

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 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

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, today we gather to witness you.

P: You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.

L: Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

P: You call us to go and bring good news to your people.

L: Lord, today we gather to praise you.

P: You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence.

L: Lord, today we gather to worship you

*HYMN #343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Ryan Norris, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Lord, all we can do is ask for your forgiveness. We don't know why we do the things we do.

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All we know is that we're sorry; we want a clean slate. Help us to be messengers of humility, patience, and peace. Bind us together—with you and with one another—so that we may follow the risen Lord who feeds us and holds us up. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

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

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

For our God is a God of grace.

Siblings, we have been baptized in the Spirit and into a

Community where reconciliation is happening.

It is in the name of Christ that we are forgiven.

Please greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please return to your seats when the music starts.

***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 SERMON

Rev. Lee Catoe

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 READING

Psalm 30

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 5:21-43

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

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #793

“O Christ, the Healer”

Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, we come to you now, to tell you what's on our minds and in our hearts. When we pause to notice the landscape, enjoy the sunshine, or be refreshed by the rain, we can't help but remember you as our Creator God. When we see people are not caring for your creation, we are heartbroken. When we recognize our own part in abuse of this world, we are ashamed. We pray now for this earth and ask for your blessing upon it. Guide those who are working to protect wildlife, restore forests, and preserve the oceans. We cry out for those who suffer because of war. God, protect them. Watch over the refugee. Heal the injured. Save the abused. We pray for those who are convinced that war is the only way. Heal their hearts and show them the way to peace.

Give compassion to those who fight. Open the eyes of those blinded by violence. We lift up our towns, cities, neighborhoods, and families. Watch over these places in our lives. Shine your light in the dark places and help reveal the needs of our communities. Encourage us to reach out to our neighbors, not just to live behind closed doors. Heal the brokenness that exists in families due to addictions, abuse, neglect, and stress. Show each of us how we can bear your light where we live.

Lord, we pray for this space and for our role here. Help us to draw closer to you every day. Give us a new desire to live our lives as your followers. May our actions, our words, and our choices reflect our beliefs. Show us how our work as people of faith can impact this world for your glory. Send us out onto this world as ones called to demonstrate your love. Lord, we thank you. Thank you for loving us, despite our flaws and insecurities. Thank you for bringing us together for a common purpose. Thank you for this time to pray together as your people. And we pray all of these things through Christ who taught us all to pray:

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.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations.
- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256.
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

***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*)

On these days with summer coming on,
Your land starts to issue its bounty,
Baskets and bushels, fruit and forage,
Ready to nourish if we will eat.
We bring fruits of your blessings
To glorify you and celebrate the home you provide,
To share with your children, our kin,
And to answer your call joyfully.
Amen

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

***HYMN #320**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Ryan Norris, cantor

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: And may all God’s people say

P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

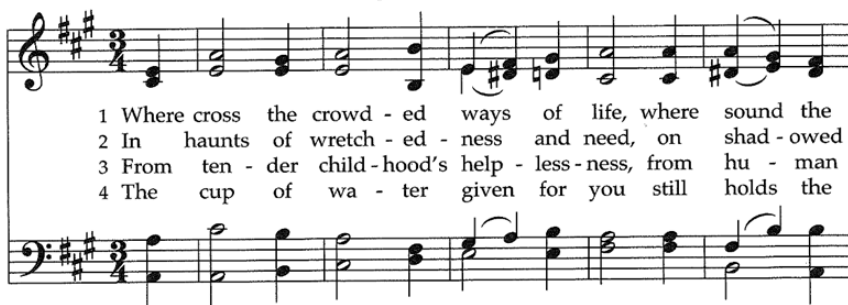
Fanfare and Cortège

Michael McCabe

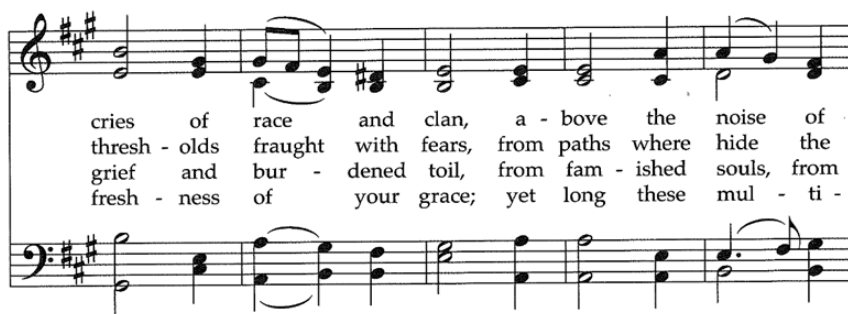
(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

We welcome Dr. Wilma Jensen as our guest organist today. Please extend your regards to her following the Closing Voluntary.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

793 O Christ, the Healer



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
 4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
 nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

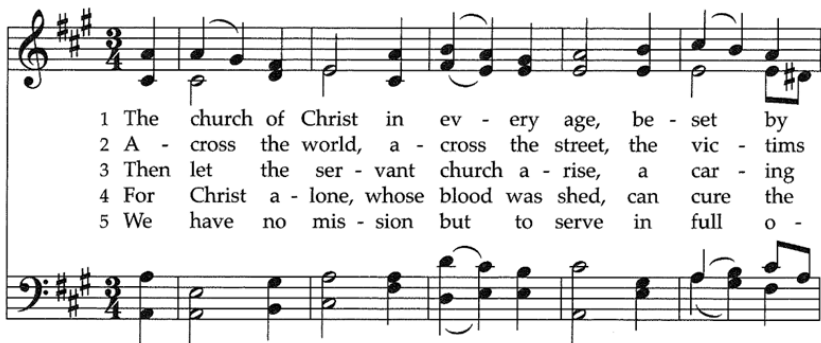


be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

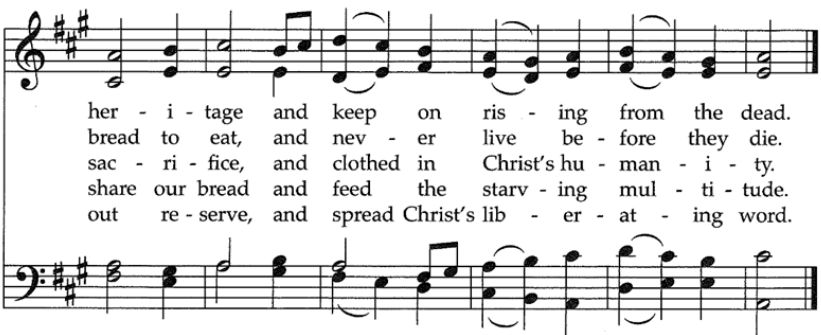
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

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

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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.