

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 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

Fiction reveals truth that reality obscures.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante and Allegro
Edward Cardona, trombone

Robert Clérisse

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Revelation 21:3,5

L: Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind.

P: **God dwells with us; we are God's people.**

L: Look! God is making all things new.

P: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #81**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Psalm 23

Who are we to get in your way, Holy God?

We put people into neat, little boxes,

but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy.

We imprison others with our unmet expectations,

and you set them free with a Word.

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We build walls around those we don't know,
and you tear them down, so they can run wild in your kingdom.
Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power,
especially in the way of your mercy and love offered to all!
Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal
- forgiven, graced, loved -
even as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: 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)

based on Acts 11:16; Rev. 21:5

O God of promise,
your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
may it rise up in us this day like a gift
from the spring of the water of life
to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

ANTHEM

Stand Up! Walk Tall!
The JuveNiles

Christopher Tambling

Stand up! Walk tall in the house of God and say that we belong!

It makes no difference who we are, or what we may have done;
It doesn't matter where we're from, for God loves everyone.

— Michael Forster

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 Psalm 148:1-13;14b, CEB alt. (antiphonally)
left side reads **bold**, right side reads *italics*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from heaven!

Praise God on the heights!

Praise God, all of you who are God's messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise God's heavenly forces!

Sun and moon, praise God!

All of you bright stars, praise God!

You highest heaven, praise God!

Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

Let all of these praise the LORD's name

because God gave the command and they were created!

God set them in place always and forever.

God made a law that will not be broken.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,

stormy wind that does what God says!

Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,

fruit trees, and every single cedar!

Do the same, you animals –wild or tame–

you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,

you princes and every single ruler on earth!

Do the same, you young men –young women too!–

you who are old together with you who are young!

Let all of these praise the LORD's name

because only God's name is high over all.

Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

(NT p.259)

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

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #374

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayer response will be

L: O God of love,

P: **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stacy Rector

Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Will Give My Heart to the Lord
words & music by Mark Patterson

I will give my heart to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to love him.
I will give my song to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to praise him.
I will give my life to the Lord. Every day I'll learn to serve him.

*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 Rev. 21:6

O Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,
we offer these gifts so that this church can continue to participate
in the revelation of your new creation.

Bless this money and our efforts to provide all that gives life.
Amen.

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

*HYMN #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sarabanda and Gavotta Arcangelo Corelli
Edward Cardona, trombone

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!

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 McKennan Henninger.

Who's Graduating?

Does your family have someone graduating from high school and/or college this spring? If so, send their name, school, degree and plans after graduation to Suzie at suzielane@dpchurch.com by May 19.

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.

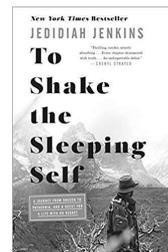
Whether you've just started worshiping at DPC or if you've been attending for months (or even years), there will be plenty to talk about. And there's no pressure to join; this is foremost an opportunity for conversation, information and inquiry.

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.

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.



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.

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.



June Art Crawl - Saturday, June 1. 6-8:30 pm

Visit the Browsing Room to see work by Jessica Wohl, Professor of Art at Sewanee; tour the beautiful Egyptian Revival interior; and listen to the eclectic music of Michael Hix.

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 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vickie Coffin

Class of 2021

Mary Turner
Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

THE CHURCH STAFF

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