

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 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 *Song 13* Healey Willan
 Melody for hymn *Trust in God*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The God of Labor disrupts the idea that anyone is self-made,

P: **For we cannot flourish without the labor of others.**

L: The God of the Sabbath dreams of webs of mutual aid,
 of communities of care,

P: **Of sharing the labors of living so we can take turns resting.**

L: God imagines a life of collective, ground-up flourishing.

P: **Come, let us worship our God of Solidarity.**

***HYMN #20** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)

God, sometimes we may take for granted the labor of our neighbor. At other times, we forget to rest in your grace and share the many labors in our lives. Help us remember that no one is an island. Remind us that you would have us live lives filled with reflection and mutual care. May our faith be made evident in our work and recreation. May we honor this need for all people, each your beloved, 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 “Why Is There a Weekend?”

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 James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

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

MEDITATION

“Me and My Garbage: or Upon Learning How Sanitation Workers Save My Life”
Rev. Larissa Romero

REINTRODUCTION OF NOAH & “LABOR IN THE PULPIT” Doug Hausken
Maura-Lee Albert, Vice Chair of NOAH

Cyrenthia is a 911 Dispatcher at the Department of Emergency Communications here in Nashville, she is also a Union Steward at her job and a leader amongst her peers.

We Respond to God’s Word

*HYMN #36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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

Alongside you, O Creator,
we co-create the kin-dom of God.
Be with us through our labor and rest,
through our playing and weeping,
and taking it one step at a time,
through our hopeful singing and imagination
and showing up for one another.

May we weave a better world with our very words, O God,
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)

Alongside you, O Creator,
we co-create the kin-dom of God,
remembering the words you taught us long ago,

**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

In 1931 labor rights activist, Florence Reece, asked through song, “Which side are you on?” We answer: We are on the same side as Jesus. We are on the side of the economically oppressed and exploited. We are on the side of those whose labor is undervalued, though it be necessary to our lives. Let us gather our offerings and commit to the work of God.

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 Oh Lord, I Will Praise Thee Gordon Jacob

O Lord, I will praise Thee though Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.
Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid for the Lord
 Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become
 my salvation.
Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people,
 make mention that His name is exalted.
Sing until the Lord for He hath done excellent things, this is known in all
 the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of
 Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 12

*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 God, may our collected offerings flow without impediment to the people and places who need them. None of us would have our needs met without the care of many. We honor those who have cared for us by offering our resources back into the flow of interdependence. 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.)

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN #771

“What Is the World Like”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: And may all God's people say

P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott* Healey Willan
Melody for hymn *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.


For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."


What Is the World Like 771

Capo 1: (G) A^b (Em7) Fm7 (C) D^b (D) E^b




1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (Am) B^bm (B7) C7




Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (D) E^b (G) A^b



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

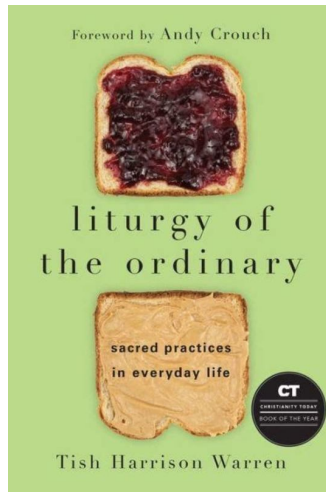
(C) D^b (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) B^bm7 (D) E^b (G) A^b



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.



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!

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.

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.

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, Interim 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.