

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 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 in A Major, BWV 536

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Love incarnate has come that we might have life,
and have it, not stingily or wearily,

P: **but spaciouly and full of delight.**

L: The Bread of Life has come that we might be filled;
God does not divide our needs into physical and spiritual,

P: **but calls every part of us worthy of sacred fulfillment.**

L: Where there is soulful living and holistic care,

P: **The Spirit of Christ is among us.**

***HYMN #767**

“Together We Serve”

CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy Spirit, Jesus says he is the Bread of Life, that if we come to him, we will not be hungry. Yet, we ignore the realities around us, truths of suffering connected to those who have stockpiles, while others don't have enough. Weep and rage with us when we feel overwhelmed by the injustice of the world. Help us have the ears to hear stories that may move us to change. Move with us that we might co-create a table where all know what enough feels like. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: Hear these words of assurance and good news, that God so loved the world Christ was sent, not to condemn us, but to free us. Beloved, we are called to be free. Let us serve one another humbly therefore, for the entirety of the law is summed up in one word, in this, "Love your neighbor as yourself." In this spirit of love, let us greet one another. 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

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 2 Samuel 11:26-13:13a

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

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

THIRD READING John 6:24-35

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

We Respond to God’s Word

*HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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

A story is told that our ancestors in faith ate manna in the desert,
that God provided for their needs a day at a time.

May we live into the gritty trust shown by our ancestors.

We offer our own stories, knowing you hold them in care.

As you hold our stories with care.

We lift them up to you now in the silence, attending to your gentleness:
(moment of silence)

May we hold one another’s stories with care, as you hold ours.

In gentleness we pray:

(the people offer their prayers aloud)

May we relish how it feels to care and be cared for,

that we might become ancestors to a world

where people are not caught in the grind

but move from glory to glory, from rest to play,

from too much or not enough to everlasting abundance.

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

Our lives are meant to be more than endless striving. So in our compassion for each other, we share what we have, that none may feel the need to earn survival. In the spirit of abundance and rest, we bring our offerings to the Beloved.

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

Ave, V^{er}um C^{or}pus

W. A. Mozart

Ave, v^{er}um C^{or}pus n^{at}um de Mar^{ia} V^{ir}gine,
Vere p^{as}sum immol^{at}um in cruce pro h^omine,
C^ujus l^{at}us perfor^{at}um unda fl^uxit s^{an}guine,
Esto n^obis praegust^{at}um in m^ortis examine.

Translation

Hail, true Body born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced whence flowed water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste of death during our final examining.

*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*)

Beloved Child of Humanity, we desire to follow your way of radical and ordinary welcome. Where we have drawn borders around the bounds of your provision, teach us of our interconnectedness that we might live in a siblinghood of care. To this sacred communion, we dedicate our offerings. 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 #634

“To God Be the Glory”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say

P: **Alleluia Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major, BWV 553 (from 'Eight Little Preludes & Fugues') J. S. Bach

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

Together We Serve 767

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - jice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Nursery Care Available for Sunday Worship

We now have nursery caregivers for Sunday mornings. We are excited to welcome Anna and Abby Takahashi to DPC! They will provide nursery care during the worship service for children through age 5. The new nursery is located on the 2nd floor and is ready to welcome the youngest of DPC attendees.

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

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.