

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY A Gothic Prelude Gordon Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in the presence of a nonbinary God.

P: Our many dimensions are held by the God of Multifacets.

L: The Divine is not the enforcer of a linear life,

P: But Love who expands as the Cosmos.

L: The Spirit delights in all our permutations,

P: Let us gather in the midst of God Unfolding.

***HYMN #14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy Spirit, the cruelty of oppressive forces can enrage us. Inspire us when we can't imagine a new way. May we follow in the legacy of our teacher, Jesus, who, amidst empire, lived creatively and compassionately. In our heartbreak, comfort us and open us to your expansive ways. 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

God Loves Your In-Between

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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

SECOND READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

SERMON

“In This Great Turning, We Shall Learn to Lead in Love” Rev. Larissa Romero

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #351

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

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

We live in confidence, Oh God, that we belong as your beloveds; all parts of us belong.

No one can make the table of God un-set for us.

Nothing can make the Spirit's arms un-opened to us.

No permutation of us is anything but blessed.

Resisting every force that demeans us and others,
may we, as a people, feel our belovedness deep in our bones,
as we lift 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)

May it be that all beings feel their True Selves in the light of your
compassionate gaze.

We hold this to be True as we pray 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Safe Haven

Rachel Wilkins

Safe Haven is the premier shelter-to-housing program in middle Tennessee. that accommodates families experiencing homelessness. Their housing model, coupled with transformative services provides families with the tools to achieve self sufficiency, stable employment and secured housing.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We desire nourishing food, bodily safety, and access to resources for all beloveds because we know that our flourishing is bound up with one another's. In the spirit of mutual wellbeing, let us bring forth our offerings that our bodies might rest in the care we offer one another.

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

Just As I Am

Gordon Young

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come,
I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come,
I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Charlotte Elliott

*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*)

Spirit of the Living Christ, we dedicate these offerings to the protection and the flourishing of the beloved community. Undo any inclination we have to police each other and instead equip us for creative and sustainable relationship-tending. In your compassionate and radical name we pray, amen.

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

*HYMN #333

“How Our Hearts with Joy Abound”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say

P: **Alleluia Amen.**

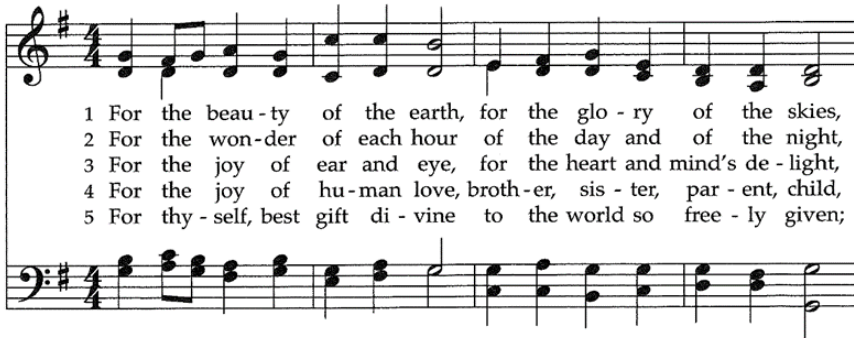
CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ: III. Chorale

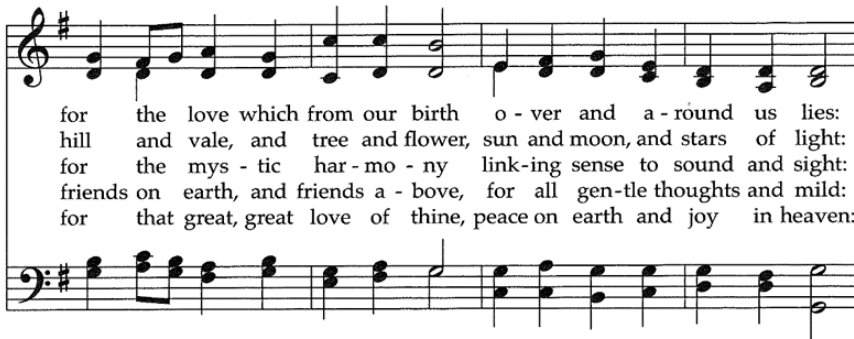
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For the Beauty of the Earth 14

