



May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

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

Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a season.

One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a “week of weeks”), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord. The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trio Sonata in D: Allegro

G. F. Handel

Lollie Newsome, *flute*; Barbara Cook, *oboe*; Matthew McMahan, *organ*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

INTROIT

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Claude L. Bass

Covenant Choir

O give thanks unto the Lord; for God is good. God made the sun to give us light; God made the moon and stars for the night. O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good.

The Cricket Song

Letha Cole

Cricket Choir

Crickets chirping, chirping...God loves you.

The Birds Upon the Treetops

Helen McAlerney Barth

Cricket and Covenant Choirs

The birds upon the treetops sing their song; the angels chant their chorus all day long; the flowers in the garden bend their hue. So, why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you praise God too?

God's Beautiful World

Ida T. Truss

Cricket and Covenant Choirs

God's beautiful world, God's beautiful world, I love God's beautiful world. He made it for me, He made it for you, I love God's beautiful world.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wilmesherr

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

People: **Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

People: **Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

People: **Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshiping our Holy God.**

Leader: Thank you all; thank you, God.

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

*OPENING HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Begin with silent prayer.

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON HYMN 137 (stanza 4) **He Came Down**

He Came Down

**He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-10
(*pew Bible, page , NT*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living

Practice Joy: "Sharing Joy with Others"

Dr. Speed

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF EASTER FAITH

Rev. Fletcher

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses.

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is our Lord and our God.**

With the faithful of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

[Psalm 23, paraphrased, Isaac Watts]

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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Music

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Chancel Choir; Cricket Choir; Covenant Choir; Lori McMahan, *director*
Lollie Newsome, *flute*; Barbara Cook, *oboe*

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Gift of Music

The anthem, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, arranged by Mack Wilberg
is given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Carolyn Sims Brooks
by Hokie and Mary Ann Allen

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of *Carolyn Sims Brooks* and with gratitude and love for our mothers,
Genevieve Mack Wynegar
by *Edith Sutherland Drake*
her family by Tricia and Walt Drake

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Download the app, click “Find your organization” and search Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA, enter your Payment method and you are set up!

Example: For Wednesday Night Supper: Choose Congregational Events, enter a payment method, show confirmation to pay table host, and you are good to go! The App is also usable for all church donations and event payments!

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Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Birthdays: We celebrate the May 25 birthday of our Associate Pastor Emily Wilmesherr, whose future calling and career was evident from an early age.

“I sang in the children's choir growing up, played the flute, piano, and sang during many services. My love for children began when I was 10 and started to help out in the nursery. I loved to nurture those younger than me. When I was in college, I started also working with the youth as a mentor. One of my favorite things about being a part of my church was that I was surrounded by people of various ages who nurtured me outside of my family.”

Service Anniversaries: Juan Hernandez, 6 years, started at DPC May 15, 2016
Denise Howell, 20 years, started at DPC May 22, 2002

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Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Keith Parlor

Brunch is \$10 per person and childcare is provided. RSVP online or by calling the church office.

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!** 5:00–5:25 pm: Children's Cricket Choir and Kid's Club (1st–5th grade); 5:30–6:15 pm: Children's Covenant Choir, Kid's Club (3 years–K), *Faithful Living* Adult Class led by Todd Speed; 6:15–7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper; 7:00–7:30 pm: NEW Mid-Week Worship in the Keith Parlor; 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- May 14–Flower Guild Workshop**, 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Session Room
- May 14–Women's Brunch** at 10:30 am in the Keith Parlor, a fellowship event for all women of DPC
- May 16–Memorial Service for Romaine Adams**, 11:00 am in the sanctuary, reception to follow
- May 21–Memorial Service for John Per-Lee**, 11:00 am in the sanctuary, reception to follow
- May 22–Young Adult Lunch**, meet after worship to walk to lunch in Decatur
- May 22 & 29–Electronic Recycling** sponsored by Threshold Ministry, after worship thru 1:30 pm, drive thru at Fellowship Hall door, main parking lot.
- June 6-10, Compassion Camp**, 9 to 12 pm, for 3 year olds to rising 6th graders. In-person & at-home options. Register now 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
- 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

Practice Joy

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| May 15 | Tully Fletcher | <i>Practice Joy in All Times</i> | Isaiah 51, Hebrews 12:1–2, Philippians 4:4–6 |
| | | <i>Honor God's Diversity</i> | |
| May 22 | Todd Speed | <i>"Affirm"—Affirm People Who are Marginalized</i> | Genesis 1 & 2 |
| May 29 | Emily Wilmesherr | <i>"Listening" Center Voices from the Margins</i> | Matthew 15:21-28 |

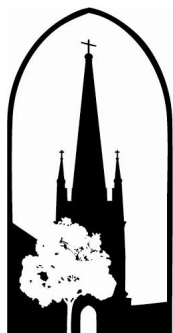


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