

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter/The Sacrament of Baptism

April 15, 2018

Hearing assistance devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(\*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

### We Gather in God's Name

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"My contention has always been: The energy that you're using deciphering what the symbol is is taking away from the maximum creative energy that you might have had if you understood that it's but a symbol."

– jazz pianist Cecil Taylor, who died last week at 89

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Melody in F

Eric H. Thiman

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 24:36

L: The bread of life opens our eyes.

P: **The word of life opens our ears.**

L: The Risen One shows us God's own brokenness,

P: **and by those wounds we are healed.**

L: And the Risen One stands among us, saying,

"Peace be with you."

P: **Let us worship the Risen Christ!**

#### \*HYMN #234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Luke 24:38-39

If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk - all would know that we are Christ's disciples.

But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we are. Let us confess how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on Luke 24:41

**God of empty tombs:**

**Jesus's apostles spoke with power and clarity of their faith,  
but we are often silent.**

**The psalmists spoke of trusting in you in every circumstance,  
but we are sometimes overwhelmed with doubt.**

**Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace,  
but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.**

**God of full hearts:**

**Your love can change us from scared people to children of grace.**

**You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place.**

**You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace  
Jesus offers to each of us.**

**Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord and Savior.**

(Time for silent confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

**L:** What marvelous love,  
what wondrous grace,  
what abundant mercy God offers - to us!  
We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!  
We are God's children  
- those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us  
and forgives us.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**L:** And as those overwhelmed by love, grace and mercy,  
let us show each other exactly who we are,  
exchanging signs of reconciliation and friendship.  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

***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.***

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, by your Spirit  
    reveal your radical, surprising love;  
    come to us through your holy word,  
    and let us hear what you are saying.  
Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

**Little children, you are from God...**  
    **Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.**

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.  
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

FIRST READING                      1 John 2:28-3:3                      (NT p.240)  
    L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING                      Luke 24:36b-48                      (NT p. 91)  
    L: The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SERMON                      Threatened with Resurrection                      Rev. Mike Wilson

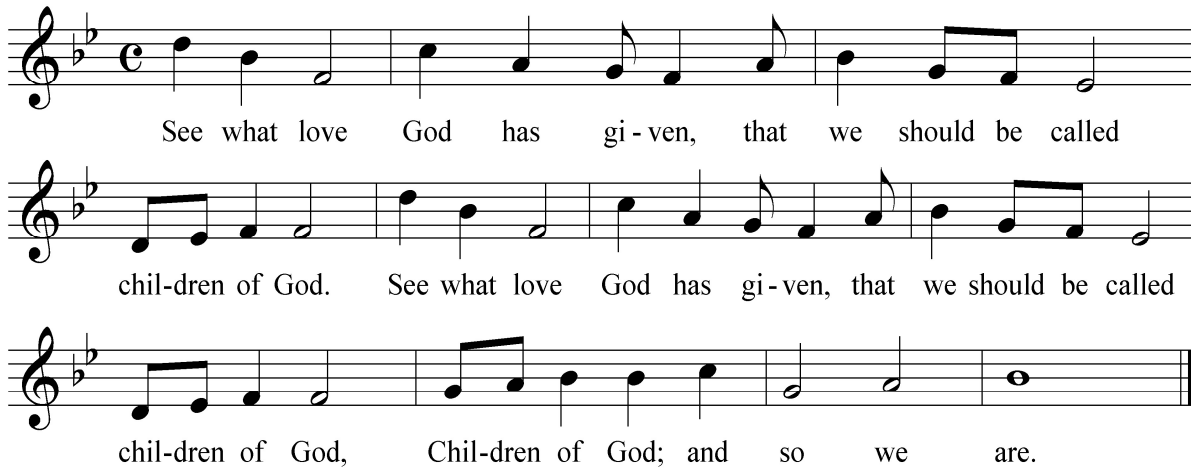
**We Respond to God's Word**

\*HYMN #314                      "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM                      hymnal page 14

    Eliza Grace Bell  
    daughter of Erin and Brandon Bell

CHORUS FOLLOWING BAPTISM "See What Love" Ned Wetherald



See what love God has gi-ven, that we should be called  
chil-dren of God. See what love God has gi-ven, that we should be called  
chil-dren of God, Chil-dren of God; and so we are.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold)

God has made the One who was rejected  
the cornerstone of a new community.  
In the name of Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Holy One,  
as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the  
Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in  
this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom,  
and faith given in your Word;  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Prince of Peace,  
as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified  
apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith,  
the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families,  
and the avenues toward healing;  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Author of life,  
we beg for peace among nations,  
peace throughout communities,  
peace within families.

