THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *O Gott, du frommer Gott* Johannes Brahms Translation - O God, Thou Faithful God

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

Welcome

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: If God is a hen,
- P: we are under God's wing.
- L: If God is a table,
- P: we each have a seat.
- L: If God is a house,
- P: we are safe from the storm.
- L: If God is a party,
- P: we're invited to dance.
- L: If God is a melody,
- P: our names are the lyrics.
- L: If this is God's house,
- P: then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.
- L: Let us worship Holy god.

*HYMN #351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Family of faith,

we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen. Let us confess our sins together in this moment of silence... (collective moment of silence) When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said, P: "I will keep on." I will keep on healing. I will keep on teaching. I will keep on preaching. I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice. I will keep on treating every person like a child of God. I will keep on believing that this world can change. I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God's promised day. Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, because Jesus' love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us. So rest in this good news: No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God's wing. We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that!

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

FIRST READING

"I Will Keep On"

Shannon White

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.

> Genesis 15:1-12;17-18 L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 13:31-35 L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

Sermon

"I'm Not Finished Yet..." Shannon White

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

Holv God. this life of ours is full to the brim. Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists, schedules and notifications, assignments and deadlines. We wake up feeling behind, we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow, and we know-there has to be more than this. So we pray: bend down and show us the way. Leave breadcrumbs in the street. Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust. Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope that will make us feel alive. In this spirit of hope we pray for: (the people lift their prayers aloud) We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way. Gratefully we follow you, even as you taught us to pray... 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

The LORD is our light. The LORD surrounds us in layers of grace. The LORD is the sturdy foundation and the roof over our head. Of whom shall we be afraid? Come, the LORD provides, And we now share the abundance of God's house.

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Offertory Anthem

Hear My Prayer

Kelly Coleman Mindy Meyers, arr.

I love thee Lord, hear my prayer I know you're there, help me see. Open my heart to understand what Thou hast in store for me.

Lead me Lord, I will follow, prepare me for tomorrow, give me strength as I strive to be worthy of blessings of eternity.

If I keep all my covenants, be humble and repentant then I may have as my constant guide, the Holy Ghost with me abide.

And each step I take, peace will come as I walk the path that leads to home.

My fears are calmed as I search for light I know you'll always lead me right.

I love thee Lord, hear my prayer I know you're there, help me see. Open my heart to understand what Thou hast in store for me.

Lead me Lord, I will follow Prepare me for tomorrow, Give me strength as I stive to be worthy of Thy glory.

Ryan Norris, tenor

*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)

When the world is at its worst when grief clings to our bones, when fear eats at our confidence, when loneliness moves into our house— God sets the table, turns on the lights, and invites us to dance. May we use these gifts to continue To set the table, turn on the lights, invite others to dance. Thanks be to God, amen.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

*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 itselfgo in peace, full to the brim.
And may all God's people say.

P: Amen.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

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We Shall Be Known

Ma Muse







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Project Thrive Congregational Collaboration

Join us for Congregational Collaboration on Sunday, March 20th! A potluck lunch will be held in the fellowship hall immediately after Sunday worship. *Children are welcome to come and participate!* A separate group will be formed for DPC's youngest members to voice their opinions. Come be a part of the conversation to guide DPC into a thriving future!

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.**

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

- \cdot Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- \cdot The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- \cdot Service to God, service to our neighbors
- \cdot God's gift of creativity

Session 2021

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