

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith,
if there is life after death,
then you can be certain—
there is life after mess.
There is life after mistakes.
There is life after doubt.
There is new life freely given,
and that life is for you.
You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.
May we live full to the brim in response.
Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING

Psalm 150

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

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

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

SERMON

Rev. Stacy Rector

Responding to God's Word & Call

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

God of the Partner People, you have brought us together that we may process our lives with one another. In each of our relationships of love and care, you are resolutely reflected. We magnify that glory of your reflection as we pray for one another in this moment, holding up:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

For all things bright and beautiful,

For all things in need of healing,

Together 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

Theologian Dr. Monica Coleman, says: "Salvation... [is] gritty, localized, and contextual. It is grounded in concrete experiences of the world. It must always look, feel, and taste like something." Come, let us bring our offerings to God, that we might offer gritty and grounded salvation to one another.

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

Thou Art Gone Up on High, from *The Messiah* George Frideric Handel

Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men; yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Psalm 68:18

Tucker Bruinsma, 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*)

Living Christ, we hear stories of you, on the other side of the grave, visiting your friends; letting one of them, who could not believe your return, touch you. You show us the importance of intimate friendships. May our offerings support the physical reality of our relationships with one another and the world, that we might see the fruits of our collected resources, and believe in the God of New Life.

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #238 “Thine Is the Glory”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: May the creativity of the Spirit surprise you;
May the beloved community support you;
May the Lure of the Sacred beckon you
towards the beautiful, the good, and the life-giving.
Go forth, creating everyday salvation,
for you are an expression of the Living God.
And may all God’s people say.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Processional from *Judas Maccabaeus*

George Frideric Handel
Walter E. Buszin, arr.

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)


April

Copies of the
monthly calendar
are also available
in the narthex.



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



Changes to COVID Procedures

After great consideration, the session has approved or implemented the following changes to our COVID procedures.

- 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.

"We Shall Be Known" by MaMuse
All prayers by enfleshed adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero
Aria in F Major. Music: George Frideric Handel, Felix Alexandre Guilmant, arr.
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245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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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Parking

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.