



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Trinity Sunday | Communion Sunday (Year A)

June 4th, 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

Chattanooga Girls Choir

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

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

L: Creator Who Affirms Life—

P: You long for us to live unfurling, ample, spacious lives.

L: Christ Who Affirms Life—

P: You dream of collaboration.

You dream of wide open fields of compassionate care.

L: Spirit Who Affirms Life—

P: We long to live in your legacy of freedom and joy.

***HYMN 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

P: Gracious Three-in-One,

We do not always protect those who are persecuted by the powerful. There are times we toss and turn with fear. Help us as we weep to be moved, such that the halls of power may be moved. Guide us to find beauty and make broader community power amidst chaos and sorrow. Be with us now, Oh God. Accompany us boldly, Great Mystery Who Affirms Life. 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

Matthew 28:16-20

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

MEDITATION

“The Deep Well of Mystery ”

Responding to God’s Word & Call

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“How Can I Keep from Singing” Robert Lowry, arr. Penny Tullock
Chattanooga Girls Choir

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 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,
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

L: So many of our struggles stem from systems of power withholding the resources for our wellbeing— housing, food, healthcare, free time, safety. So today, as a system of care, we gather our resources so that we might ease one another's struggles and weave ways of life.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lo, I Am With You”

Daniel Moe

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and
on earth has been giv’n to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and
lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

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)

P: Mysterious Spirit, we dedicate our offerings to the wonders of living—shared meals, shared stories, and shared lives. May simple signs and wonders offer us sustenance in a difficult world. And may the Holy meet us in surprising ways. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “I Lift My Eyes to the Hills” Paul Bouman
Chattanooga Girls Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

- ♦ We welcome The Chattanooga Girls Choir today as they sing during our service. This auditioned choir consists of high-school-age girls living in the Chattanooga area. Please give them your regards following the Closing Voluntary.
- ♦ This Ordinary Time arrangement has been given in memory of Geraldine Ramsey-Taylor — Dr. William Taylor’s Mother

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION BLESSINGS (UNISON)

**P: Oh God Who Labors on Our Behalf,
Labor alongside us now as you bring this next, new and beautiful stage in the life of DPC to fruition. We are pushing our way to the next hopeful stages. Help us wait with patience and anticipation, as you teach us to prepare during Advent. Guide our rootedness and discernment, as we practiced in Lent. May we rejoice in these moments we can see the Resurrected Jesus in one another, right now. And help us continue to take up the call for working and witnessing, to be moved by the signs and wonders of the Spirit. May we be the ministers of your church in all seasons of life . . .**

We know you are bringing someone incredible to our table soon. Bless the search committee, bless the leadership, bless the one to come, bless us all. Amen.

*HYMN 298

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: May you drink deeply from the well of Holy Mystery.
May the Spirit refresh your Spirit.
May the Christ be ever-living in your body.
May the Creator lift you up in partnership,
As a member of the divine dance in which we all partake.
And may all God’s people say,

P: Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter

Chattanooga Girls Choir

(Please remain quietly seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

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Chattanooga Girls Choir

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Lord all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gently and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and bud of heav'n:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Robert Lowry, arr. Penny Tullock

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Thro' life's tumult, pain and strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!
What if my joys and comforts die? I know that Truth is living!
What if the darkness 'round me close? Still Truth its light is giving!
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!
I lift my eyes; the clouds grow thin; I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace from Love makes fresh my heart. A song of hope is spring-
ing.
All things are mine since Truth I've found. How can I keep from
singing!

“I Lift My Eyes to the Hills”

Paul Bouman

I lift my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, and He who watches over you
will not fall asleep.

Behold he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor
sleep;

The Lord Himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your
right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is He Who shall keep
you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from
this time forth forevermore.

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you:

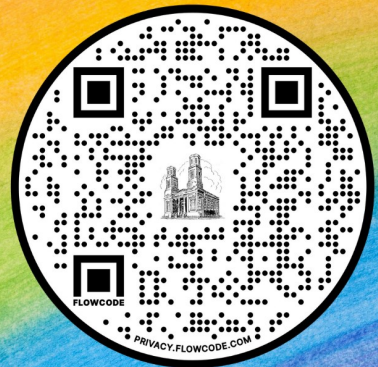
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,

And give you peace. Amen.

June



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DPC BOOK GROUP: JULY



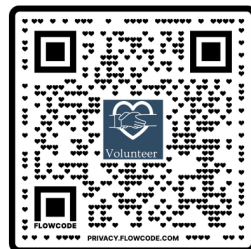
The DPC book group meets
next on July 6th at 6:30pm.

Join the discussion:
events@dpchurch.com



Fish & Loaves
Meal Ministry

VOLUNTEER WITH US



You are invited to join DPC in ministry each Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10:30am. Help us serve a free meal and distribute essentials. Bring a friend, your family, co-workers or small group! Consider serving just one Saturday each quarter or perhaps once a month.

Scan the QR code above to sign up.

To donate directly to the ministry, text dpchurch to 73256, then select Fish & Loaves Meal Ministry from the drop-down menu.

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

PARKING FOR DPC ATTENDEES

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