

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 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

Prelude, from *Nine Duos* Joseph Bodin de Boismortier

Adam Troxler and Miles Troxler, flutists

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All you overworked,

P: All you underpaid,

L: All you tired of the hustle and grind,

P: Tired from doing more with less,

L: All you fighting for rights and safety,

P: All you scrambling for affordable housing,

All you figuring out how to pay the grocery bill,

All you weary in mind, body, and spirit,

All you tired of being tired...

L: Come! The Liberating God awaits.

P: The God of Labor longs for Their people to be free!

***HYMN #691**

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

Redeeming One, You make all things new, mending each hurt and instilling deep joy.

continued...

We confess that there are times we refuse your invitation into new ways, particularly when old ways make us comfortable. We forget your truth that our worth has nothing to do with our productivity.

Create within us just a fraction of courage to accept our interdependence and your invitation to newness in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Pour your strength over those organizing and demanding dignity for all beings and land.

Open our ears to hear the workers on this Labor Day, O God. Open our eyes to the many facets of work, and the ways we are all kept alive by one another's labor. Reveal the truth again, that we are each of us inherently Beloved. 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
Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray.

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33

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

MEDITATION

“Transform Yourself to Transform the World”

INTRODUCING NOAH

Doug Hausken

LABOR IN THE PULPIT TESTIMONY

Aimee Shelide-Mayer, Music City Construction Careers & Nashville Living Wage

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

God reminds us that new ways of being are possible.

Systems that reduce our dignity and exploit our labor have been remade before,

And they can be remade again.

Help us to lift one another into that newness as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Help solidarity bloom around us, O God.

Use our hands and feet and our whole selves to the glory of your coming kin-dom, 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

We yearn for structures rooted in solidarity. We long for relationships of mutuality. So let us follow the example of Jesus and his friends, sharing what we have among our community. We bring forth our resources and our skills as offerings to each other’s flourishing.

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

Take Up Thy Cross

Gordon Young

"Take up thy Cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; Deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown

Charles William Everest

*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*)

Imaginative minds and expansive hearts—this is our prayer, oh God, that we may be bold enough to use our collected resources to co-create a Kin-dom of compassion. May our labor be shared equitably among us and may its motivation be the thriving of all beings. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Anthem during Communion Bread of the World Austin Cole Lovelace

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins
are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners
shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*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

Allegro and Menuett

Ludwig van Beethoven

Adam Troxler and Miles Troxler, flutists

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
Benediction adapted from writings by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman
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Every Time I Feel the Spirit. Music: Melva Wilsen Costen, ©1990. Westminster John Knox/
Geneva Press.
Take Up Thy Cross. Music: Gordon Young, ©1966. Broadman Press.
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PNC Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 11th

On Sunday, September 11th The Downtown Presbyterian Church will hold a congregational meeting to elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church at 12:00pm immediately following worship service. The meeting will be moderated by Debra VanDerveer. Debra is DPC's liaison to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

We look forward to gathering on September 11th to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. We are excited to move forward in the process of selecting DPC's next full-time pastor.

Now Seeking: Session Class of 2025

The 2022 nominating committee has begun the work of identifying nominees for ruling elder. The incoming class of elders will replace the outgoing class of 2022: Jake Byl, Tom Byl, and Erin Bell. **DPC members are invited to recommend nominees for ruling elder for the session for consideration by the Nominating Committee.**

Submit recommendations to Erin Bell and Denny Harris. Suggestions should include a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good ruling elder and member of session. You may also recommend yourself to the committee.



DPC Picnic - Sunday, September 18th

The DPC community is invited to gather for a church picnic on Sunday, September 18th following worship. The community engagement committee will provide fried chicken; we ask that the congregation bring sides or desserts. We'll gather at the Shelby Bottom Mission Shelter to enjoy food and fellowship with one another.

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
Dena Swoner, Office Manager Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

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.