



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

July 9th, 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 “My Lord, What A Morning” R. Lee Gilliam, arr. Volkslieder, arr.
Tom Ashley, pianist

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

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

L: Welcome—
We enter this space rooted in our Sacred Worth—
P: **Belovedness blooming in our hearts like wildflowers.**
L: Welcome—
The living God does not shame us for who we are—
P: **They are abundantly gracious and compassionate.**
L: We enter this space trusting the work of liberation—
P: **Our efforts mingle and swell with the work of others.**
L: The living God takes delight in us—
P: **Let us worship God!**

HYMN 464 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ” Noah Rice, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION (PEOPLE READ BOLD)

P: Spirit of Understanding, when life overwhelms us we sometimes soothe our nervous systems in ways that don't serve us. We turn to substances, negative self-talk, self-harm, mindless scrolling, or over-working. Where we feel shame around these patterns, meet us with your abundant compassion. Grant us the courage, community, and support we need to move through pain in our lives. When we are ready, help us weave a new story. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Glory 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.

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

Romans 7:15-25

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

SERMON

“Bloom in the Gathering!”

Responding to God's Word & Call

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: We are committed to blooming like the wildflowers-
We are delighted in, beloved,
And as ones inherently worthy we pray for
(the people lift their prayers aloud)
May our blooming invite others into their own flourishing in their
own time.
May we celebrate the garden of our wild thriving,
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: In sharing what we have, we practice community and solidarity with others and find our own belonging. Your gifts, your talents, your labor, your presence, your resources-whatever is yours to offer this day is welcome. May it mingle and swell with the gifts of others and be blessed by the Liberating God.

- > 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

"Agnus Dei " Vassili Kalinnikov
Robert Scholz, 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 desire to shift our lives towards wellness, may we be supported. When we work to undo patterns of harm, may we be resourced...When shame tells us that repair is a pipe dream, may community reach out a hand of kind relationship. We dedicate our offerings to these dreams. Amen.

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 527

“Near to the Heart of God ”

Chris, Szalaj, 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!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“I’ll never Pass This Way Again” Hugh T. Walker

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

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Save the Date

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

**picnic party in honor of the
Romero-Schmidt Family**



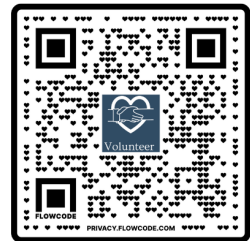
We are planning a BBQ picnic at the home of Jim Hoobler & Dana Blickwedel on Saturday, July 15th from 2:00-5:00 pm. The church is providing BBQ. Guests are asked to bring a "Southern" side. Our hope is to share the best of Tennessee with our beloved pastor before she and her family relocate to Colorado.

Join us as we celebrate her time with us.



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

PARKING FOR DPC ATTENDEES



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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