

# THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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 Lancashire      Ronald Arnatt  
Melody for hymn Lead On, O King Eternal!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is shade from August heat,

P: **the sweetness of a blackberry right off the bush,**

L: a drink from the corner store pressed to our foreheads.

L: God is the ripe belly of a rain cloud to parched soil;

P: **God is the soil itself, rich brown whispering of blooming.**

L: God is the dark purple leaves of a cherry plum tree.

L: God is the invitation to rest found in the ink of the night sky.

P: **God loves melanin, shade, the wonder of deep hues.**

L: Let us gather in the shadow of God's wings!

\*HYMN #269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

## CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)

Sacred Mystery, we have learned certain tools of resilience at different times of our lives, according to our needs. Yet, we know the logic of empire influences our thoughts. Make vivid imagery beyond that of battle fields and waging war. Teach us of ecosystems and of solidarity. School us in softness, intimacy, and soulful communication. Empower us as we seek your wisdom so we may live a life of emboldened peace. 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 “What are your favorite tools?”

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 84

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

SERMON

“Naming Our Tools of Resilience” Rev. Larissa Romero

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

\*HYMN #629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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

Oh God of Resilience, we desire that the gospel of peace wake us up in the morning.

We desire it to walk with us like the shoes we slip on our feet.

We desire the truth of our interconnectedness to stay with us as if it were the picture of our loved one in our wallet, our keys to our homes.

We honor our interconnectedness by lifting up our prayers to you in this moment of silence: (moment of silence)

Together we also pray aloud to you for: (the people offer their prayers aloud)

Trusting that the Love of the Spirit casts cool shade upon our lives, that we might rest under the tree of belovedness, 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

Come, co-creators, let us bring forth our offerings in the common pursuit of liberation, remembering that the sharing of our resources is the heart of the story of Jesus. Let us live in the legacy of shared abundance.

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](http://www.dpchurch.com) and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM    Behold, The Tabernacle of God    William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you. For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church

\*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*)

Living God, bless us with the guidance of the saints and the elders, that we might organize for your kin-dom through tenderness and compassion. In our righteous anger, breathe with us so we can root into wisdom. Use our offerings so that through our daily actions of care, we create a world where all are sustained. Amen.

# **We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World**

**\*HYMN #838**

**"Standing on the Promises"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**L:** And may all God's people say

**P:** Alleluia Amen.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Toccata on Old Hundredth**

**Gordon Young**

**Melody for hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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

## 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence- forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

## Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

## 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
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 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).



TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

*Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

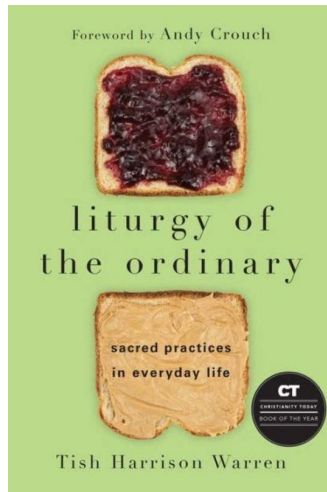
## **Current Worship Procedures**

We recognize the recent COVID/Delta outbreak has changed the CDC's guidance, *even for those who are vaccinated*. As such, we have made the following changes to our worship procedures.

- To help encourage everyone to make full use of our wonderful sanctuary, we have roped off rows where we ask you not to sit. We hope this will help encourage more social distancing.
- When sitting in a socially distanced pew, you can remove your mask.
- If you are singing or moving about the sanctuary, we request that you wear a mask.
- If you are not yet vaccinated, we request that you wear a mask any time you are inside the church.
- Nursery workers will wear masks to help protect our youngest church attendees.

## **Nursery Care Available for Sunday Worship**

We are thankful to have two new nursery caregivers for Sunday mornings. Anna and Abby Takahashi will be providing 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.



### Adult Education Series: “*Liturgy of the Ordinary*”

Denny Harris and Dave Coleman will be leading an in-person Adult Sunday School class discussing the book, "*Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*". The 6 week series of classes will **start on Sunday, Sept 12th and run through October 17th**. They will meet in the first floor classroom next to the Fellowship Hall. Plan to arrive at 9:45 to prepare a cup of coffee and settle in before the discussion begins at 10am.

About the book, Andy Crouch writes: “In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God’s presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day.”

**We hope to see you at 9:45 on September 12th for an enlightening time of discussion!**

## 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

Rev. Larissa Romero, Pastor  
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.