

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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

Elegie

Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Holy God we bring our bodies before you in worship.

P: We bring the bodies you have created.

L: We bring the bodies of our kitchen tables and bathtubs.

P: We bring the bodies that require care and upkeep.

L: We bring the bodies that will know death.

P: We bring the bodies that will know eternal life.

L: We bring the bodies that are sacred and claim hope!

P: Come Incarnate God, come and bless the bodies of your people!

*HYMN #2

“Come Thou Almighty King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Blessed are we when we let go of possessions,

P: For the realm of God unfolds when we give and share.

L: Woe to us when we gather in fear,

P: For the realm of God unfolds in openly loving places.

L: Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger,

P: For the empty places are the fertile soil for new growth.

L: Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity,

P: For we fail to recognize the wholeness in rest.

L: Blessed are we who know sorrow,

P: For the ache of loss is witness to the love we bear.

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L: Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief,

P: For the fullness of love is woven with tears.

L: Blessed are we who know scorn,

P: For the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of divine welcome.

L: Woe to us who depend on the approval of others,

P: For our authentic, created selves diminish.

L: Blessed are we who dance in the life of the Trinity,

P: For we will recognize abundant 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

"You are Full of Wonder"

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 Psalm 139:1-16; Romans 12:1-2
L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SACRED REFLECTION: Florilegia

Rev. Larissa Romero

SERMON

“Blessed Are You in Your Body” Rev. Larissa Romero

We Respond to God’s Word

*HYMN #27

“Sacred the Body”

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

God of Awe, we each of us, child or child within, need to feel seen, heard, cherished, and celebrated. Fill us again with wonder, infused with possibility and connected with play. We hope into co-creating a world where all may live free from fear and full of delight, 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)

Help us follow the path of the Living Christ,
an embodied Jesus,
as we sit and rest,
as we move our lips,
as we speak aloud in our unique voices,
to 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

Beloveds, the Love of God remains steady within and around us. Let us participate in the Gospel story by loosening the hold of systems that trip us and by being Love to each other. Let us bring our offerings to God and each other that it may 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 and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

Translation

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen

Latin from the *Liber Usualis* & the *Gregorian Missal*; trans. by Michael W. Martin

*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 Compassion and Courage, we dedicate our offering to work that honors your people. May our collected funds manifest in liberation where they are needed the most and honor future generations. Amen.

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

***HYMN #547** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***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.”

P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Diapason

Gordon Young

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

Prayer of Confession by Katherine Hawker, liturgyoutside.net, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero

Offering & Intercessory Prayers by © 2021 enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
Benediction by Saint Teresa de Ávila

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

Sacred the Body

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Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B \flat Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
 2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
 3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
 4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E \flat F7 B \flat Cm7 Fsus F

tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
 pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
 Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
 make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B \flat Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

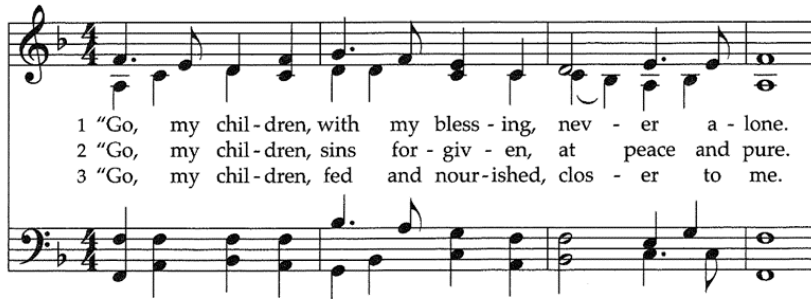
Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
 Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
 Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
 May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E \flat B \flat Gm Cm7 F B \flat B \flat

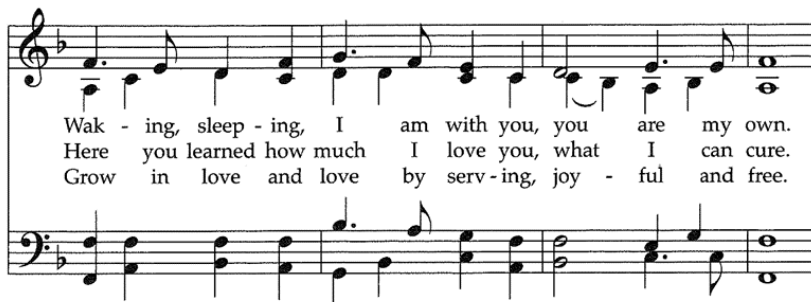
Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
 so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
 Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
 so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

Despite biblical directives to "honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:20) and "offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1), Christians have often scorned the body, failing to see how the mystery of the Incarnation continues in each person.

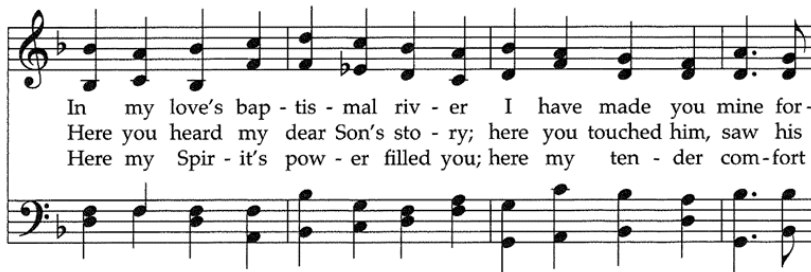
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



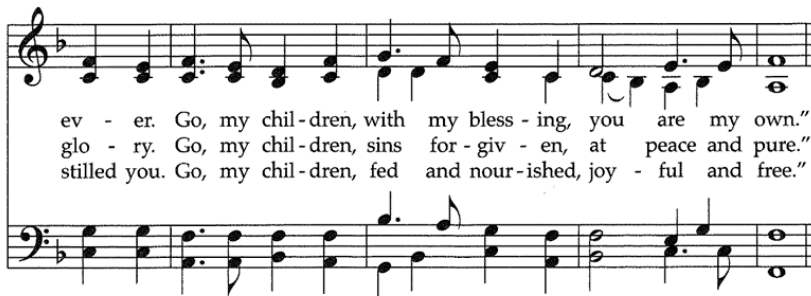
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
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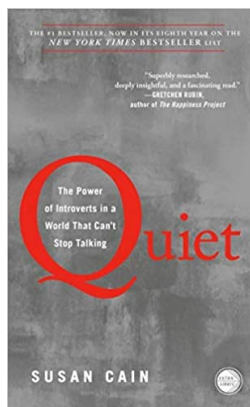
Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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.

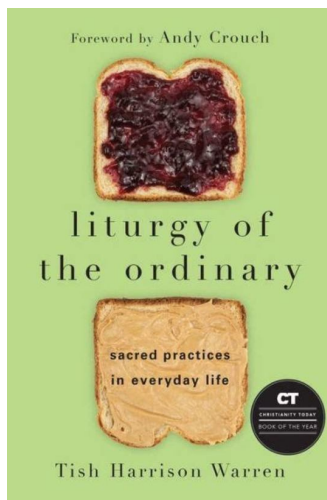
Additionally, we will invite the congregation to stay after church and help pack the bags that will be distributed on Saturdays in October. This will be a great time to support the work of this vital ministry!

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 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). 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 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.

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.