

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.  
Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

\*HYMN #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Imagine Jesus entering our presence just as he entered Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Envision the palm branches, the donkey, the shouts of "hosanna." Understanding who he is and knowing who we are, we pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (people read bold)

**O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see...**

*(silent confession)*

And we pray together...

**O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail...**

*(silent confession)*

And we pray together...

**O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear...**

*(silent confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

based on Isaiah 50:7-9

L: The Lord God helps us;

**P: we will not be disgraced.**

L: The Lord God helps us;

**P: who can declare us guilty?**

L: Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, our sins are forgiven.

By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together, forgiven and free.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

*Please return to your seats when the music begins.*

**PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Symbolorum Apostolorum*

Eric Near

Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae. Et in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum, qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus, descendit ad inferos, tertia die resurrexit a mortuis, ascendit ad caelos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis, inde venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam catholicam, sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen.

Translation:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

“For Yours is the Kingdom”

For yours is the king-dom, the pow'r and the  
glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

For your is the king-dom, the pow'r and the  
glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "For yours is the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men." The second line of lyrics is: "For your is the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er, A-men." The word "your" appears to be a typo for "yours".

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

*Pastor Mike will be available for individual prayer and anointing.*

*You may also come forward and offer your prayer by lighting a candle.*

Jesus suffered death and was raised by God for the life of the world.

Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray

for the cares of the world, saying,

**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Holy God, your son humbled himself, even to death,  
to show us the power of loving service.

Guide those holding positions of power,

that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing  
of the world you so love.

**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified in our violent world each day.  
Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world  
through the reconciling love of Christ,  
where all victims of violence, persecution, shame, or terror  
may stand together with you in peace.  
**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Forsaken God, as your son suffered his cruel death on the cross,  
darkness covered the whole land.  
Enlighten us to care for your creation, awaken us from our denial and abuse,  
and help us to alleviate its suffering.  
**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death.  
We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful,  
that together with Christ in his suffering  
we may be healed and raised in you.  
**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, your son was lovingly cared for as he was laid to rest in a tomb.  
We remember before you those who have died  
and pray for those who will die today;  
enfold them in your love,  
that they may rest and rise with Christ forever in his light.  
**Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your son reflected the fullness of your character  
and revealed your intentions for humanity.  
Hear us now as we pray the prayer that reflects your desires:

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) based on Isaiah 50:4,5; Philippians 2:5

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.  
As we hear again the story of the passion,  
let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,  
who was a servant that we might be free.  
Awaken our ears, open our hearts,  
and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

THE PASSION OF JESUS  
Mark 14-15

PREPARATION FOR BURIAL Mark 14:1-9

PASSOVER MEAL Mark 14:10-26

HYMN #201 "A Prophet-Woman-Broke a Jar"

PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE DISCIPLES LEAVING JESUS Mark 14:27-31

JESUS IN PRAYER Mark 32-42

ARREST Mark 14:43-52

JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN Mark 14:53-65

PETER DENIES JESUS Mark 14:66-72

TRIAL BEFORE PILATE Mark 15:1-15

JESUS IS TORTURED AND CRUCIFIED Mark 15:16-28

*You are invited to come forward and drive a nail into the cross.  
Imagine the emotions of those tasked with executing Jesus or the agony he  
experienced.*

## JESUS IS MOCKED; HE DIES

Mark 15:28-41

*You are invited to come forward and tie a red ribbon to a nail. The ribbon represents whatever burden or pain you need Jesus to relieve you of.*

*You are then invited to sit or stand together and contemplate the cross from a distance so that you might enter into the feelings of sorrow and helplessness the women who so lovingly served Jesus must have felt.*

HYMN

“Were You There” (vs. 1,2)

## JESUS’S BURIAL

Mark 15:42-47

HYMN

“Were You There” (vs. 3)



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



Sometimes it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble!



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

CLOSING ANTHEM

Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray  
(from Chilcott's *St. John Passion*)

Bob Chilcott

Jesu, grant me this I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay;  
Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee.  
Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

— 17<sup>th</sup>-century Latin, trans. Sir Henry Williams Baker

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***Join us after worship***

at the coffee pot in the narthex for interesting conversation and light refreshments. A good way to meet the pastor and make new friends at DPC!

## Holy Week and Easter at DPC

### ***Maundy Thursday***

We'll have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 29 in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Maundy comes from the Latin word for "commandment." On this night we remember Jesus's last meal with his friends and his commandment that they love one another.

At 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall will be open if you'd like to bring your own dinner and eat together before the service.

