

**THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 19, 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**

Voluntary in D

Eric H. Thiman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Here, O God, you catch us up in your abundant love.

P: Here, in Christ, we embody the work of your people.

L: Here, through the Spirit, we practice the patterns of your love.

P: Here, your children gather to worship, again!

**\*HYMN #170**

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

**CALL TO CONFESSION (UNISON)**

God of Awe, even when we do not ask for help,  
you can offer more than we imagine possible.

Still, in those times we do not readily feel you at work,  
we can refuse our own work.

We can reject the learning available to us.

We may create habits that unintentionally block  
our readiness for living in you.

Call to us, again. Invite us in, again.

And by your grace, soften our hearts  
to open in humility, hope, and joy. 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

“Everyday I...”

### 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

Luke 5:1-11

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

### SACRED REFLECTION: Florilegia

Rev. Larissa Romero

### SERMON

“Getting Ready with Ritual”

Rev. Larissa Romero

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #751**

**"From the Nets of Our Labor"**

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

#### **Prayer of Intercession & Prayers of the People**

Holy Spirit, wherever we are today -- whatever state of mind, state of spirit, state of body -- you compassionately meet us there. You do not demand we change. You simply invite us to show up to "what is," with curiosity about the impact of our actions. In this spirit of curiosity, 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)

We lean on your support through the renewal made possible in the resurrection, and ready ourselves as we pray again 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**

God, you teach us that resources are meant to be shared and not hoarded, people are meant to be built up for flourishing and not exploited, and your creation is meant to be treated as the living, breathing ecosystem it is. We dedicate our offerings to the work that points to the gospel way -- a way where all beings are sustained, cherished, and deeply respected. Let us bring forth our offerings that it might be so.

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

Ye Servants of God

Henry Coleman

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His  
wonderful name.

The Name all victorious of Jesus extol. His Kingdom is glorious and rules  
over all.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour  
the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and  
worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom  
and might.

All honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and  
infinite love.

Charles Wesley

## \*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*)

God of Becoming, we dedicate these offerings to the divine found in every  
person, plant, animal, and mineral and to their inherent dignity. In  
honoring our sacred interconnectedness, we honor you. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN #726**

**"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

## **\*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.

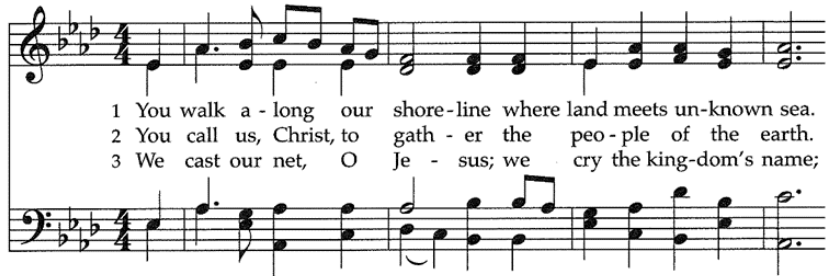
**P: Alleluia Amen.**

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

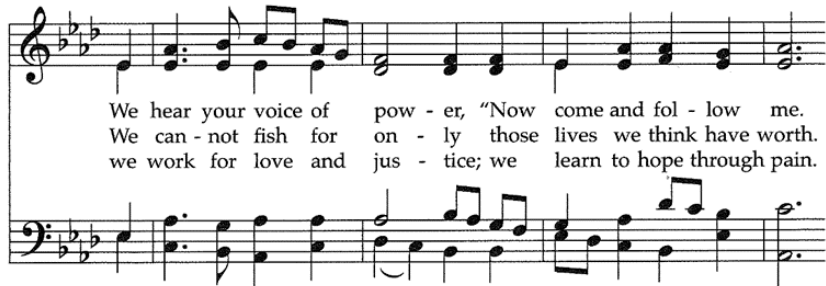
Gavotte: In the Style of Samuel Wesley      Eric H. Thiman

