# The Downtown Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day

### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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** Chorale Prelude on *Resignation* Wilbur Held
Tune taken from Hymn 803, 'My Shepherd Will Supply My Need'

### *Call to Worship

based on Mark 6:30-43

L: Come with me to a quiet place and rest.
**P: The hour is late.**
L: The multitudes are hungry.
**P: Let us give them something to eat.**
L: Let us look to heaven.
**P: We give thanks and praise.**
L: God's kingdom is upon us.
**P: We bear witness to God's work among us.**

*Hymn #309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages"
Ryan Norris, cantor

### Call to Confession

We dine. We live. We want, and we need. Let us confess our inability to recognize the people around us, the actions in which we take part, the path behind us, and the path ahead of us. Let us ask for help.

## Prayer of Confession (unison) based on Mark 6:21-44

**We confess our ignorance –**
**that we often do not know which banquet we are attending**
**or at which table we sit.**

**We confess our inaction –**
**that we know what to do or what not to do,**
**but that we delay and make excuses.**

**Our vision is blurred.**
**We are unable to correctly see the path behind us,**
**the path laid before us or to see any path at all.**

**We wander, following our whims with no purpose and no reason.**

**We fall on our knees, at a complete loss.**
**Guide us, Our Shepherd. Teach us.**
**Place your hand in ours. Let us know that you are there.**

*(Time for silent confession)*

## *Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace

L: No matter how far we wander or how often,
our shepherd is always there to take our hands,
to guide us home.
Sisters and brothers, know that today, right now,
you are home.
So let us greet each other like family.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
**P: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.*

*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. Lindsey Groves

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.***

FIRST READING Psalm 23
L: The word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22
L: The word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **P: Glory to you, O Lord.**

SERMON "Holding it Together" Rev. Lindsey Groves

# We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #840 "When Peace like a River"
Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **(people read bold)**

Almighty God,
The hour is late and the people are hungry
for food and clean water, for health care and safe shelter:
Relieve those who are in need, O God.

The hour is late and the nations quarrel and argue
putting pride, hatred, and ambition before the needs of humanity:
Bring your peace and protect those who are in danger, O God.

The hour is late and your creation is in pain
as our folly and carelessness blemish the beauty you have given us:
Transform our habits and institutions, O God.

The hour is late and our loved ones are troubled
with illness, injury, depression, pain, and anxiety
Comfort and heal those who suffer, O God.

The hour is late and your church is divided against itself
clinging to our petty differences of nation, party, tribe, and race
instead of the love of Christ which unites us:
Transform your church, O God.

The hour is late and we whisper unspoken pleas
in the silence of our hearts, Which only you know.
[silence]

And we listen in solidarity to the prayers
of need and thanksgiving of your people today:
[the people offer their prayers aloud]

And we bear witness with your saints in many places and times,
praying the prayer
you taught us…

**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

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace — John Weaver, harm.

When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness,
we thank you, God, that hands can sing; You bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.
In him, our healing can begin: He welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned Your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be Your able, strong community.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## *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*)

**Lord, your gifts to us boundless.**
**You have created the fields and seas that feed us,**
**You have woven us together as communities responsible to each other,**
**You redeem our sins and bestow grace abundantly.**
**We pray that your spirit be with us,**
**guiding us to use these gifts to do your will.**
**Amen**