Guide leaders and voters,  
legislatures and parliaments,  
judges and juries.

Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed  
so that all life in its wild diversity may have plenty;  
hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

Light in our darkness,  
let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence.

Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret.

Unveil the needs of our own hearts  
so that we may know the power of vulnerability.

Your Son was raised to life even from the grave.

Show us again that life comes from death;  
hear us, O God,

**your mercy is great.**

Healer of our every ill,  
we pray for all who are in need,  
for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms,  
for rescue workers and medical teams,  
for those whose bones are weary,  
for those who show us the power of community  
to give hope to the frightened,  
and for all who have asked for our prayers;  
hear us, O God,

**your mercy is great.**

You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God,  
and we pray now for those persons and concerns  
that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence. . . .

*[Here you may say aloud your individual prayers and petitions]*

Hear us, O God,

**your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God,  
we commend into your care all for whom we pray, and our own lives;  
through Jesus the Christ,  
who gave us these words:

**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.**

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM            Christ Our Passover            Everett Titcomb

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast  
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

– adapted from the Proper Plainchant Communion for Easter Day

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)

Limitless God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us.  
All that we have is from your creative hand.  
All that we can give away we do through Jesus’s love.  
All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom.  
Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy;  
in Jesus’s name. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts  
And Bear It Into the World**

\*HYMN #245            "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Let all God's people say,    P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY    Chorale Prelude on *Victory*            George T. Miles  
   Tune taken from Hymn 236

***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!

## 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).

## **New Adult Education Experience**

### *Living the Questions*



Many people have an intuitive sense that there is more to Christianity than the rigid rules and shallow platitudes that so often pass for theology in many churches. *Living the Questions* hopes to expose people to ideas and concepts that have been taught and discussed in seminaries, but sometimes not in our churches. So if you've ever

found yourself puzzled by or disillusioned about religion this may be a dialogue you might like to join.

We're meeting at at 9:45 a.m. in Parlor 2 for the next five weeks. Each session includes a video presentation and a written lesson; all materials will be provided.

Video presenters include some of the leading voices in progressive Christianity including Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, John Bell, Helen Prejean, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and many more.

DPC moderators for our sessions will include Rev. Mike Wilson, Jim Dickson, David Maddox and Samera Zavarro.

**Please join us!**



## The DPC Website

Have you visited our website recently? If you haven't you're missing a chance to go deeper into the life of the church and catch up things you might have missed. Our homepage always has our latest news and events including information about small groups, special worship experiences, art shows and concerts, mission opportunities and more.

There are several menu bar selections that open you to the history of the church, staff and elder bios and pictures, worship information, the event calendar, details on our Artist-in-Residence and Composer-in-Residence programs, mission projects, and wedding rental info...just to name a few things.

Of particular interest is the "media" menu. Here you can find audio of Sunday sermons, the latest church bulletin, session minutes and reports, a blog written by various DPC members and friends, and an expanding selection of other video and audio recordings.

The DPC website is dynamic and always changing. And everyone - longtime members *and* people who have never visited - will find something interesting, informative or fun.

And the site is easy to remember: [www.dpchurch.com](http://www.dpchurch.com)

Or you can use the QR code on the back of the bulletin to get you there. We hope you'll visit soon and often!

## *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!

**Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!**

## **Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast**

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space.

**Volunteers from DPC are welcome EVERY Saturday.** We want to enlarge our pool of experienced DPC hosts for those Saturdays when other churches and organizations are sending volunteers.

Go here to sign up for any Saturday and to see who else is coming: <https://goo.gl/yQi9wA>

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.

If you can volunteer, please respond to [dpcbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:dpcbreakfast@gmail.com).

## **Clothes Closet Help!**

We maintain a clothes closet to help our homeless and urban poor guests on Saturday morning. We are currently in need of the following items.

- 1) JEANS for Men and Women - all sizes
- 2) SOCKS for Men and Women - **New Only**
- 3) UNDERWEAR for Men and Women - **New Only**

**Thank you for your support!**

## 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

118 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on March 28.

#### 11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:67, Children:5

#### Visitors and Tourists

41 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

### Schedule of Weekly Events

#### Today

1:00 Session Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Monday, April 16

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

6:00 Worship and Arts Committee -  
Morning Brew Lounge at DPC

#### Tuesday, April 17

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

#### Wednesday, April 18

#### Thursday, April 19

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Friday, April 20

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

#### Saturday, April 21

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

#### Sunday, April 22

9:00 Juveniles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir rehearsal

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Worship - the 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

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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