

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Henry Purcell

arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

DPC Handbell Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God of the Ordinary, we awoke this morning,

P: As we awake each day.

L: Everyday we begin in our vulnerability and your love.

P: Everyday we stir our bodies from rest.

L: Everywhere we go belongs in your circle of grace.

P: Everywhere we go, you bless the way.

L: We praise you for this morning, like the first morning!

P: We praise you for every morning, everyday!

***HYMN #664**

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of Grace, you have infused this world with your glory. Yet we often overlook the ordinary. We may even fail to see the extraordinary in a familiar place. Help us wake each morning remembering we belong to your loving embrace. Keep us awake to the delight of every day, everywhere we go. 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 “Take a Moment to Unpack”

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-12

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

SACRED REFLECTION: Florilegia

Rev. Larissa Romero

SERMON

“Waking Up Beloved”

Rev. Larissa Romero

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #536

“Rise O Church Like Christ Arisen”

DPC Instrumental Ensemble

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

God, the enormity of the suffering of the world burns in us like a forest fire, collapses us like a building, washes over us like floodwaters, sits in us like a plane that can't leave the gate. In our sorrow, console us with moments of beauty and belonging 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)

Build with us communities of solidarity and kindness, for you desire not our suffering but our delight.

We hold the truth of our mutual belonging and belovedness 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.

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ella Baker, visionary and human rights activist, said “give light and people will find the way.” Let us bring forth our offerings that we might offer a way to one another. Through our giving and receiving, let us illuminate the path to collective thriving.

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

This is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his, praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all ye stars and light, let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways., to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper, the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Text taken from Psalms 118,148, 91, 121, and 27

*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*)

Holy Spirit, bless our offerings to the lineage of the saints who have gone before us, the wise people who envisioned a way of being where all lived with dignity. Bless our offerings to the generations who come after us, may they embody freedom in ways we have yet to imagine. Amen.

BLESSING OF TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY

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

*HYMN #744

“Arise Your Light is Come”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,

and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom
to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

And may all God's people say.

P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude

Alan Rideout

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

Anthem Note

Today's offertory anthem was composed for the wedding of HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton and first performed in Westminster Abbey on 29 April 2011.

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Benediction by Saint Teresa de Ávila

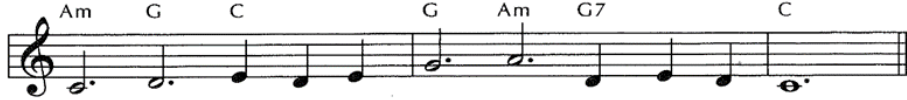
Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

Special Collection for the McMullin Family

Beloveds, it is never easy to lose our loved one; it is harder when attention to our grief is divided by worldly circumstances out of our control. In a visceral show of love and support, please contribute with us to the McMullin Family Special Collection.

Simply take a photo of the QR code below for the online giving platform, text “dpchurch” to 73256, or visit www.dpchurch.com and click the link for online giving located on the right side of the page. Choose “Special Collection” - it is the first in the drop down. Thank you for joining us in this important act of care.

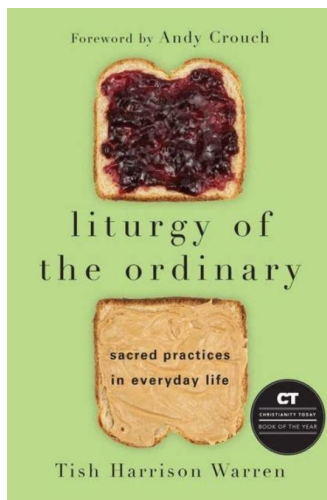


World Communion Sunday, October 3rd

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. The worship committee is planning some special observances of World Communion Day for that day’s worship service.

Additionally, we will invite the congregation to stay after church and help pack the bags that will be distributed on Saturdays in October. This will be a great time to support the work of this vital ministry!

We hope this service will be a meaningful time in the life of the church.



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

Denny Harris and Dave Coleman are 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 started today **Sunday, Sept 12th and runs through October 17th**. They will meet in the parlor adjoining 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 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.