



*Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed*

May 7, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex and Philips Foyer.*

### ***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.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

People: **So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: O my God, I cry by day, and by night, but find no rest.

People: **Yet you are holy, enthroned upon praises. In you our ancestors trusted.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

People: **We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 506

***Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table***

Copeland

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nicole Jiskoot

BODY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Head . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

Eyes . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

Ears . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

Mouth . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

Arms . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

Hands . . . Give it to God, then . . . Let it go.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please turn to your neighbor, introduce yourself, and pass the peace of Christ.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Children are invited forward. Following the Inter-generational Moment, children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have the option of attending Children's Chapel in the Children's Multi-Purpose Room.*

*If you need assistance finding this space, please ask an usher.*

Today's Children's Chapel Leaders: Lisa Nye, Catherine Carter, and Lori McMahan

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. Fletcher

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 63:1-4; Psalm 22:1-8; and Psalm 139: 1-4 & 13-14  
(pew Bible, pages 527, 500, 577, OT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Follow Me: Biblical Practices For Faithful Living**

*“Pray –Pray with Your Whole Self”*

SERMON

Rev. Fletcher

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF EASTER FAITH

Nicole Jiskoot

**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.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*(Please sign and pass the **Ritual of Friendship Register** at this time so that we might know your concerns, and keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.)*

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Rev. Fletcher

*Scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin to give online!*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Richard Shephard*

Chancel Choir

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace. Jesus the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace. He speaks, and listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful broken hearts revive, The humble poor believe. Hear him you deaf; his praise, you dumb your loosened tongues employ. You blind, behold your Savior come, And leap you lame for joy! My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim, And spread through the earth abroad The honors of your name!  
*[Charles Wesley]*

\*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!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation to the Table*

*Responding with Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: **The Lord's name be praised forever.**

Rev. Fletcher

Dr. Armstrong

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Sanctus 552 (choir and congregation)*

*arr. Richard Proulx*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup*

Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Fletcher

*Agnus Dei (choir and congregation)*

*arr. Richard Proulx*

**O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.**

*The Sharing of the Joyful Feast with the Community of Faith*

*(Please exit your pew to the right to come forward to receive the elements. Wait until you return to your seat to partake of the elements. Raise your hand if you are unable to come forward and we will bring the elements to you.)*

*Communion Hymn 529*

***Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether***

*Union Seminary*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

*Nicole Jiskoot*

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*\*CLOSING HYMN 302*

***When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace***

*O Waly Waly*

*\*BENEDICTION*

*Rev. Fletcher*

*\*CHORAL RESPONSE*

*Deep Peace*

*Ron Alexander/John Bell*

Deep peace of the running wave to you; Deep peace of the flowing air to you; Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining stars to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

*[ancient Gaelic rune]*

*\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY*

*Trumpet Tune*

*Douglas E. Wagner*

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### **Music**

Matthew McMahan, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Chancel Choir

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### **Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and with gratitude and love for our mothers,

*Genevieve Mack Wynegar and Edith Sutherland Drake*

by Tricia and Walt Drake

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### **We Are Delighted to Welcome Guest Pastor Lindsay Armstrong Today**

The Reverend Dr. Lindsay P. Armstrong catalyzes and develops new Presbyterian churches in her capacity as the chief executive officer of the New Church Development Commission, Inc. (NCDC), the Start-Up Studio of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. She currently works with 34 new churches and their leaders.

With over 20 years of executive leadership in churches and nonprofits, Lindsay earned her bachelor's degree from Colorado College, her master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and her doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary. She lives in Decatur, GA with her husband Mark Douglas, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary, and their daughter Logan, who is an Agnes Scott graduate and Ph.D. student at St. Andrews in Scotland. Lindsay loves to kayak, hike, cheer for Atlanta United, and dine at Taqueria del Sol.



### **Mother's Day Gift Idea! 12 Months of Flowers for Only \$40!**

The Chancel Choir is selling Flower Cards to Hall's Garden Shop, entitling the bearer to pick up a bouquet of flowers every month for a whole year at their shop in Stone Mountain. The purchase of a Flower Card helps the Choir raise funds for their future performance at Carnegie Hall, NYC. Thank you for your support! The cards will only be sold for a few more weeks.

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### **Threshold Ministry Needs**

DPC's Threshold Ministry currently needs small/travel size deodorants for the kits they assemble for our community.

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### **Tully Fletcher Shares about Holy Land Experience**

Recently Pastor Tully was blessed to travel to Israel and tour the Holy Land where Jesus lived, and where most of the Bible took place. He will be sharing and teaching about his experiences there, and how one's understanding of the scriptures deepens by visiting this amazing land. There are two remaining opportunities for you to attend and learn. A 2 part series on **Sunday Mornings, May 7 & 14, at 9:15am**, which will be a combination of the adult Sunday School Classes (Fellowship, Cornerstone, & Crusader). Both will take place in the Parlor Classroom.



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### **Film Screening of "At the River: Struggle & Grace in the Segregated South"**

DPC will host a special film screening on **Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30pm** - *At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South*. Filmmaker Carolyn Crowder, raised in Montgomery, Alabama, during the Civil Rights era, traveled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, **including Rev. Dr. Phil Noble**, now in their 80's and 90's, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents during those hard days within their local communities and congregations, and discovered why they dared to do so. The film screening will be followed by a Q&A time with several featured ministers.

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### **Wilmesherr Meal Train**

The Wilmesherr family welcomed Juliette Shea Wilmesherr on April 22! There is a meal train set up where you can sign up to bring them a meal beginning in May. This will be very helpful to Emily and Drew as they adjust to being a family of four. Just scan the QR Code to the right to sign up!



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Refer to the card in the hymnal pew pocket for more information on DPC.

### **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](mailto:dhowell@dpchurch.org))

- May 10**—BINGO Night at Wednesday Dinner; 5:15 to 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall, breakfast for dinner at 6:15 pm
- May 11**—DCM's Sip & Savor Fundraiser, 6:30 pm at 716 W. Trinity Place, proceeds benefit Decatur Cooperative Ministry
- May 14**—Tully Fletcher Shares about Holy Land Experience; , 9:15am, in a combination of the adult Sunday School Classes (Fellowship, Cornerstone, & Crusader), in the Parlor Classroom; **Mother's Day reception** on the lawn after worship
- May 16**—Film Screening of 'At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South', 6:30 pm
- June 5-9**—Bible & Music Camp, registration is open! Visit <https://decatur-presbyterian-church.square.site/bam>

### **"Follow Me" Theme 'Do Justice'—Upcoming Sermon Texts**

May 14	Todd Speed	"Recognize Injustice"	John 7:53–8:11
May 21	Todd Speed	"Check Your Prejudice"	James 2:1–7
May 28	Todd Speed	"Speak Up" (Pentecost & Communion)	John 2:13-16
June 4	Tully Fletcher	"Do the Work"	Isaiah 58:1-12

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