at Calypso Cafe @ 700 Thompsons Lane. Please join us!

FREE BOOKS! Good Summer Reads!

Stop by the teeny table just inside the door from the alley and peruse the paperbacks. They are there for the taking/borrowing. You don't need to return the book, but pass it forward if you can. Want to drop off a good read (and realize you may never see the book again), then add yours. Just stick a little label on (provided) so a borrower might know where to return it if so desired.

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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