

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 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

Prelude

William H. Harris

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God of Unfolding

P: God of Becoming

L: God of Transforming

P: God of Revelation

L: Ancient God of Beginning Again:

P: We celebrate your creative and creating Love!

Lead us in your ways of expansive life.

***HYMN #720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Holy Spirit, like Saul, we move in and out of various bodily abilities throughout our lives. We desire to build communities that support us in whatever changes we face, permanent or temporary, bodily or spiritually. Yet, there are times we despair or lose sight of co-creating ways of life for all of us. School our hearts with your Wisdom as we pray in this moment of silence. . .

(collective moment of silence)

P: May our structures and our hearts be free, so that all can thrive among us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Family of faith, hear this good news:

Even in our silence,

P: God loves us.

L: Even in our fear or shame,

P: God chooses us.

L: Even when we sin,

P: God wraps us in grace.

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

P: 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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*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

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

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

SECOND READING

John 21:1-19

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

WORSHIP WIZ KID

WORDS OF WONDER

“Rite of Sight”

QUESTIONING PRACTICE

SERMON

“God Gives Us Space to See”

Rev. Larissa Romero

Responding to God’s Word & Call

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

O God, you bless our bodies. You bless our names. Even amidst Empire, Ways of Life are being cultivated within and around us. Help us to be present to this cultivation as we lift up in prayer the names of:

(the people lift their prayers aloud)

You give us the confidence of curiosity and the space to see,
such that we can be part of the blooming of heaven here on earth.
We echo this truth as we pray the prayer 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

We are fluid creatures, our capacities and understandings ebbing and flowing. As we occupy different roles through life, we are called different names such as: caregiver, partner, teacher, lover, godparent. Some teach us how to claim new names as we unfurl into our Truest Selves. In this Spirit, let us gather our offerings, that we might put resources towards our beautiful and fluid becoming.

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the
Father and
He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you
forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

***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, bless our offerings to the Inherent Dignity of all your people. Forgive us when we act in ways that fail to honor the Sacred alive in ourselves, our neighbors, and cosmos. Turn our faces to your Boundless Love, as flowers to the sun. 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, and partake when you return to your seat.)

Anthem During Communion Thy Perfect Love John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my
breast that I Thee love and never rest;
And make me love Thee of all things best, and wounde my heart
in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.
Words from the 15th Century

Announcements & Invitations

*Hymn #257 “The Risen Christ”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: As the Risen Christ called out, “Mary” on the other side of death,
may you hear your own name
on the lips of the Beloved
calling you into hope.
Even death cannot keep us down.
Love rises. Love persists. Love always will...
Let us go forth in a collective and ongoing hallelujah.
And may all God’s people say...

P: Hallelujah! Amen!

Closing Voluntary Andante Maestoso Charles V. Stanford
from *Six Short Preludes & Postludes*, Set I, Op. 101

(Please remain silently seated during the Closing Voluntary.)

Flowers in Memory of

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are in memory of Mary T. Orr and Harriet Orr Davis. It is a beautiful tradition started by Harriet Orr Davis in 2004 to honor her mother Mary T. Orr on a Sunday close to her mother's birthday of April 30, 1879. Today the tradition is continued by Harriet's daughter Anne Davis Harris. The flowers were designed by Jim Dagg.

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Congregational Meeting of the members and friends of The Downtown Presbyterian Church, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 12:00pm immediately following worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote in the rest of the nominating committee, as well as the newest corporation board members.

The Big Payback 2022 - Support DPC's Mission Partners

The clock starts ticking at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022! The Big Payback is an annual, 24-hour, online giving celebration raising money and awareness for more than 1,000 area nonprofits, schools and faith-based organizations.

"The Big Payback 2021" will run from 6pm on Wednesday, May 4th until 6pm on Thursday, May 5th. The minimum donation amount is \$10.00, and can be made with credit card at www.TheBigPayback.org. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

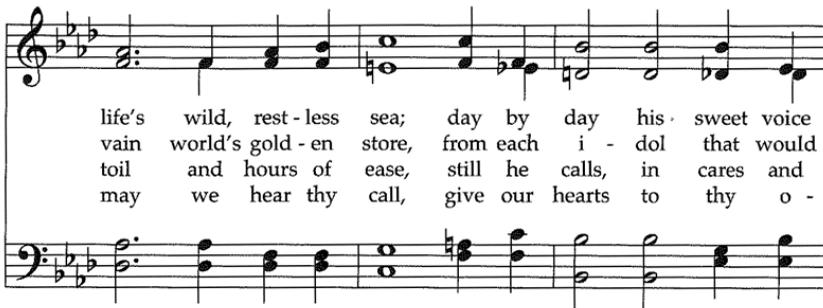
Thank you for considering a donation to support DPC's mission partners organizations through The Big Payback 2022!

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

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

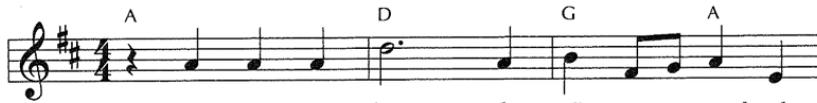
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C D D7 G

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The Risen Christ 257



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19–29 and Luke 24:13–48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

First Sunday Information

DPC observes the sacrament of communion on the first Sunday of each month. 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.

After church, we pack lunches for our homeless and urban poor neighbors for the month in the fellowship hall.

As a reminder, we provide parking vouchers for the SP+ lot garage at 147 4th Ave. N. Take a ticket upon entering the garage, and a greeter will give you a complimentary voucher to use when exiting. Parking tickets can be validated for Sunday worship only. **We do ask that you utilize the parking garage and reserve our church parking lot for those in need of accessible parking.**

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.

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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

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.