

# **THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **May 2, 2021**

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**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude

Henry Coleman

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

**P: And also with you.**

**L: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #260**

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

Ryan Norris, cantor

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. Many times, we have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin that we may be your faithful people obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and his head of the church. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

Hear the good news!

The saying sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**L: May the peace of Christ be with you!**

**P: And also with you.**

*(For those in the sanctuary, please greet one another with a friendly wave.)*

**GLORIA PATRI**      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.

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VERSE**      "These Treasured Children"

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be  
a nurturing community.*

*Empower us to realize  
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Psalm 22:25-31

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

**NEW TESTAMENT**

Acts 1:1-11

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

**SERMON**

My Witness

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN #462

"I Love to Tell the Story"  
Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S 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.

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

Eternal God, each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of your creative hands and amazing grace. We who have been crafted in your image and blessed with numerous gifts now give these material gifts to our Creator who loves and sustains us now and forever more. These gifts, Lord are brought to you in love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*(Please hold your bread and juice until directed to take it together as community.)*

## We Bear God's Word Into the World

\*HYMN #295

"Go to the World!"  
Ryan Norris, cantor

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Benton Price

*(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)*


## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

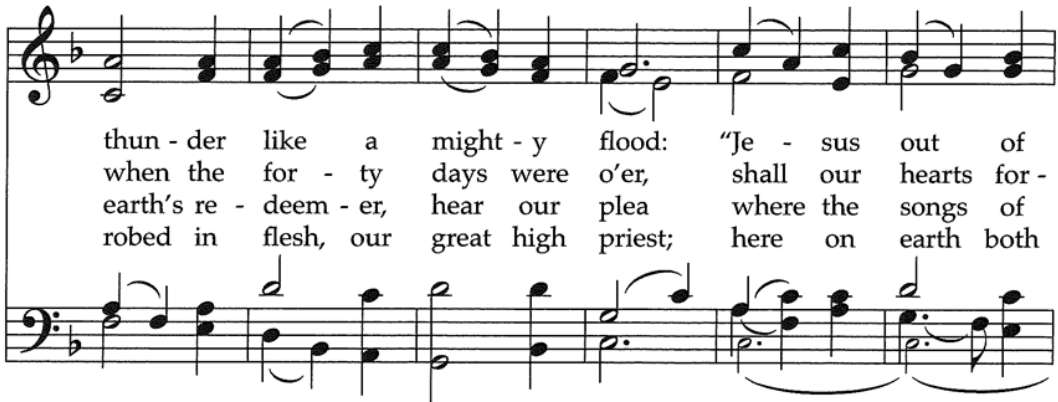


throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both



ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the 'rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



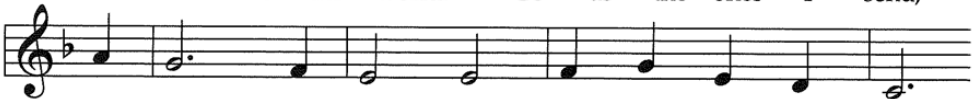
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# Go to the World!

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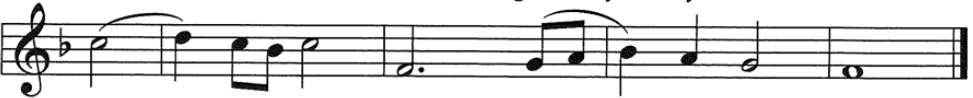
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **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 2021**

### **Class of 2021**

Jim Hoobler  
Mary Turner  
David Maddox

### **Class of 2022**

Erin Bell  
Tom Byl  
Jake Byl

### **Class of 2023**

Tom Wills  
Samera Zavaro  
Leslee Hughes

## **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Dena Swoner, Office Manager  
Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager  
Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

## **Parking**

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.