

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 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

Chorale Prelude on *Gott der Vater wohn uns bei* Georg Philipp Telemann
Translation: God the Father, be our stay

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: As we get up in the morning,

P: We learn from the rising sun how to begin again.

L: As we go out into the day,

P: We courageously ask God to meet us where we are.

L: We gather together,

P: honoring the Divine Light in one another.

L: We fan the flames of justice—

P: for we have known the Spirit of Transformation.

L: We offer our hands to pray—

P: For we have known the healing power of holding onto each other.

L: Come, let us worship the Christ!

P: The Living God is in our midst!

***HYMN #343**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of the joyful morning and of the dark night of the soul, thank you for your sustaining love. Sometimes it feels easy to be connected to your compassion, but many other times, we confess we grapple for ways to be faithful to the path of love and healing. We let unjust systems distract and divert us. Ground us in your steadfastness and hope in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Living Christ, may we have clarity and courage to live by your example. May we bring healing and hope to our city and our world. 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...*"

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

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

AWARENESS EXAMEN

SERMON "Praying with Our Hands"

Responding to God's Word & Call

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING “Every Time 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.

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

We are not alone, but among a cloud of witnesses.

Past and present, so many hands have held us through our first nights on earth,

Soothed us as we cried,

Clasped us in joy.

So many hands have loved us to where we are now.

We pray with our hearts and hands for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Help us to actively work alongside your Spirit in our material conditions, as we pray 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

Rev. Howard Thurman, mystic and scholar, speaks of faith as “keeping alive the dream,” saying “for as long as a person has a dream in their heart, they cannot lose the significance of living.” Let us keep dreams of thriving alive for ourselves and one another by gathering our shared resources on this day.

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 Bless the Lord, O My Soul Mikail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.

He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness.

He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He, His wrath forever.

text from Russian Liturgy, English text adapted by N. Lindsay Norden

***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*)

Out of faithfulness to your radically healing love, oh God, we give these offerings to our community; and in doing so, give them to you. For the Holy Spirit moves within us and among us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

***Hymn #793**

“Christ, the Healer”

*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

Chorale Prelude on *O Christ, the Healer*

Michael Praetorius

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

SUMMER OF PRAYER

"Praying with Our Feet"

Join us 11 am in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, August 21st, to hear Rev. Lindsey Krinks from Open Table Nashville share how peace and justice-making can be prayer.

Join us in the Brew Room at 10 am to talk with her about her book,

"Praying with Our Feet"

We'll also celebrate a baptism!

Scripture focus: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Children's Sunday School Announcement

Children's Sunday School will be cancelled for the month of August. The nursery will remain open for infants and toddlers ages 0-5 years old. Sunday School programs and activities will resume Sunday, September 11th.

We are in need of volunteers for Children's Sunday School. We will begin training in August and kick off our year Sunday, September 11th. Please prayerfully consider serving. For questions or to help, please contact Shannon White, education@dpchurch.com.

Are you or someone you know interested in volunteering in the DPC nursery? Please contact Shannon White, education@dpchurch.com for more information.

DPC Fiber Group

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy another fiber craft? If so, head down to DPC on **Saturday, August 27th** from 11am-1pm to join our new fiber group. Bring lunch or a snack and your latest project. We'll enjoy relaxing fellowship and get crafty. Resources will be available for those interested in knitting or crocheting winter items for the Fish and Loaves ministry.

The group is open to anyone - all skill levels, part of DPC's church community or not. There's no need to RSVP, but if you have questions, email events@dpchurch.com.

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.



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.

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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

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro

Class of 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

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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.