



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

May 7th, 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

“Hosannas Ring”
DPC Handbell Choir

Barry Braman

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

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

L: In you, Holy Fortress, we take refuge.

P: With you, we co-create dignity for all of creation.

L: Turn your compassion towards us, come quickly to our rescue—

**P: Deliver us from those who do not treasure the sacred worth
of all people.**

L: Protect us from those who dismiss our flourishing.

Free us from all systems of domination.

P: Shine your face of possibility upon us.

Infuse us with your Unfailing Love.

HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

P: Spirit of Righteousness & Truth, we sometimes need your emotional bravery to engage in difficult conversations. We do not always have the courage to root ourselves deeply in the work of our convictions. When we must engage in conflict for the sake of authentic relationships, guide us in wisdom. When we must rest for the sake of our wellbeing, restore our bodies and spirits. 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

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

John 14:1-14

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

SERMON

“We Provide a Safe Harbor”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

L: Grant us courage, Mysterious Living God,
that we may encourage your liberation
in the whole of our hearts, minds, and strength.

With open hearts, we your people pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Steep us in the legacy of the Way Makers who have gone before us—
in the legacy of those who wept and wailed,
but chose to co-create life even amidst troubled times,

In your name 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

Jesus and his friends collected what the crowd offered and there was enough food for all. Let us live in the legacy of the Living Christ, sharing what we have, that all may have enough.

- > To offer your financial support to the ministry and mission of DPC:
- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256
 - Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Call” Pautsch

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert

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)

L: Anti-Nazi German poet, Bertolt Brecht, famously wrote:

In the dark times
Will there also be singing?
Yes, there will also be singing.
About the dark times.

**P: God with us, bless our shared resources to solidarity amidst
systems of violence. Bless our offerings to our soulful songs.
Invite us into insistent life together. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Morning Light”
DCP Handbell choir

Barry Braman

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION BLESSINGS

HYMN 275

“O Jesus, I have Promised”

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

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Prayers by enfolded, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero.
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LGBTQIA+
Education Series with:



Join us as we focus on expanding our extravagant welcome & nurturing belonging for all of God's children - no exceptions!

May 14th | May 21st

9:30 am | Education Parlor

Join us for an important educational mini-series on LGBTQIA+ awareness in church with More Light Presbyterians, focusing on expanding our extravagant welcome and nurturing belonging for all of God's children, no exceptions!

May 7 - Led by Rev. Adrian White

Part 1: Gender and Sexuality and the Church: 101

Explore terminology, discuss how a church can make a welcome space for LGBTQIA+ folks.

May 14 - Led by Rev. Jessica Vazquez Torres

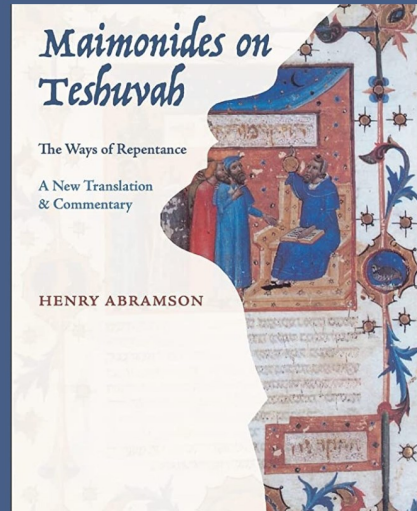
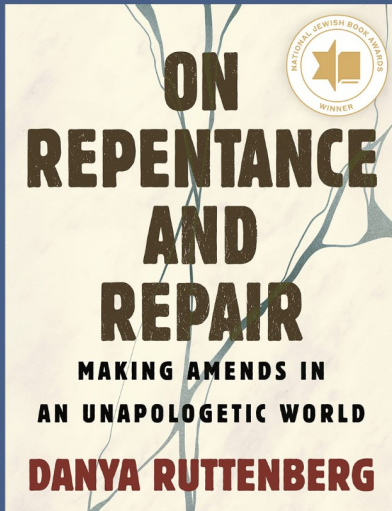
Part 2: Exploring Intersectionality

When multiple identities intersect: LGBTQIA+ status, race, age, politics, etc.

May 21 - Led by DPC elders

Part 3: Review, Reflection, and Next Steps"

Online Book Study



Summer Book Study from First Lutheran's Reconciliation Team:

Too often, we as Christians tend to view our selves as an advancement over Judaism instead seeing what we can all learn from each other in our shared Abrahamic Faith. Here is an opportunity to do just that: learn how other faiths can strengthen our own faith in Christ.

Each Wednesday on Zoom at 6:30pm, the Reconciliation Team will be hosting a book study using the book “On Repentance and Repair” by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. (Optional companion text: “The Ways of Repentance” by Maimonides) **Sessions will begin Wednesday, May 3rd** and will continue weekly until the week of June 28th. If you need assistance ordering a book, let us know!

Book Description: “A crucial new lens on repentance, atonement, forgiveness, and repair from harm—from personal transgressions to our culture’s most painful and unresolved issues.

We look forward to seeing you! -Christopher Flor and the Reconciliation Team

If interested please email Info@dpchurch.com

EASTER

Week 6: May 14th



Join us next Sunday, May 14th at 11:00am. Bible study begins at 9:30am.

Children's Lesson



**Next Sunday
May 14th
9:30am**

"My Queer Faith" w/ Kimayo

GETTING TO KNOW
THE ARTIST



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THURSDAY
MAY 25TH

6:30-7:30PM

DPC CHAPEL

Ready to send a note of care
or call to check in on a friend?



Have you updated your directory info. ?

Email info@dpchurch.com to get started!

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.



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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 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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