

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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

The Old Crossroads

Bill Monroe

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us ground ourselves in the sacred wonder of this ordinary day,

P: for the Holy infuses all of our lives.

L: Let us gather together expectantly,

P: for the Living God sets the table for all Her Beloveds.

L: Let us rejoice, for Love is not earned but freely given.

P: Our birthright is Belonging,

L: Let us welcome one another in.

*HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

Creating One, you welcome us to the path of healing and invite us to the ways of radical love. We desire to mirror your compassion while at the same time honoring our own wellbeing. We also confess that wisdom to hold boundaries that support our thriving, that we may be hemmed in from relationship dynamics that cause us harm. Support us in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

May we feel the balance of what is ours to do and what is ours to release into your Mysterious Peace. 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 “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
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Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

SACRED READING Sacred Imagination

SERMON “Praying with Our Curiosity”

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

The Living Christ has shown us this example:

In mutuality, we find freedom.

In sharing, we find abundance.

Help us to live this example as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

In compassionate curiosity, we stand on the edge of discovery.

In welcoming, we find our own belonging.

May we explore courageously, 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

American Civil Rights champion, Fannie Lou Hammer, famously said, nobody's free until everybody's free. We collect our shared resources so that, together, all beings may experience their birthright of freedom. Freedom to live in safety, with bodily agency, and with dignity. Freedom to rest, to make amends, and to experience beauty. Let us bring forth our gifts, that it may be so.

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

Walk In Jerusalem Just Like John

Homer A. Rodeheaver, 1926

*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*)

Wisdom of Christ, bless our gifts of money, time, and skills to the flourishing of your people. For we desire a world where nothing is hoarded and abundance abounds, that all may live in the rich landscape of freedom and belonging. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #722 “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

*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!

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

SUMMER OF PRAYER

Labor Day Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, September 4th
as we welcome back NOAH to share a
worker testimony through their
"Labor in the Pulpit" program.



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.



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.

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
Benediction adapted from writings by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman
Musicians George Williamson, Emily Williamson, Tom Ashley, Brandon Bell,
Dave Coleman, Chris Szalaj, Jennifer Zehnder
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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

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro

Class of 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Larissa Romero, Interim Pastor Shannon White, Dir. of Education
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Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.**

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.