

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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

The flowers of the witch-hazel wither;
The heart is still aching to seek,
But the feet question 'Whither?'
Ah, when to the heart of man
Was it ever less than a treason
To go with the drift of things,
To yield with a grace to reason,
And bow and accept and accept the end
Of a love or a season?

—Robert Frost, "A Boy's Life" in the stanza titled "Reluctance"

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Catilène
Wondrous Love

Gabriel Pierné
Dale Woods

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hymn #375

L: Sisters and brothers, where shall we gather?

**P: We shall gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod.**

L: And what will we do there?

**P: We will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.**

L: Then let us gather with the saints at the river,
that flows by the throne of God.

*HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God,
you know how the anger, the pain,
and the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out.
The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us.
We aspire to be good and kind and gentle to everyone
but can be caught speaking ill of others and using demeaning words.
Our desire for retribution towards those who have hurt us
– even if fleeting – shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.
Yet you continue to promise a new heaven and a new earth,
so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God.
Your heart can still heal our brokenness.
Your Spirit, living deep within our souls,
can teach us faithful ways.
Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.
Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

- L: The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip,
but good news for us.
It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service,
and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.
- P: In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know,
gives us what we need in order to be faithful,
and fills us with peace.
Thanks be to God!
- L: And as people filled with peace, let us extend it to one another.
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.

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

Acts 16:9-15

(NT p.136)

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

SECOND READING

John 5:1-16

(NT p.96)

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

SERMON

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayer response will be

L: Lord, send out your Spirit

P: **and renew the face of the earth.**

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 I Will Not Leave You Comfortless Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you again. Alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia

— John 14:18

*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

We do not only offer our gifts to you. We offer
our community to all who are lonely,
our hearts to all who are grieving,
our hope to all who have lost their way,
our lives to all who are tossed aside by the world.
This we pray, in Jesus's name. Amen.

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

*HYMN #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*We welcome Dr. Wilma Jensen as our guest choir director and organist today.
Please extend your regards to her following the Closing Voluntary.*

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 Samantha Barclay.

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 **Wednesday, June 19th**, 6pm at Calypso Cafe @ 700 Thompsons Lane. Please join us!

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.

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 on **June 2** 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

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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
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THE CHURCH STAFF

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