# We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
# <u>And Bear It Into the World</u>

*HYMN #361 "Oh Christ, the Great Foundation"
Ryan Norris, cantor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
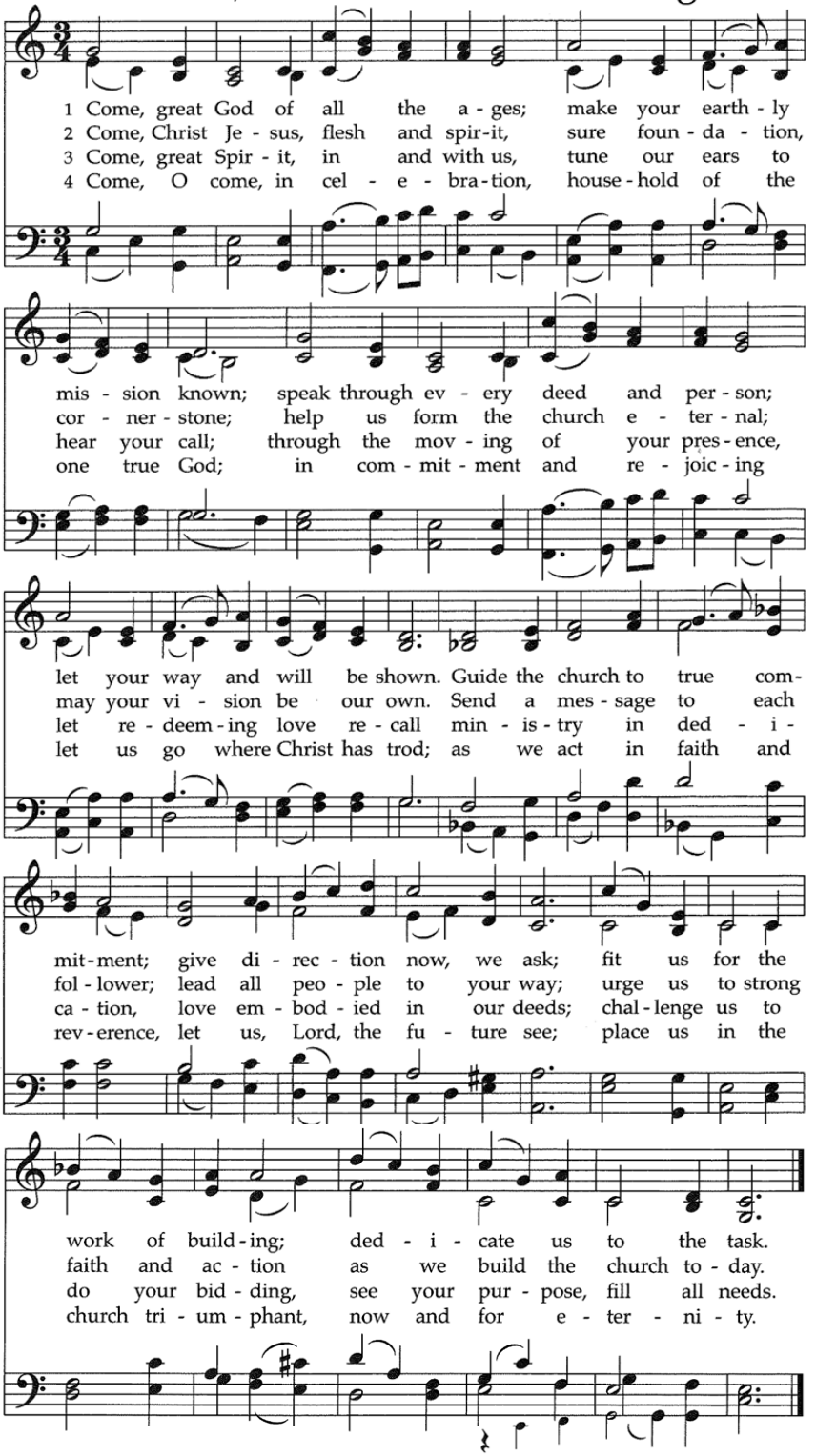
L: And may all God's people say
**P: Alleluia Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
*Psalm XIX* – The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

