

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 3, 2018

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“We could call the second problem with the current Sabbath vogue the fallacy of the direct object. Whom is the contemporary Sabbath designed to honor? Whom does it benefit? In observing the Sabbath, one is both giving a gift to God and imitating Him.”

– Lauren Winner, *The Mudhouse Sabbath*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Solemn Prelude

Gordon Young

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Hymn #663

L: Sisters and brothers -
shake off dull sloth and joyful rise
to pay your morning sacrifice!

P: **May all our powers, with all their might**
in God's sole glory unite!

***HYMN #663**

“Awake, My Soul, and with The Sun”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even as we gather for this most curious occasion - the worship of God -
we may find it difficult to enter fully into sacred time and space.
Let us move more deeply into Sabbath, praying together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, your ways are not our ways.

We understand vacations,

but we do not understand Sabbath.

You desire our liberation from things that enslave us,

yet we live consumed by distractions and demands,
work and entertainment,

and hardly notice when we lose our sense of connection with you.

The idea of leaving things in your hands for a day,

being still, alone with you, makes us uncomfortable.

It is hard to believe that you are in charge;

that we are not in control.

Help us to overcome our fear

and to trust that Sabbath is your gift for the good of the world.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Psalm 98

L: Sabbath is God's gift,

an opportunity to receive blessing,

to be renewed and made courageous.

Sabbath is also a grace-filled space where we are reconciled,

not only with God, but with each other.

Let us celebrate our blessing

and make visible our reconciliation,

sharing signs of welcome and affection.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

Pease return to your seats when the music begins

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: The Sabbath is not only a day of rest, but a day of remembrance.

**P: May God's Spirit illuminate our hearts and minds
as the Word is read and proclaimed
so that we might remember who and whose we are
and follow more closely the path of Christ. 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

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

(NT p.162)

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

(OT p.36)

L: The Gospel of our Lord. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Once We Were Slaves in Egypt

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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

based on Psalm 81:6; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 3:5-6

Compassionate God,

you lift the burdens from our shoulders
and free our hands from oppression's weight.

We thank you for such power to save.

We pray for people who long and wait for freedom and justice to come:

those trapped in the violence of war;
those enslaved by domestic violence;
those struggling against unjust laws;
those unjustly imprisoned or inequitably punished;
those living in fear of deportation;
those weighed down by debt or long-term unemployment;
those bent low from hopelessness or grief.

Stretch out your arm, we pray, and set things right.

Bring us out from every form of slavery into the abundant life you offer.

Healing God,

you know our illnesses and limitations;
our fears and secret pains;
our unclaimed gifts and discarded dreams.

So make us well, we ask, and set us free.

Give us courage to face our challenges and to contend with past hurts.

Help us to see ourselves rightly,

putting to good use what you have entrusted to us
and daring to go in the direction of your voice and vision.

God of Sabbath rest,

grant peace to your world wearied by work and worry;
depleted by environmental degradation;
beset by famine and fire and storm.

Renew the face of the earth, we pray.

Renew the faces of those whose hollow eyes and swollen stomachs
call us to account for our casual wastefulness.

Renew the faces of those

who wander among us homeless while we lie down in ease.

God of constant attention,

hear us now as we offer all our other prayers and petitions.

[Here you may say aloud your prayers of concern and joy.]

Bring us to the day of your designing
when all things in heaven and on earth will be reconciled,
and your great shalom shall fill all in all.
We ask this and all things in the name of Jesus Christ,
who gave us this prayer...

**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 Nashville Opportunities Industrialization Center

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Gordon Young

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee:
because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever. Amen

— Isaiah 26:3-4

*DOXOLOGY #655 “What Shall I Render to the Lord” (verse 1)

What Shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (unison)**

based on Deuteronomy 5:12-15

**For Sabbath rest, and all other gifts that sustain us in life,
we thank you, O God.**

**Accept, we pray, the gifts we offer in return;
in gratitude and simple trust.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

May the God of Sabbath be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to God.

We offer them to the One who fills us with grace.

Sing glad songs to the One who is always faithful.

We shout for joy to our God who is our strength.

By the time you decided to take a break,

God of incredible imagination,

the Word had whispered and birds began their morning songs,

the Spirit had breathed and waters sparkled in the moonlight,

as babies took in great gulps of wonder.

You shaped us in your image,

handing us tambourines and lyres

so we could rejoice with your forever,

but we listened to the silent whispers of seductive songs

and preferred to play death's dirges.

Prophets, those women and men who knew you,

came to bring us words of hope and healing,

yet we continued to be bullied by fear,

and to be burdened by temptation.

That is when you decided to send your Heart,

your Child who would come so we might find our way home to you.

So with those who are full of themselves,
as well as those who empty themselves for others,
we join our voices in praising you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the Sabbath.
All creation shouts for joy to you.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who teaches us true Sabbath keeping.
Hosanna in the highest!**

In your holiness, God of the faithful,
you could have remained aloof from us,
but you chose to know our lives by having your Child come to us.
In becoming one of us,
the Baby made every birth a sacred moment.
In walking our streets,
Jesus made every neighborhood holy ground.
In sharing your hopes for us,
Jesus made every day a Sabbath from fears.
In knowing our pain,
Jesus gave us the strength not to be crushed.
In hearing our cries for hope,
Jesus turned our voices into songs of grace.
In experiencing our death,
Jesus broke sin's power over us,
as your resurrection grace became the promised hope of everyone.

