

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 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 Wayfaring Stranger

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, all who are thirsty.

P: Come, all who are seeking.

L: Come, all who are waiting.

P: Come, all who labor.

L: Come, all who need rest.

P: Come, all who dream dreams.

L: Come—

whether you're young or old,
confident or curious,
lonely or hopeful.

P: This is God's house. All are welcome here.

Let us worship holy God.

***HYMN #800**

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

(v. 1-3 leaders, v. 4 congregation joins in)

CALL TO CONFESSION

- L: There is something so healing, so life-giving, about telling our stories.
In the prayer of confession, that is what we get to do.
The mask comes off. Any pretense of perfection is removed.
We let the pressure to perform slip away and we sit here, face to face
with God,
sharing honestly who we long to be.
Friends, there is healing here.
There is life to be gained here.
So join me in this moment of honesty. Join me in this moment of silence...
(collective moment of silence)
Holy God,
we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store;
but you know this even better than we do.
- P: **Instead of trusting that we are made good,
instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are,
we stockpile our value in earthly things—
in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power.
Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick.
Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if
we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest.
Gratefully we pray, amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, there is good news here.
For even when we stumble,
even when we take the easy way out,
even when we forget our own self-worth,
even when we lose our way—we belong to God.
We are loved. We are claimed. We are
under God's wing. We are worthy of grace.
We belong to God. Amen.

In this spirit of belonging, 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 “Do you bear fresh fruit?” Shannon White

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-9
L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Luke 13:1-9
L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON “You Are Worthy” Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

God of fig trees and foxes,
of today and tomorrow,
we would like to ask that you scoop us up.
Pick us up like a great gust of wind.
Startle us awake like a first love.
Light a fire in us like tomorrow depends on today.
Do all of this to get our attention
and then turn us toward you as we pray for...
(people offer their prayers aloud)
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 are a scattered people, God.
The world is moving faster than we can keep up.
So we pray—scoop us up.
Catch our eye.
Open our ears.
Capture our attention.
We are here, saying the words 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 God of the cosmos is at work here.
God is fertilizing the soil.
God is planting roots.
God is growing fruit that is yet to be tasted.
Come, let us bring our offerings that
God may continue important unseen work.

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 I Am a Pilgrim

*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 our work does not bear fruit,
God still loves us.
When our soil grows dry and cracked,
God still longs for us.
When all seems hopeless here on earth,
God holds hope for us.
The God of the cosmos is at work here,
Partnering with us until that promised day
when the fig tree stands tall
and swords are beaten into plowshares.
Thanks be to God, amen.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn

“In the Garden”

***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: Amen.

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800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

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

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In the Garden



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fal - ling on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He gave to me
round me be fal - ling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,



The Son of God dis - clo - ses.
With - in my heart is ring - ing, And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is cal - ling.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there, None o - ther has e - ver known.

Text: C. Austin Miles, 1868-1946

Tune: C. Austin Miles, 1868-1946



Irregular
GARDEN

www.hymnary.org/text/i_come_to_the_garden_alone

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March Happenings

Copies of the
March Calendar
are also available
in the narthex.

Scan here to view DPC's online calendar
& learn more about what we've got planned!



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

- 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

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Jake Byl

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Class of 2024

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Parking

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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.