

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022

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(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *St. Flavian* Thomas Canning
Melody for hymn "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

P: Jesus went into the city to heal.

L: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

P: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

L: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

P: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

L: There is nowhere we can go
that God does not walk with us.

P: We are in God's house.

Let us worship Holy God.

***HYMN #166** "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us speak truth into our lives, asking for God's help where we need it in this moment of silence...

(collective moment of silence)

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

P: Teach us a new way.

L: Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

P: Teach us a new way.

L: Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

P: Teach us a new way.

L: Teach us to live as you live.

P: Teach us to love as you love.

L: Forgive us when we don't.

P: Gratefully we pray, amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ,
no matter how many times we mess up,
no matter how far we wander,
no matter how lost we feel,
God's grace is full to the brim.
It overflows in desert places.
It finds us where we are and
it covers us in mercy.
Hear and believe this good news—
God's love is overflowing.
We are drenched in mercy.
Thanks be to God, amen.

In this spirit of overflowing love, let us pass the peace of Christ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

AFFIRMATION OF GOD IN THE GATHERING “We Shall Be Known”

*We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change alive from deep within the Earth
It is time now
It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now
And what a time to be alive
In this “Great Turning” we shall learn to lead in love
In this “Great Turning” we shall learn to lead in love*

Encountering the Living Word of God

WORDS 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.*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

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

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

MEDITATION

“Even in the Desert”

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

God of the wilderness places in our lives,
it can be hard to hear you in the desert.

It can be hard to hear you in the city,
in the midst of our calendar reminders,
rush-hour traffic, and notification alerts.

It can be hard to hear you, so we ask:
make everything quiet.

Pause the chaos.

Still the rushing, as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Give us ears to hear that even in the desert
you are full to the brim.

We are listening.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 is love, and God's love overflows.

Jesus is a river running toward us.

The Holy Spirit is a vessel that holds mercy
for the beloved community,
and the whole world.

Let us share out of our abundance,
that we may reflect the overflowing nature of God.

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- 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 Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy
free Spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted
unto Thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10-13

Jen Peterson Morley, soprano

***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*)

The wilderness is real, and the desert can be lonely.
Even so, Jesus has been there too.
Even there, we do not walk alone.
Even in the desert, God is with us,
And we witness how this love overflows.
Thanks be to God, amen.

Announcements, Advocates, & Invitations

***Hymn #168** “Within Your Shelter, Loving God”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim.
And may all God's people say.

P: **Alleluia, Amen.**

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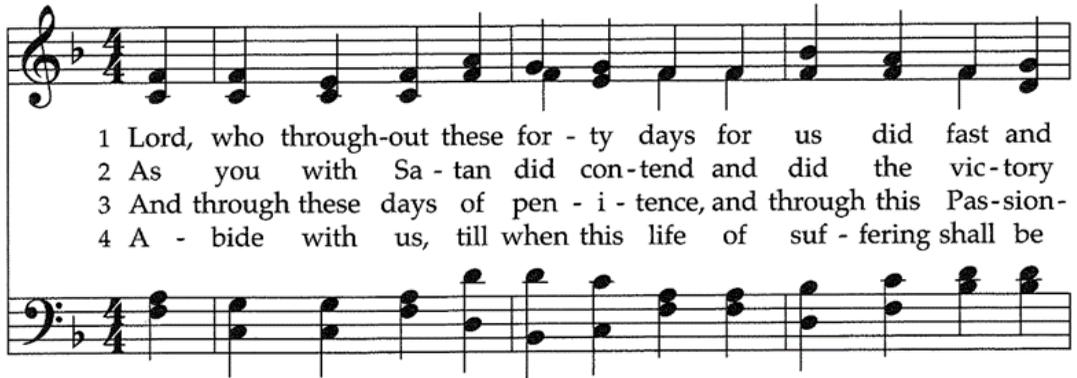
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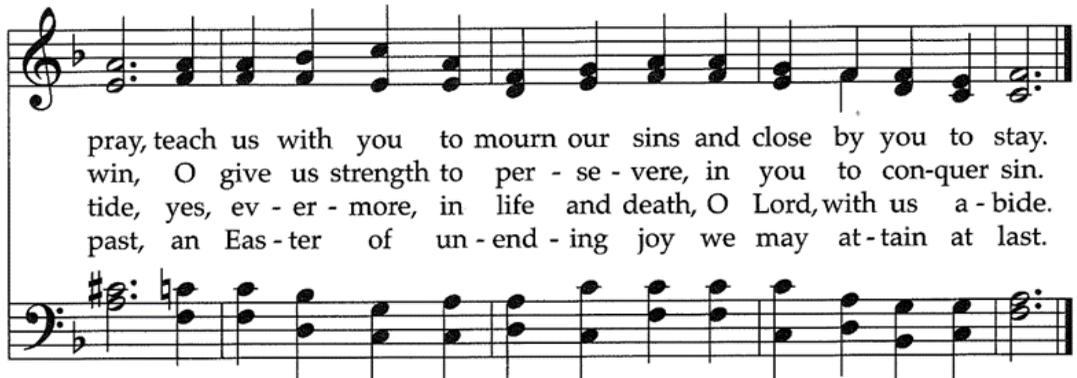
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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

We Shall Be Known

Ma Muse

G C G

We shall be known by the compan - ny we keep by the

3 G D G

ones who cir - cle round to tend these fires

5 G D G

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap the seeds of

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7 C D G

change a - live from deep with - in the earth

change a - live from deep with - in - the earth

Alto

C G , C G C D⁷

It is timenow it is time now that we thrive it is time we lead our-selves in-to the

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12 G C G C G

well It is time now and what a time to be a - live

well It is time now__and what a time to be a - live

repeat second time only

C D Em

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

in this great turn - ing we shall learn to lead in love

C D D⁷ G

in this great turn-ing we shall learn to lead in love

In this great Turn-ing we shall learn to lead in love

Within Your Shelter, Loving God 168

(Psalm 91)



1 With - in your shel - ter, lov - ing God, my ref - uge and my tower,
 2 Be - cause I trust in you a - lone, no e - vil shall come near.
 3 Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up and keep my feet se - cure.
 4 As of - ten as I call to you, you kind - ly hear my prayer.
 5 All those who know your name on earth shall life a - bun - dant know.



I safe - ly walk by day and night be - neath your guid - ing power.
 The strong de - fend - er of my home, with you I have no fear.
 Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, in you my way is sure.
 In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in your own care.
 On all a - bid - ing in your love your sav - ing grace be - stow.





Lenten Bible Study Series: Full to the Brim

This year our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed.

Make plans to join us this **Sunday at 3pm via Zoom** to study and discuss the *Full to the Brim* devotional together. Rev. Larissa Romero and our Education Director, Shannon White will be sharing the leadership for this Bible study.

Bible study Zoom link and printable guides are in DPC's weekly newsletter and e-votion. Copies of bible study guide are available on the counter in the church office.

Packing for Fish & Loaves

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the 11am worship service today as we pack the non-perishable portions of the lunch bags we give out each Saturday. Many hands make light work - in less than 30 minutes we can pack a month's worth of meals for this ministry!

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

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Jake Byl

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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.