

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pavanna

William Byrd

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: May we land in our bodies
and soften our spirits
to meet the Living God in our midst.

**P: The Holy Spirit is present within us,
between us, and beyond us.**

L: Like a caring elder,
She moves kindly, and wisely.

**P: Let us worship God, our comfort and our strength.
Let us worship the God of grace and glory.**

***HYMN #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Faithful One, we can be manipulated into believing our dreams for liberation are far-fetched. But we live in a long lineage of prophets, elders, and beloveds who have been tilling the soil of Life Abundant. Holy Spirit, remind us of those who have been tending the garden of Revolutionary Love long before us, in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Guide us, O God, with Wisdom as we pick up the trowel.

P: Our spiritual ancestors are with us and our dreams of thriving are possible. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of assurance and good news, that God so loved the world Christ was sent, not to condemn us, but to save us. Beloved, you are called to be free. Serve one another humbly therefore. As Paul reminds us, the entirety of the Law is summed in one word, in this, “*Love your neighbor as yourself...*”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING “Everytime I Feel the Spirit”

Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray

Up on the mountains my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
I asked the Lord could it be mine

Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray.

Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Psalm 52

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

SECOND READING

Luke 10:38-42

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

AWARENESS EXAMEN

SERMON

“Praying with Our Curiosity”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God's Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (people read bold)

O God, you our roots planted firmly in the Soil of Life.

Keep us fiercely dedicated to Thriving.

May our dreams for liberation never be uprooted.

We are as green and fresh as the olive tree.

We are choosing the better part, as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

We bloom bearing the image of the Holy,

remembering the words you taught us long ago...

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.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Come, let us be a resting place for each other's woes, offering spaces of restoration and ease. Let us be a connecting place for each other's creativity, offering to each other joy and play. Let us collect our shared resources for the day, offering each other compassion and mutuality. For together, we unfold the vibrant kin-dom of God.

To offer your financial support to the ministry and mission of DPC:

- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations.
- Use our mobile app by texting "dpchurch" to 73256.
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

Offertory Anthem Hear, O Lord, Hear My Prayer Orlando di Lasso
Matthew Lundquist, arr.

Hear, O Lord, hear my prayer! Harken to Thy servant's pleading!

O Lord, I put my trust in Thee. Deliver Thou me from all my sin and transgression!

text taken from Psalm 39

***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*)**

Spirit of Christ, grant us sustained focus on what is life-giving so that restoration, joy, and mutuality may flow in our lives and in our communities. According to our abilities, we offer each other gifts of money, relationship, and labor that it may be so. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

***Hymn #732 “Rejoice in God’s Saints”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Go then to be alive.

Go seek help and seed hope

Through the ways Spirit moves in you,

Through the Christ who calls you to freedom,

Through the Creator who guides the sound of the genuine in you.

And may all God’s people say.

P: Hallelujah! Amen!

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

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SUMMER OF PRAYER

"Praying with Our Words" ✦

Join us 11 am in the Chapel on Sunday morning, July 24th, to explore the Lord's Prayer from different cultures and translations across the world.

✦ Scripture focus: Luke 11:1-13 ✦

DPC Tour for Members & Friends

Make plans to join us on **Sunday, July 24th at 9:45am** for a tour of DPC - planned especially with our church community in mind. Worship on this particular Sunday will be in the chapel, so the tour will focus on the sanctuary and history room. Church docents will be available to share information on the church's architecture, history, and answer questions about all things DPC. Whether you're new to DPC or have been part of our community for years, we hope you'll join us and learn something new.

July



Scan here to view DPC's online calendar
& learn more about what we've got planned!

"Magnificent"
—James Wood,
The New Yorker

Go,

Went, Gone

Jenny

Erpenbeck

DPC Book Club - September 1st

After taking a break for Summer, the DPC Book Club will meet September 1st at 6:30pm via Zoom to discuss Jenny Erpenbeck's *Go, Went, Gone*. To be added to the book group communications or join the meetings, please email events@dpchurch.com.



Potluck & Ice Cream Crankin' July 31st!

Ice Cream Crankin' 2022 is set for Sunday, July 31st! After worship, we'll have a potluck lunch. For dessert, we'll have a friendly in-house competition to see who's the crankiest! If you're not cranking, please bring a side dish to share. Weather permitting, we'll be outside in the DPC alley.

Please email events@dpchurch.com if you have a tent that could be used.

Current COVID Procedures

- Masks are optional for staff, guests, volunteers, etc., and those attending Sunday worship services.
- We continue to recommend that anyone who is not vaccinated wear a mask within the building.
- Masks will continue to be required for nursery workers.
- We will have self-serve communion containers available for those who prefer them.

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

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

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Samera Zavaro

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Parking

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You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.