



April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

**Please stand, as you are able. Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex and the Philips Foyer.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre (Lovely)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.

People: **One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Leader: There is no speech; there are no words; their voices cannot be heard by us.

People: **Yet their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth!**

Leader: Friends, let us join the sounds of the earth in praising God.

People: **Let us worship God together.**

**OPENING HYMN 265*

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: We are addicted to our phones. We are addicted to social media. We are addicted to a sinful lifestyle subtly forced upon us with every click, swipe, and post. Let us confess the ways technology helps us to be more sinful.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The more we buy from online retailers the more we want. Our greed and need for more stuff has only increased. Online food delivery services allow us to hide our gluttony and eat our feelings alone. We have used the internet to satisfy our lustful desires; only to be left unsatisfied. We have shared our wrath on social media, and we have consumed the hatred of others in a never ending stream. More streaming services than anyone has time to watch encourage us to embrace laziness and sloth.

Selfie after selfie, post after post, have inflated our sense of self-worth and indulged our pride. Social media floods our brain with images of bigger houses, better vacations, and lavish wealth filling each of us with envy and making us less content with God's generous blessings.

It is time to unplug.

Moment of silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON (sung)

Have Mercy On Us, Living LORD

Ptomey

(sung first by the choir, then by all)

So come and purify our lives, Our hearts with love redeem:

Restore us to your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us clean.

Children are invited forward during the hymn. Following the Intergenerational Moment, children ages 4 to 3rd grade have the option of attending Children's Chapel in the Children's Ministry classroom. For pick up after worship, exit the sanctuary through the door by the piano and walk past the reception desk and take the stairs all the way down. Then, turn left to go down the short set of stairs. The room is the first on your left. If you need assistance finding this space, please ask an usher.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Adults: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:1-3

(*pew Bible, page 2, OT*)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:35-39

(*pew Bible, page 35, NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

Practice Spiritual Disciplines: "Unplug"

SERMON

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Question 60 From the Short Westminster Catechism*)

Rev. Fletcher

Leader: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

People **The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Speed

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.

ANTHEM

Day By Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly; Follow thee more nearly, day by day.
[text: St. Richard of Chichester]

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Fletcher

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*DOXOLOGY 708 (*stanza 1*)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Schumann

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 270

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Jerusalem

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro in D

Flor Peeters

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Chancel Choir of Decatur Presbyterian Church

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of

Penny & Brown Whittington's 63rd Wedding Anniversary
by
their children, Rick, Ellen & Lisa

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Young Adult Lunch sfter Worship Today

Meet at DPC in the Terrace Garden at 11:40 am, and we will walk to eat somewhere on the square in Decatur. Let Pastor Tully know if you're coming at 919-819-2057.

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Flowers for Easter Sunday



Would you like to help make our beautiful church even MORE beautiful for Easter? Let's fill it with FLOWERS! Flower wreaths on the doors, fresh flower arrangements in the Narthex, Foyer & Parlor to welcome church members and the community back to DPC after two years!

If you'd like to contribute to Easter Flowers (apart from the Sanctuary arrangements already being provided by Larry Fossett), you can send a check in any amount to DPC. It will be considered a donation to the church. Please put "Extra Easter Flowers" in the memo line. If you want to dedicate your donation to someone, please email Denise at dhowell@dpchurch.org by April 12 for inclusion in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!!

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Holy Week 2022 at DPC

Palm Sunday, April 10 – 10:30 am

Live Streamed and in-person service in the sanctuary with procession of palms and communion led by Emily Wilmesherr

NO Wednesday Night Activities This Week (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – 5:30 pm

Live Streamed and in-person service from the sanctuary with communion led by Tully Fletcher
Dinner to follow in the Terrace Garden (weather permitting)

Good Friday, April 15 – 8:00 pm

Live Streamed and in-person Choral Tenebrae service in the sanctuary featuring the Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00 am – Cookies and Flowering of the Cross on the Lawn

10:30 am – Live Streamed and in-person service in the sanctuary led by Todd Speed

Look what's coming up!

Look for more information in our announcement slides and church emails on these events (if you're not receiving our emails, please contact dhowell@dpchurch.org!):

- Wednesday Night Activities Are Back!** Children's choirs and programming, Wednesday Night Supper, Spiritual Disciplines group, NEW Mid-Week Worship, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- April 3—Young Adult Lunch**, meet at DPC, in the Terrace Garden, at 11:40, and we will walk to eat somewhere on the square in Decatur. Let Pastor Tully know if you're coming 919-819-2057
- April 6—NO Wednesday Night Activities** (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)
- April 10—Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week with palm processional and Emily Wilmesherr leading worship with communion
- April 13—NO Wednesday Night Activities** (except Chancel Choir rehearsal)
- April 14—Maundy Thursday**—service at 5:30 pm with communion led by Tully Fletcher. A meal on the Terrace Garden will follow (weather permitting)
- April 15—Good Friday Service** at 8:00 pm, a Choral Tenebrae service with the Chancel Choir
- April 17—Easter Sunday**, decorate the cross on the lawn at 9 am, Easter celebration service at 10:30 am
- April 24—Youth BBQ Fundraiser** after worship in the Terrace Garden
- June 6-10, Compassion Camp**, 9 to 12 pm, for 3 year olds to rising 6th graders. In-person & at-home options. Registration is open on our website www.dpchurch.org
- June 12–18, Montreat High School Youth Conference** for rising 9th graders through graduating seniors, contact Tully Fletcher for more info (on all youth events) at tfletcher@dpchurch.org
- June 26–July 1, Middle School Youth Mission Trip** to CROSS in Charlotte, NC
- July 9–16, High School Youth Mission Trip** to Mobile, AL
- July 20–24, Montreat Middle School Youth Conference** for youth who have completed 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade, held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN

"Follow Me" Upcoming Sermon Texts

March/Lenten Theme—Practice Spiritual Disciplines

April 10 Emily Wilmesherr *Try Different Practices* Hebrews 4:15-16 (Palm Sunday)

Practice Joy

April 24	Todd Speed	<i>See Joy in God's Creation</i>	Psalm 65:5–13, Genesis 28:11–22
May 1	High School Seniors	<i>Rejoice in God's Mercy</i>	Psalm 30, Psalm 126:1–3, Luke 5:17–26
May 8	Todd Speed	<i>Share Other's Joy</i>	Luke 15, Romans 12:15
May 15	Tully Fletcher	<i>Practice Joy in All Times</i>	Isaiah 51, Hebrews 12:1–2, Philipppians 4:4–6



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