



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

July 16th, Chapel, 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

"Berceuse, Op.19"

Jean-Michel Damase

Justin Near, French Horn

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

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

L: Welcome—

Let us prepare our hearts for God's holy work!

P: Let us ready ourselves for divine disruption of the Spirit!

L: Welcome—

As the earth longs to flourish and the people dream of rest,

P: God has promised to show us the way.

L: Setting down our egos, taking up our faith,

P: We seek the seeds of transformation.

L: Wisdom is here, alive and among us.

P: Let us receive her truth.

HYMN 325

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Noah Rice, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

P: God of Rebirth, Renewal, and Restoration— we acknowledge how easy it is to get stuck in our ways. While we wish for true and lasting change in the world, we still struggle to discern what change is needed from us. We turn to you for guidance. Release us from that which holds us back in mind, body, and spirit, that we might move together in the directions of freedom. 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: During the passing of the peace, we want to pay particular attention to the way we honor the sacredness of each person and their body by asking for consent. We honor one another in our greeting, passing of the peace, and in building relationships. Please ask openly as you greet someone, “Would you like a hug? Would you like handshake? Would you like a wave?” Let’s take this moment to normalize saying what our comfort levels really are, and respecting when someone has a different comfort level than ourselves.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING

HYMN 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

“Right Person, Right Place”

Responding to God's Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Though we face many challenges and hurdles on paths of change and transformation,
We are never abandoned to destruction.
The Spirit accompanies all who long for justice and liberation,
fans the flames of repentance and renewal,
and raises new life from even the most hopeless of places.
In this spirit, we pray for:
(the people lift their prayers aloud)
Let us continue in the confidence of this God of Resurrection,
ready for the loving labors of lasting change,
As we pray the words Christ taught us long ago...

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: Transformation unfolds in the company of others. In community, we learn, we grow, we heal, and we are held accountable. In recognition of our need for each other and of God's work in this place, let us bring our offerings together.

> 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 "Click here for online giving"

OFFERTORY

“All Love Can Be ” James Horner, J.C. Sizemore, arr.
Justin Near, French Horn

DOXOLOGY 592 “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: Holy One, into your care, we bring all that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to become. We trust in the hopes you hold for us. We take comfort in the love you have for us. And we rise in the truths you reveal to us. In gratitude for your faithful guidance, we bring our offerings in service to the flourishing of life, within and beyond this community. Amen.

BLESSINGS OF THE ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Mel Beall
Andres Bustamante
Dana Jo Cooley
Peter Dark
Victoria DePolo
Richard Feaster
Sarah Hart Landolt
Ben Saunders
Hans Schmitt-Matzen
Rolin Smith
Shevy Smith
Janet Decker Yanez

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

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 practice 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 324

“Open my Eyes That I May See”

Noah Rice, cantor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: May the God of creation bless you and claim you

May the Savior give you peace and wholeness

And may Spirit guide you and lead you to mercy and justice.

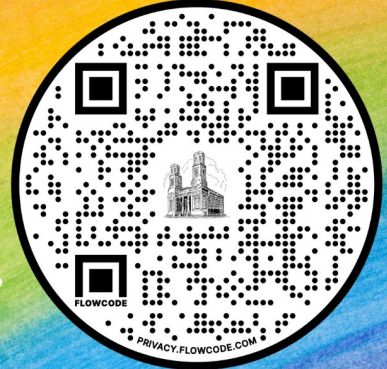
Go now to deliver the love of God.

And may all God’s people say,

P: Alleluia! Amen!

Prayers for today’s service by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero ||
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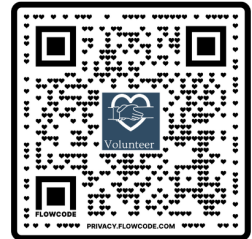


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& learn more about what we've got planned!*



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.

SUMMER
AT DPC

Worship at 11 am

Jun 11, Chapel - Pride Sunday

Jun 18, McKendree UMC - Juneteenth Sunday

Jun 25, Chapel - Project Thrive Sunday

Jul 2, Chapel - Communion Sunday

Jul 9, Chapel - Gathering Well Sunday

Jul 16, Chapel - Artists-in-Residence Sunday

Jul 23, Chapel - Sacred Practices Sunday

Jul 30, Sanctuary - Pastor Larissa's Last Sunday

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Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at 147 4th Ave. N. The garage entrance is on 4th Avenue.

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

Erin Bell, Clerk

Rachel Hayes, Treasurer

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Larissa Romero, Interim Pastor
Paulino Jarquin, Building Manager
Darian Steck, Temp Office Administrator

Dr. William Taylor, Dir. of Music
Rainwater Morehead, A/V Tech

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