

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 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 on *Amazing Grace* Ellen Jane Lorenz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

P: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

L: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

P: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN!

*HYMN #324

"For All the Faithful Women"

Ryan Norris, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us confess our sin, using the words in the bulletin, and then silently as we make our own personal confession to God. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run to, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God.

P: We have been forgiven. All praise to God! We will go and live sharing the love of God. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, we ask that your Spirit would guide us in meditation on your Word, that we might be led more deeply into knowledge of you and love for all your creatures and creations. In Christ we pray Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Carrie Fraser

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 15

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:38-42

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

SERMON

"Scruffy Hospitality"

Rev. Carrie Fraser

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #419

"Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House"
Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those who have gone before us and from whose questions,
struggles to know and wisdom we benefit.

Thank you for the Mary and Martha's of our life and our church.

For the gifts of new possibilities that await ... just there ...
in spite of our distraction

For those who see things we cannot
because of our fear, our experience, our knowing ...

For those who wonder in ways that surprise us,
invite us and challenge us

For those who work so hard and continue to do so
even when we take them for granted, when we betray them,
when we neglect to treat them with justice or respect,
when we assume and presume and then are shocked at their rebellion

Our God, we give you thanks that it is not all about us,
that you continue to care and to love
and to create possibilities of redemption and new life
not only here among us but throughout your world.

Help us get over ourselves enough
to be able to sit in your presence, like Mary

Help us to have the humility and the courage to wonder,
if only for a moment, if you are about something game changing

Help us to carry that same spirit or curiosity and discovery
beyond these walls into the world in which we serve and which you love.

So let us, in your name, dare to hope

Let us dare to hope

For peaceful leadership and a willingness to seek understanding.

That violence will be absent from families

Make us a dangerous people - for once not to each other
but to all those resentments, preconceptions
and reasons why your future should not be the future,
for your church AND for your creation.

We only dare such craziness
because we sit in the presence of One whose prayer we echo.
Our father....
Amen.

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

To offer your financial support to the ministry and mission of DPC:

- 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 Chorale Prelude on *Hanson Place* Sam Batt Owens
Melody for hymn *Shall We Gather at the River*

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

And Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #364

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"
Ryan Norris, cantor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say
P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hymn 337
Ryan Norris, cantor

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

(please remain standing to sing the Closing Voluntary)

Today's Music

It may seem that July 4th rarely falls on a Sunday. However, July 4th has a regular schedule of every 5-6 years then occasionally jumps 11 years due to leap years. The current jump is 11 years with July 4th last appearing on a Sunday in 2010. While we typically separate church and state, we should embrace our freedom to worship as laid out by our nation's founding leaders.

To embrace and honor this freedom, both voluntaries and the music at the offertory are by American composers and are also based on American hymn tunes. For the closing voluntary, please remain standing to sing *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House

419

(Psalm 15)

Capo 1: (A7) (D) (Bm7) (G) (Bm) (A7)
B \flat 7 E \flat Cm7 A \flat Cm B \flat 7



1 Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or
2 Who have no guile up - on their tongues nor
3 Who do no wrong, but keep their word and

(D) (Bm7) (A) (A7) (G) (D)
E \flat Cm7 B \flat B \flat 7 A \flat E \flat

on your ho - ly hill? Those who do good and
harm their neigh - bor's life, but hon - or those who
seek no bribe or gain. All those who do such

(G) (A) (D) (Bm) (A7) (D)
A \flat B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat 7 E \flat

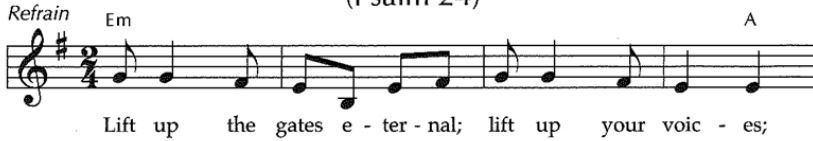
speak the truth, whose lives are blame - less still;
fear the Lord and turn a - way from strife;
things shall live and safe from harm re - main.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although Psalm 15 is sometimes said to reflect a ritual for entrance to the Temple, it is better understood as a sketch of how to live in a manner that reflects God's values rather than self-centeredness. Those who faithfully entrust themselves to God will never be disappointed.

364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

(Psalm 24)



- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
- 4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
- 5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
- 6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
 Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)
 the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.
 We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)
 the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
 Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

Gradually increasing tempo can heighten the sense of joy and power in this psalm.

This engaging paraphrase of Psalm 24 gains much of its energy from the Israeli folk song for which it was written. This territorial connection adds another dimension to a many-layered text that speaks both to the themes of Advent and to those of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

TEXT: Arlo D. Duba, 1984; ref. Willard F. Jabusch, 1966, alt.

MUSIC: Israeli folk melody; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

Text © 1986 Arlo D. Duba

Text Ref. © 1967 Rev. Willard F. Jabusch (Published by OCP)

Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

GILU HAGALILIM
 12.12 with refrain

337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our *fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

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.