



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

May 14th, 2023 (Broadcast for FB Livestream)

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

(*) Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Richard Wienhorst

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (PEOPLE READ BOLD)**

L: Creator of day and night,

P: Creator of sunrises, sunsets, and twilights in between,

L: Creator of land and sea,

P: Creator of shorelines, swamplands, and tidepools in between,

L: Creator of heaven and earth,

**P: Creator of black holes, nebula, and galaxies swirling beyond
notions of up and down,**

L: Creator of man and woman, cisgender and trans,

**P: Creator of gender nonconforming beloveds living beyond the
binary,**

L: We relish the mysterious diversity of Your creation.

P: We praise all the beautiful ways to live a life.

HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

P: Caretaking God, we come holding the importance of soulfully caring for young people. Sometimes, we struggle to attend to babies, children, and teens gently, compassionately, and fiercely. Forgive us as those who apologize for their mistakes and who seek repair. Bless us as those who advocate for safety and who teach about boundaries and consent. May we all seek to heal our childhood wounds that we might honor the wisdom and worth of all children. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: 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, for the entirety of the law is summed up in one word, in this, *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

PASSING OF THE PEACE (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING

HYMN 399

“God Welcomes All”

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong and it never ends. (3x)

(Please return to your seats when the music begins.)

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

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

SERMON

“The Concrete Commandment ”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: God of Love,

As we care for this sacred and aching planet home -

As we love concretely in this world like you commanded us -

Together we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Creating God, help us cultivate the ways of hope

That our young people might flourish

That our caretakers may be ever learning and strengthening,

That we may flourish in our multiplicity, now & always.

Holding fast to your Good News of new life, we pray...

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

P: 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, that compassion and care might be the law of the land. Come, that our resources might honor our home. Come, bring your offerings and gifts that they may coalesce and create more that we ever could on our own.

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- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving"

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever,

E'en the Spirit of Truth, and ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Anthem text taken from John 14:15-18

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“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)

P: We dedicate these offerings to the young people who live with repercussions of our actions. May our resources honor our young people, oh God. May we ever work to protect them, and to love them. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION BLESSINGS

HYMN 828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: Go forth with renewed hope,
Trusting in the transforming love of God.
God does not leave things as they are;
With God, all things are made new.
All creation responds to God’s presence;
The world is alive with possibility.
We open ourselves to this truth;
With Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.
Death will never conquer love.
Christ is risen!
And may all God’s people say,

P: Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

David Bednall

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

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EASTER

is a season.

Week 7: May 21st



Join us next Sunday, May 21st at 11:00am. Bible study begins at 9:30am.

Children's Lesson: The Ascension



May 21st
9:30am

LGBTQIA+
Education Series with:



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

May 21st

9:30 am | Education Parlor

Next Sunday we will gather at 9:30am for the last of our 3-part educational mini-series centered on LGBTQIA+ awareness in churches. Led by DPC elders, this session will offer an opportunity to review and reflect upon what we have learned. We will also consider what next steps we are feeling called to take. Join us as we consider ways to live into our God-sized dream of providing a safe harbor - a place where all are welcome, without exception



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

"My Queer Faith"

A concert by Kimayo

May 25th

DPC Chapel

6:30-7:30pm



events@dpchurch.com

Singer-songwriter Kimayo will perform at DPC on May 25th, as part of her "My Queer Faith" tour. This is a donation-based event. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the concert scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the DPC Chapel. There will be an opportunity to meet Kimayo and purchase her merchandise after the performance. Email events@dpchurch.com for more information.

Event Description:

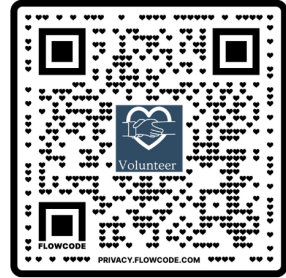
Kimayo opens up about her life, personal struggles, and overcoming hardships. From coming to terms with and celebrating her sexuality, to wrestling with her faith, she offers her experience with humility and vulnerability. Through poignant songs and narrative, Kimayo invites us all to welcome, affirm, and love unconditionally.

Trigger Warning:

This concert is open to adults and mature teens with parental discretion as this event contains sensitive topics relating to physical and mental health.

Visit: www.kimayomusic.com to learn more about Kimayo or listen to her music.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Each Saturday morning, beginning June 10th, DPC will once again provide a free sit-down meal to all in need. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to 10:30am to prepare and serve a hot meal, offer free essentials, and join us in providing respite for those in need within our community.

Bring a friend, your family, co-workers, or small group. Consider serving just 1 Saturday each quarter, or perhaps even once a month. Simply scan the QR code to sign up!

Complimentary parking provided in the SP+ Parking garage.

Save the Date!



Our meal ministry will transition to the fellowship hall on June 10th. We are excited to reunite with familiar faces & meet new friends who will join us in service!

DPC will host an open house for our meal ministry volunteers on June 3rd from 10am-noon. A special blessing for our kitchen & fellowship hall will be offered at 11am. Complimentary parking provided.

Join us as we welcome our volunteer community back to DPC.



COMMUNITY CHAT

Megan Sargent

The Next Door

Sunday, May 28th

9:30 am

Our missions partner for May is The Next Door. This local nonprofit provides women with expert care for substance use and co-occurring disorders in a faith-based and compassionate setting, empowering lifetime recovery. Join us at 9:30 on May 28th for a conversation with Megan Sargent, development & volunteer coordinator for The Next Door.

Congratulations Graduates of 2023!

Please let us know if you have graduated or are graduating this year. We would like to celebrate you in a special prayer on Pentecost!

Email info@dpchurch.com by May 25th, 2023

Join us at 9:30

TO ENTER FROM CHURCH ST.



- COME IN THE FRONT GATE
- TAKE A LEFT
- FOLLOW THE PATH TO THE BACK ENTRANCE



you've arrived!

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Parking in this garage is complimentary for Sunday education & worship.



If you parked in the SP+ garage today, please ask a greeter for a voucher sticker.

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 LEADERSHIP

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro

Class of 2024

Betty McConnell
Denny Harris

Class of 2025

John Booth
Tara Herbert

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Larissa Romero, Interim Pastor
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager
Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music
Michelle Noles, Temp. Office Manager

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