

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 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 Allegretto Pastorale John E. West
(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: May we find courage here—

P: **courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

L: May we find hope here—

P: **hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

L: May we find truth here—

P: **truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

L: May we find all that we seek.

P: **And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

*HYMN #201 “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect, and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm? Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray in this moment of silence. . .
(collective moment of silence)

P: Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Family of faith, hear this good news:

Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**

Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**

You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

Thanks be to God, amen.

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
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Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

SECOND READING

John 12:1-8

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

WORSHIP WHIZ KID

WORDS OF WONDER

“How do you smell?”

Shannon White

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON

“Brazen Acts of Beauty”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

Holy God, sometimes our waking is a prayer. Sometimes the song we have stuck in our head, rumbling around on repeat, is a prayer. Sometimes the way we talk to the children and the way we hug the dog is a prayer. Sometimes the way we take our phone out to get a picture of the sunset or of the people we love—that is a prayer. Other times, prayer is moments like this— heads bowed, eyes closed, hearts quiet for just a moment. And in all of it, we trust you to hear us as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

Help us to hear you in return.

Gratefully we pray, as you taught us long ago...

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

There are ways to show up for one another that are brazen acts of beauty -- through actions of solidarity, through soulful presence, through meeting each other's needs of rest and nourishment. Come, let us gather our offers in the Spirit of Love that is beautiful, brazen, and beyond words.

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 O Savior of the World John Goss

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee O Lord. Amen.

***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*)**

Jesus, our teacher, you relished the extravagant blessing you received from your beloved, Mary. As we learn from you how to act in solidarity, may we also learn from you how to be the recipient of blessings. In your footsteps, we dedicate our offerings to relationships and to reciprocity. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(We will be offering hybrid communion options this Sunday. Intinction will be available, as well as individualized cups. If you would prefer to still use the individualized cups, they are available at the offering stations. Please feel free to take one as we get up together for intinction.)

COMMUNION DURING ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

Paul Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of life to
bear the heavy cross, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
wondrous love is this, O my soul, that Christ should lay aside His
crown for my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

Traditional Southern folk-hymn

Tucker Bruinsma, tenor

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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.

(Please exit the sanctuary silently.)

Holy Week Schedule

We are planning a variety of worship services to help us observe Holy Week as a church family. We hope you will plan to join us for one or more of the following events.

Maundy Thursday:

Worship service starts in the chapel at 7:00pm and will conclude with foot washing.

Good Friday Gathering for Families:

We welcome you to join us at Shelby Park on Good Friday, April 15th from 11:00am - 12:30pm for arts and crafts. This gathering is for our families with children. Lunch will be served. Shelter Location: Missions Shelter
In case of extreme weather gathering will be at DPC.

Good Friday Cottage Dinners:

We have hosts in various areas of town and Rev. Romero will host a dinner at DPC. All evening meals will begin at 6:30. Signup sheets are in the narthex. If you have any questions, please email events@dpchurch.com.

Easter Sunday:

- Easter egg hunt in the Sanctuary at 9:30am for ages 14 and under.
- Congregational breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9:45 - *In lieu of Sunday School, all are invited to join the congregational breakfast.*
- Worship Service at 11am

Easter Lily Order Deadline

If you would like to order easter lilies for Easter Sunday please submit your order form and payment by Sunday, April 10th. Order forms can be placed in one of our donation locations, dropped at the church office, or mailed to the church office. If you pay online choose “flowers” in the dropdown menu and submit the form to the office with “paid online” written on the form. Please contact the church office at 615-254-7584 or info@dpchurch.com with any questions.

201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing.
 preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles.
 vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing.
 serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!

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

7 C D G

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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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

Changes to COVID Procedures

After great consideration, the session has approved or implemented the following changes to our COVID procedures. In many ways we are returning to our pre-pandemic practices!

- Social distancing yarn/signs have been removed from the sanctuary.
- Masks are now optional for staff, guests, volunteers, etc., and those attending Sunday worship services.
- We continue to recommend that anyone who is not vaccinated wear a mask within the building.
- Masks will continue to be required for nursery workers.
- In April we will return to pre-COVID communion procedures, and will have self-serve communion containers available for those who prefer them.

Any further updates will be posted in a similar manner to these changes. The session appreciates your prayers & support as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

All but Offering prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC |

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Music led by DPC Adult Choir

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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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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.