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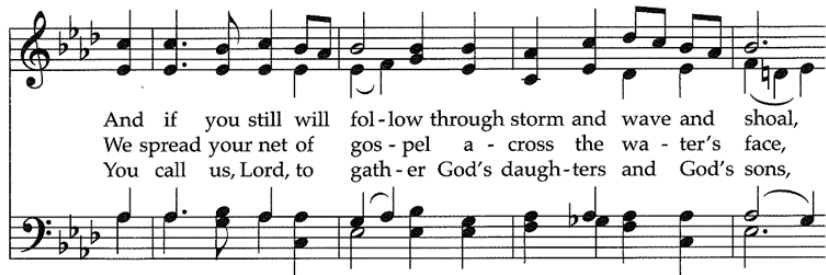
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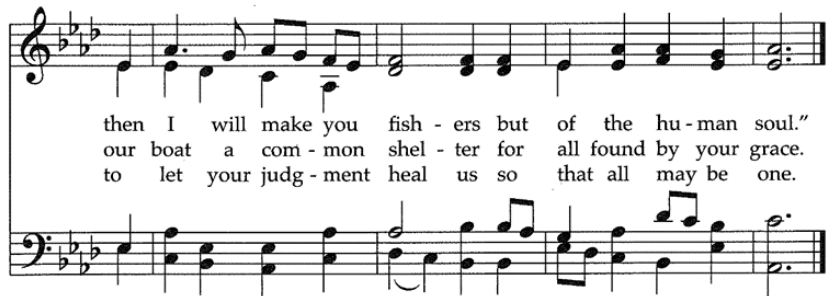
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.  
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,  
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

# 751 From the Nets of Our Labor

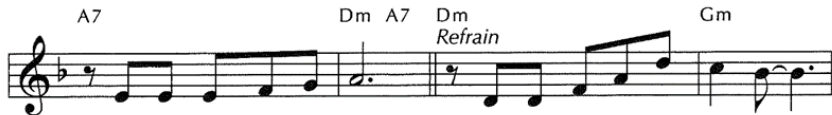
## We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -  
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of  
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or  
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false  
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through  
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,  
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,  
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,  
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,  
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,  
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/ Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

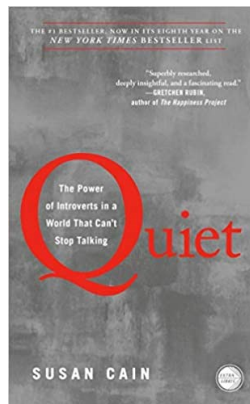


## World Communion Sunday, October 3rd

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.

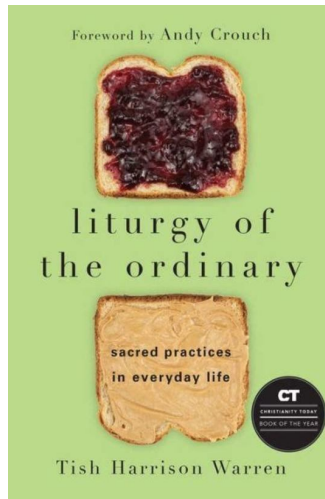
Additionally, we will invite the congregation to stay after church and help pack the bags that will be distributed on Saturdays in October. This will be a great time to support the work of this vital ministry!

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



## DPC Book Club

The DPC book group has selected *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain for our next read. We will gather on **November 4th at 6:30pm** to discuss this text together. A book kit is on loan from the library; please email [events@dpchurch.com](mailto:events@dpchurch.com) if you would like to borrow one of the available copies of the book. To learn more about our book club or join our next meeting, contact Joel Dark ([joelhdark@gmail.com](mailto:joelhdark@gmail.com)). All are welcome.



### 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 **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 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 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.

**Note: Nursery care is available 9:30am - 12:00pm on Sunday mornings.**

## **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.