

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday
April 10, 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

Improvisation on *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben* David H. Hegarty
Melody for hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It is holy to gather.

P: **It is holy to sing.**

L: It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

P: **It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.**

L: It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

P: **It is holy to remember.**

L: It is holy to gather.

P: **It is holy to sing.**

L: Here and now, let us do all of these things.

*HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: The word 'hosanna' is often sung with joy and glee on this day. We process in, we wave palm branches, and it feels like a celebration. But the truth is,

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the word ‘hosanna’ actually means, “save us.” The people along that parade route so many years ago were crying out to Jesus for help, because they knew—this world is not as it should be. There is still too much hurt here. They were crying, “Save us!” In the prayer of confession, we have our own hosanna moment, because we cry out to God, admitting the ways in which we have fallen short, and we ask for God’s saving hand in this moment of silence. . . .

(collective moment of silence)

Friends, let us pray aloud together, for there is still too much hurt here.

P: God of street parades and hosannas, we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression, to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear, but so often we are silent. We worry that we’ll say the wrong thing, so we don’t say anything at all. We worry that we’ll cause discomfort, so we keep our convictions to ourselves. We worry that we’ll speak up and won’t be heard, so we stay silent. And meanwhile, the parade marches on. Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!” Gratefully we pray, amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—we belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

P: We are forgiven. We are known. We belong to God, every day and always. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

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

WORSHIP WIZ KID

WORDS OF WONDER

“Rain on my Parade”

Shannon White

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON

“Even the Stones Cry Out”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

Holy God, sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us as we stand on the sidelines and try not to miss it! There are hundreds of things that catch our eye, but the thing we fear missing the most is you. So slow down the speed on this parade. Paint the colors of this world a little brighter. And dance through our lives until it is almost impossible for us to miss you there. God we are here. We are trying to pay attention as we pray for:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

God we are here. Help us pay attention as we say the words 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

Christ said, “Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” The Lord is the orphaned, the widowed, the imprisoned, the oppressed. The Lord needs it. May we go, find, and bring out of our abundance to the Lord.

As a reminder, today we are collecting envelopes for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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 It Is a Thing Most Wonderful Bob Chilcott
(from Chilcott’s St. John Passion)

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come from heaven and die to save a child
like me.

And yet I know that it is true; He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died, for love of those how loved
him not.

It is most wonderful to know His love for me so free and sure;
But ‘tis more wonderful to see my love for him so faint and poor.

Bishop William Walsham How

*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, we thank you for being a God of surprises. There are things we may never understand, but we give thanks that even in the mystery, God is there. The disciples brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. Thank you for inspiring us to share with such generosity, that it may beget more generosity in your name. Amen.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Go forth in good company,
for even the stones cry out of God’s saving Love.
Though we walk into a week where we face what it means to run dry,
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.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

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

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th 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 | sanctifiedart.org adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
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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.