### ***Good Friday Cottage Dinners***

Our DPC tradition is to gather in people's homes on Good Friday, March 30, for a meal and worship. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and everyone is encouraged to gather with friends old and new to mark Jesus's last day so that we might come together on Easter to truly celebrate Resurrection.

This year Pastor Mike will also host a cottage dinner at the church. Hosts will provide the main course, guests bring sides and desserts! This is an annual tradition at DPC for sharing good food, connecting to community and spiritual growth.

### ***Easter Sunday – Children's Activities***

Easter morning will be full of activities for children! Here's our schedule:

9:00–9:30	JuviNiles rehearsal for worship
9:30–9:50	Story time for all children (in the chapel)
9:50–10:15	Easter Egg Hunt (in the sanctuary and narthex)
10:15–10:50	Snacks and activities for all the children (in room 215)

Parents, please bring a basket for your child, and join us for the morning!

To volunteer to help, contact Suzie at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com).

### ***Easter Sunday – Worship in the Sanctuary***

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection, including a celebration of the Lord's Supper!



## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are featured in our Sanctuary and other spaces.

The Stations – also called The Way of the Cross or Way of Sorrows – depict fourteen images of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Long a feature of Roman Catholic churches, the Stations have become increasingly popular with Protestant congregations.

Walking the Stations is a pilgrimage that invites us to contemplate the Passion of Jesus. Our Stations will come from the imaginations of several DPC members who are constructing their work based on a passage from one of the four gospels.

Throughout Lent, we will also be featuring a blog post for each station, one at a time - those can be found at:

[dpchurch.com/tag/stations-of-the-cross/](http://dpchurch.com/tag/stations-of-the-cross/)

And for further reflection and conversation, follow DPC on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

## Palm Sunday Anthem

Today, the adult choir premieres a new anthem by Eric Near, DPC's composer-in-residence. Mr. Near writes the following information about his new composition, *Symbolorum Apostolorum* (Apostles' Creed):

*I first set out to use the text of the Apostles' Creed over ten years ago as part of a larger work. I soon discovered the Credo was something that could stand on its own. The original was written for orchestra and chorus with clarinet solo, and has been arranged for organ and choir for use at DPC. In pondering the role of music in our community, I am called to imagine, from inside the walls of this church building, how early Christian gatherings might have treated this recitation, especially those that might have been most comfortable with it in Latin. My hope is that others will pause to consider the weight of this text, handed down from generation to generation, and how it moves us from faith into action in the greater Church.*

Mr. Near has also composed an anthem for Pentecost Sunday which will reflect on the anthem from Palm Sunday. The adult choir premieres this second piece on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

## **Children and Worship**

**Note to Parents of Small Children:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to our church. We welcome them, wiggles and all. Families are encouraged to sit together in worship, at least through the children's message. After that, parents may take younger children (5 and under) to our nursery, staffed by loving caregivers. A greeter can direct you to the nursery.

For effective faith development, we value older children (over 5) experiencing the entire worship service. To help, children's bulletins and activities to keep little hands occupied can be found on the table in the narthex.

If you have questions or ideas for children's ministry, please contact Suzie Lane at [suzielane@dpchurch.com](mailto:suzielane@dpchurch.com).

## **Electronic Giving!**

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "**dpchurch**" to **73256**. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

## **Parking**

Parking for Sunday worship is in the Premier lot at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this lot is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the lot without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

### **Our Ministries Last Week**

#### **Saturday Breakfast Ministry**

113 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 17.

#### **11:00 Worship Service Attendance**

Adults:74, Children:8

#### **Visitors and Tourists**

33 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### **Schedule of Weekly Events**

#### **Today**

**12:30** Outreach Committee - Parlor 2  
**1:00** Fellowship Hall Floor Waxing

#### **Monday, March 26**

**11:30** AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Tuesday, March 27**

**11:30** AA Meeting - Parlor 2  
**12:00** Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### **Wednesday, March 28**

#### **Thursday, March 29**

**11:30** AA Meeting - Parlor 2  
**7:00** Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel

#### **Friday, March 30**

**11:30** AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### **Saturday, March 31**

**8:30** Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

#### **Sunday, April 1**

**9:00** Juveniles Rehearsal  
**9:30** Story time for all children - Chapel  
**9:45** Adult Choir rehearsal  
**9:50** **Easter Egg Hunt** - Sanctuary  
**10:15** Snacks and activities for all children and parents (in room 215)  
**11:00** Worship - Sanctuary

## 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

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

### SESSION 2018

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Jack Henderson, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

#### Class of 2018

Cary Gibson  
Michael Korak  
Jim Dickson

#### Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona  
Jack Henderson  
Justin Near

#### Class of 2020

Dave Coleman  
Debra Gentry  
Vickie Coffin

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Facilities Manager

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