As we remember his life and ministry among us,
as we give thanks for his death and resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith;

**Christ died, not because of rules, but for relationships.
Christ was raised, so the resurrection grace is for all.
Christ will return, so we will be joined with you forever.**

Here on this holy day, and in this sacred space,
pour out your Holy Spirit on your people
and the gifts of the bread and the cup.

Though we often feel like empty, fragile containers,
may the broken bread give us the strength to go out to serve your people:
those dealing with pain and grief,
those overwhelmed by fears,
those marginalized by the powerful,
those insulted by the hateful.

May the cup of grace nourish us to be able to go into the world:
to stand with the forgotten,
to bring healing to the broken,
to lift up those knocked down by hate.

And when we are united with those of every place and from every time,
we will join our sisters and brothers around your table
of holiness and grace,
shouting our joy to your through eternity,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Christ is host of this table. Everyone, without exception, is welcome. We will receive the Lord's Supper by coming forward and dipping a piece of bread into the cup. Please eat as you are served.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Tantum Ergo

Michael Sitton

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et
benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

translation

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient
forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects
supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high With the Holy
Spirit proceeding Forth from each eternally, Be salvation, honor blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

— St. Thomas Aquinas

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #372 "O For a World Where Everyone"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Postlude on *Diademata* Gordon Young
Melody taken from Hymn 268

Following worship today we will have a service of remembrance for our friend Alan Edwards. We will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

There will be another service for Alan starting at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Community Church. Everyone is welcome to attend that service as well. Holy Trinity is at 6727 Charlotte Pike, 37209.

Nashville Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)

Their mission is to provide education, training, counseling and job placement services for citizens who are disadvantaged economically, educationally and socially. They have had many success stories in their 49 years.

Guest Speaker: Helena Farrow; Executive Director for OIC

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.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for All Ages

Starting Sunday, June 3, join us at 9:45 for intergenerational Sunday School. All ages are invited to meet in Parlor 1 for fellowship, Bible study, activities and FOOD. Our first set of scriptures will be:

June 3

Mark 8:27-38 "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

June 10

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us"

June 17

Romans 12:9-21 "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good"

If you'd like more information, contact Suzie at suzielane@dpchurch.com.



You're Invited!

Enjoy all the homemade ice cream you can eat!
Music! Games! Big Shade Trees! Support MOB!

Sunday, June 3, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
on the lawn at First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville (rain or shine)
FREE PARKING

Buy your tickets Sunday mornings at DPC
\$10/adults, \$8/children 2-12, kids under 2 are FREE!
Tickets will be available onsite at the event (cash or checks) and online:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/>
All proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center!

If you can't attend, please support this important benefit by purchasing tickets for friends or family members or surprise someone you don't know during worship at DPC with a gift!

Free parking is available at designated spaces at Franklin Road Academy, John Overton High School and Judson Baptist Church, with frequent complimentary shuttle service available.

Ice Cream Crankers - If you want to make and serve your ice cream at the event, you can sign up at the church on Sunday mornings or contact Leslee Hughes.

If you want to compete, the contest, rules and entry information will also be available on Sunday mornings or at:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/forms>

Leadership Training

Generations, Relationships, Christ: Getting Along, Discovering Gifts, Equipping Leaders

GenOn Ministries' training to empower leaders

Saturday, June 9 8:30 am - 12:15 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church

What can every church learn from GenOn Ministries' 50+ years of ministry?

- That treating each other as a child of God helps us all to get along and that spreads way beyond the church
- That God gives gifts to everyone to use in building up the church
- That equipping and empowering leaders is Kingdom living
- That setting goals is paramount to moving forward in ministry

GenOn Ministries wants to teach your church what we know. Join Suzie Lane for this Saturday morning training where participants will understand Christ-centered relationships, learn ways to help others discern their gifts, discover effective ways to equip and empower leaders, and leave with plans to put new learnings into practice immediately. *Generations, Relationships, Christ* is perfect for elders, deacons, committee moderators and members, Sunday school teachers and leaders, other church leaders, and anyone who has been recognized as a potential leader.

Registration is covered by the church. To attend, contact Mike Wilson.

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!

The DPC Website

Have you visited *dpchurch.com* 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.

Monroe Harding Community Breakfast **June 14th at Westminster Presbyterian**

Monroe Harding invites you to celebrate their 125th anniversary at a Community Fundraising Breakfast on Thursday, June 14th in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The breakfast will begin at 8am and the short program will feature personal stories from foster parents and youth and provide guests with an opportunity to learn more about Monroe Harding today. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please email: Samera Zavaro (eszavaro@yahoo.com)

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.

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

171 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on May 26.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:40, Children:3

Visitors and Tourists

22 visitors came to view the sanctuary during the week.

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

12:30 Time of Remembrance
for Alan Edwards

Monday, June 4

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, June 5

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

12:00 Bible Study - Parlor 1

Wednesday, June 6

Thursday, June 7

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, June 8

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Saturday, June 9

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

Sunday, June 10

9:30 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

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Cary Gibson
Michael Korak
Jim Dickson

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

Class of 2020

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