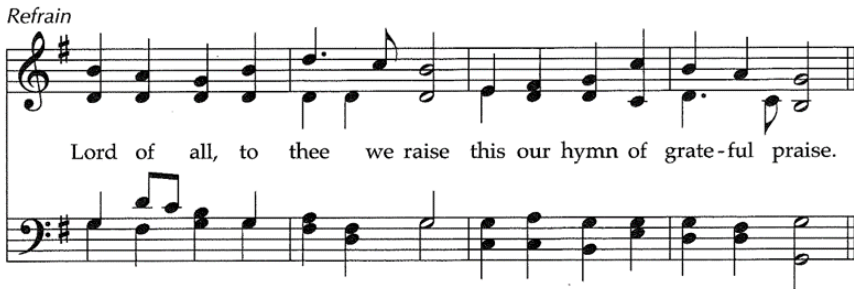


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

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MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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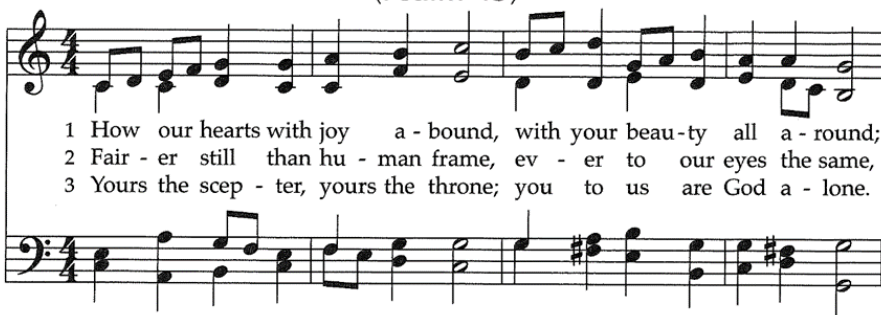
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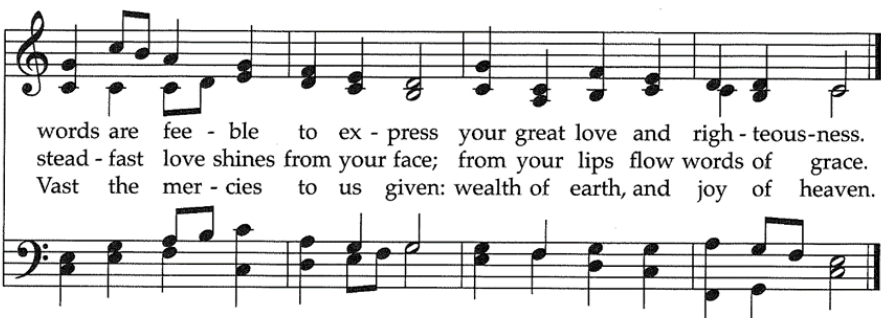
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333 How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau - ty all a - round;
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.



words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous-ness.
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

Though it may have originated as a royal marriage ode, Psalm 45 has come to be understood in both Jewish and Christian traditions as having messianic overtones, and it is quoted that way in Hebrews 1:8-9. This 20th-century paraphrase skillfully maintains that double application.

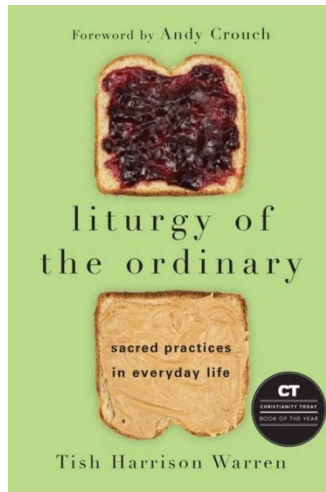
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Adult Education Series: “*Liturgy of the Ordinary*”

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 Couch 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!

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.

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.