***(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)***

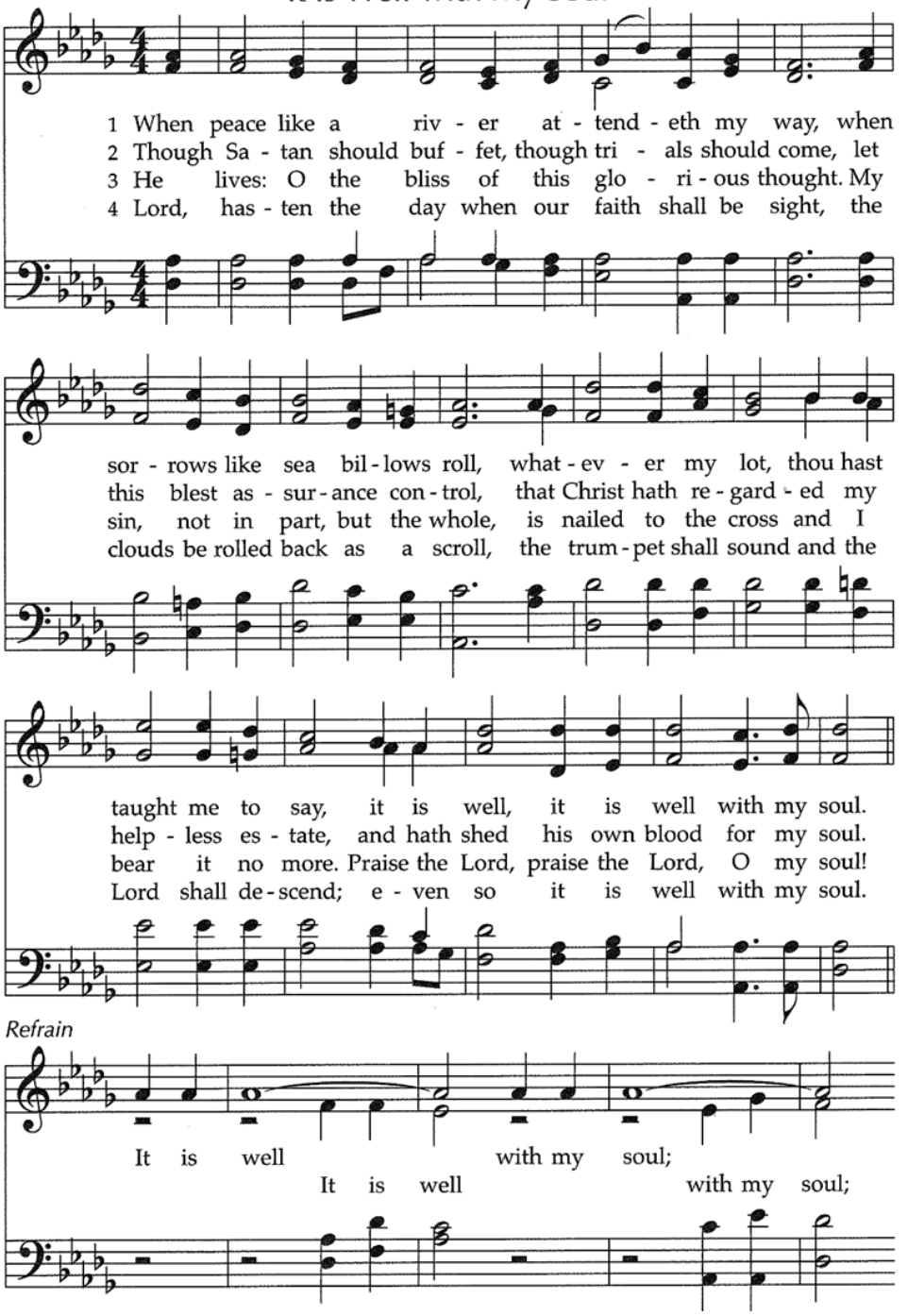
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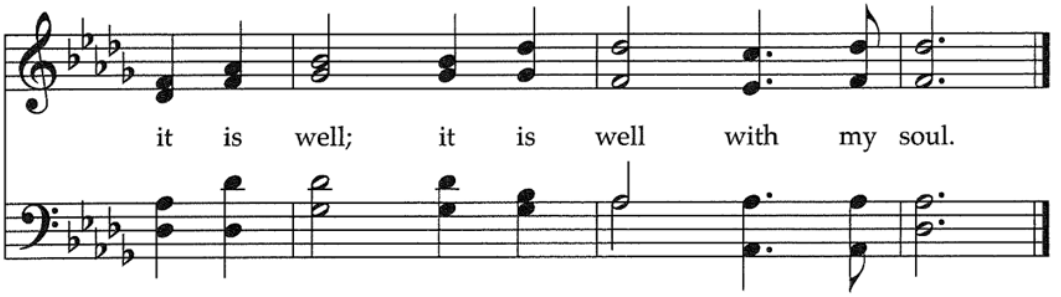
# 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages



