



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

July 2nd, 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Schlesische Volkslieder, arr.
Tom Ashley, pianist

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

L: Welcome—
You truth-tellers, you healers, you dreamers, you way-makers.

**P: God celebrates the courageous and creative!
She loves the work of soulful community-making!**

L: Welcome—
You brokenhearted, you righteously angry,
you wonderful and weary human kin.

**P: God privileges the stories of the vulnerable!
She demands accountability from those who cause harm!**

*HYMN 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Noah Rice, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

**P: Spirit of the Living Christ, teach us the true meaning of welcome—
not a vague notion of inclusion but enfleshed, engaged acts of
solidarity. Grant us the courage to use our power to co-create real
safety for those made vulnerable by systems of oppression. To say,
"Those who are dedicated to ways of harm shall have no power here."
May it be so. 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: Today during the passing of the peace, we want to continue to pay attention to the way we honor the sacredness of each person and their body by asking for consent. Please ask openly as you greet someone, “Would you like a hug? Would you like a 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.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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 10:40-42

L: The Gospel of Our LORD, Jesus Christ. **P: Glory to you, O LORD.**

SERMON

“We Repeat Our Welcome!”

Responding to God's Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Your reward for loving one another
is the delight of being in relationship.
With trust in Your abundant life, O God, we pray for:
(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Our reward for solidarity is a community built from compassion.
Your reward for the work of healing
is the sweet song of liberation.
This is the salvation we seek, O Christ,
As we pray the words you 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Pamela Madison, Monroe Harding

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Wiseperson, Audre Lorde, wrote in her journal, "How can we use each other's differences in our common battles for a livable future? All of our children are prey. How do we raise them not to prey upon themselves and each other?" We gather our offerings today honoring our differences and our shared purpose of a livable future. Come, let us worship God by collecting our gifts.

- > 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

“Be Thou My Vision”
Noah Rice, baritone

Craig Courtney, arr

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: We refuse to prey upon each other. We will not mirror the ways of oppression in our relationships. We will work towards our shared dreams of communal thriving. For this is the invitation of the Spirit of Radical Hospitality who blesses our offerings and binds us to one another. Thanks be to God, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee”
Noah Rice, baritone

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 564

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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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We are most grateful for Tom Ashley, pianist, and Noah Rice, cantor and soloist, as they provide our music today while Dr. Taylor is away. Please give them your regards following the Benediction.

DPC BOOK GROUP: JULY



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

Join the discussion:
events@dpchurch.com

Save the Date

Saturday, July 15th: 2-5 p.m.

picnic party in honor of the
Romero-Schmidt Family

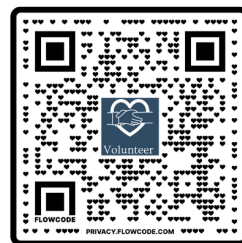


We are planning a BBQ picnic at the home of Jim Hoobler & Dana Blickwedel on Saturday, July 15th from 2:00-5:00 pm. The church is providing BBQ. Guests are asked to bring a "Southern" side. Our hope is to share the best of Tennessee with our beloved pastor before she and her family relocate to Colorado.

Join us as we celebrate her time with us.



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.

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

SUMMER
AT DPC

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

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

PARKING FOR DPC ATTENDEES

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