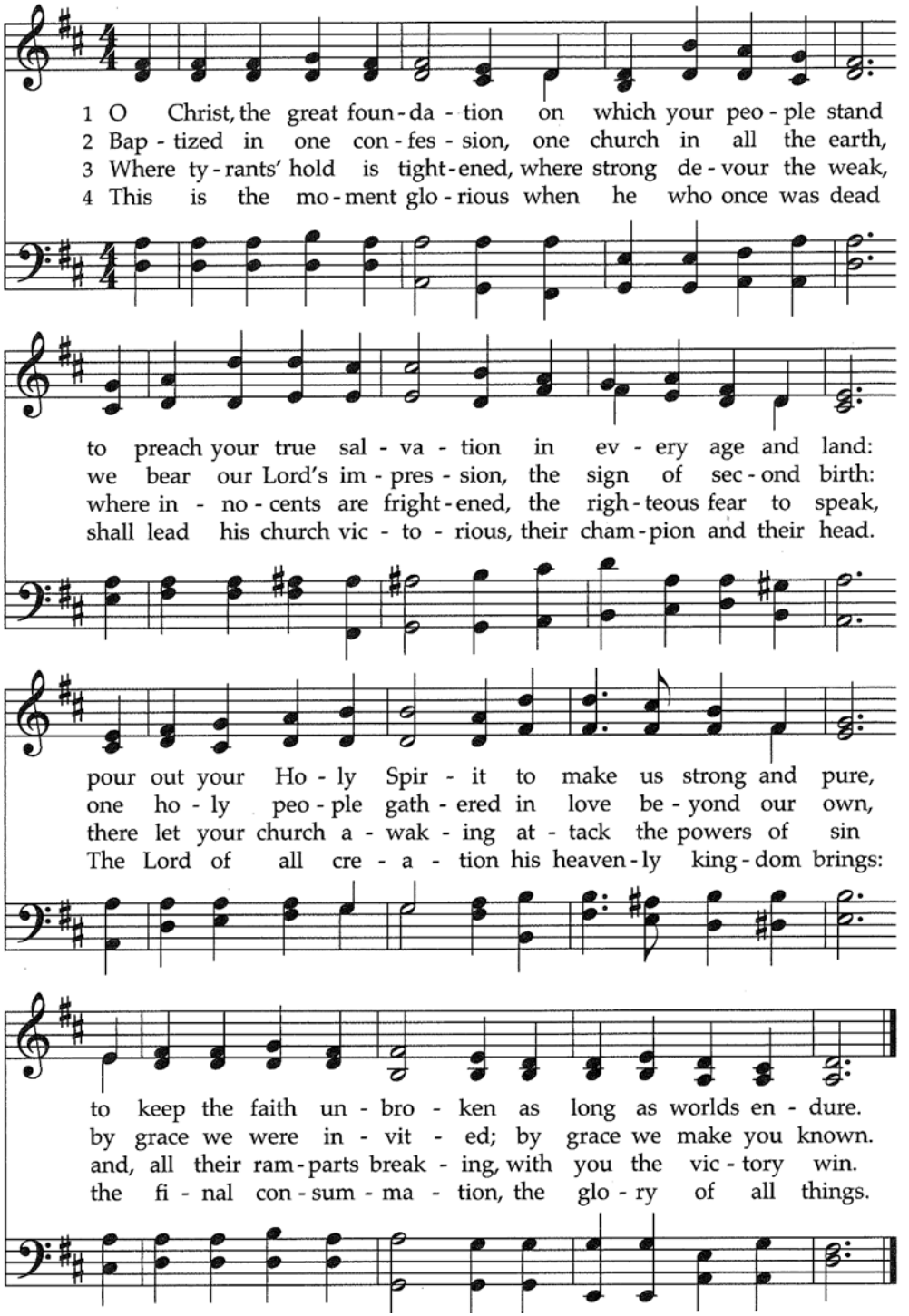
# 840 When Peace like a River

## It Is Well with My Soul




it is well; it is well with my soul.

# O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



## Interim Pastor Announcement

This week the session announced the appointment of **Rev. Larissa Romero** as Interim Pastor of The Downtown Presbyterian Church. She has accepted a one-year renewable contract as full-time pastor, beginning on August 1st.
During this time of interim she will be responsible for the full range of pastoral duties, including: worship leadership, congregational care, outreach and church growth development, and serving as head of staff. More-specific information regarding office hours, contact info., etc. will be available soon.

***Please join us in welcoming Rev. Larissa Romero to The Downtown Presbyterian Church!***

## DPC Choir News

As our choirs become active again, now is a great time for you to join. Our adult choir is now active and rehearsing every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. Our handbell choir will begin their rehearsals in August and most likely our JuveNiles will start as the new school year begins. Please see any current choir member or William Taylor for any questions and to let us know you will be joining in this important DPC ministry.

## 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* | *Class of 2022* | *Class of 2023* |
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| Jim Hoobler | Erin Bell | Tom Wills |
| Mary Turner | Tom Byl | Samera Zavaro |
| David Maddox | Jake Byl | 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.