



***Service Celebrating God's Gift of Music  
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023***

***Welcome!***

*Druid Hills Presbyterian Church  
calls everyone into Christian community to  
explore God's purpose for our lives,  
celebrate God's work in the world,  
and serve the needs of our neighbors.*

Family of God, masks are no longer required, but are welcome. Thank you for being considerate of the needs of each person and exercising caution, especially if you are not well or may expose others.

Masks are available in the front and back of the sanctuary.

# GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

## PRELUDE

A Festal Alleluia

Robert J. Hughes

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96, 98

*Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.*

**All: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

*Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.*

**Make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing.**

*With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn,  
shout for joy before the LORD who reigns.*

**O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

## † HYMN #641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

v. 1, 2, 5

Engelberg  
arr. Harriet Ziegenhals

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS IN WORD AND SONG

**Holy One,**

**You call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs—or to embrace neighbors whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live—as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you.**

**Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice in us. Join our songs with the whole church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory.**

[silence]

## † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, | hear our prayer, O Lord;

Incline thine ear to us, | and grant us thy peace.

## POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada*

*God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.*

**Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.  
So God creates the universe  
and with it the possibility of being and relating.  
God tends the universe,  
mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.  
God enlivens the universe,  
guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.**

*Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. We offer worship:  
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves  
to God's still, small voice of comfort,  
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.*

*Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world. We sing with trust.*

**We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all,  
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,  
fierce love in the face of violence,  
human dignity defended,  
members of a community held and inspired by God,  
corrected and comforted,  
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,  
creation's mending.  
We sing of God's mission.**

*Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.  
Creating and seeking relationship,  
in awe and trust,  
we witness the Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.*

## **PROCLAMATION THROUGH WORD AND SONG**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **READING**

*Worship*

From Frederick Buechner's *Wishful Thinking*

#### **ANTHEM**

*Praise the Lord, My Guide*

Charles Knox

When my thoughts do dwell on blessings multiplied,  
My grateful heart inspires my tongue to praise the Lord my guide.  
Forever in my thought the Lord before my face shall stand;  
Secure, unmoved I shall remain with God at my right hand.

My inmost being thrills with joy, and gladness fills my breast;  
Because in God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.  
The path of life You show me, of joy a boundless store  
Is ever found at Your right hand, and pleasures evermore.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 55*

From Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*

## ANTHEM

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

arr. Jody W. Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days;  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope with heart content.  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known; to Him who chose us for His own.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, in all thy labor faithful be;  
And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need; the soul that trusts in Him indeed.

## READING

*Art*

From Frederick Buechner's *Whistling in the Dark*

## ANTHEM

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*

arr. Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### LITANY FOR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

*Leader:* When there was a need, you came forward.  
In the nighttime or daytime, on Sundays and weekdays, you helped.

**All:** **And so we thank you.**

*Elected and duly appointed or quietly, anonymously and unbidden, you did what needed doing.*

*Sometimes with the help of many hands, other times alone, you worked.*

**And so we thank you.**

*In this place and beyond these walls, you showed up.*

*You gave your time, talent and treasure for the life of the congregation.*

**And so we thank you.**

*Let us pray...*

**INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS** — Consider supporting our ministries through an [online gift](#), or mail a check to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306. Offering and prayer/attendance cards may be placed in the stands at either end of the sanctuary.

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**Thank you** to all who participate in our music ministry - our fantastic music staff: Paula Broughton, Cliff Frierson, and Denise Huewitt, along with the chancel choir and handbell choir, instrumentalists, soloists, and anyone who have offered joyful noise to God (including those singing hymns in the pews). Your general giving to DHPC, as well as designated gifts to the music program or organ fund, help support this vital aspect of worship.

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** Buy nothing. Try to go a week (a month? a year?!?) without buying anything other than necessities. Not only will your wallet be happy, but the environment will also delight in the decreased demand on water needed for the production of goods, fuel needed for the transportation of those goods, and landfills needed to store the waste. How long can you go?

**ANTHEM**

Jesus Savior

William C. Frierson

What words could I use to describe a love that grows far beyond all time;

A name so sweet and so complete could only be:

Jesus, Savior, Master, Holy Son of God; He'll always be Emmanuel, God is with us. He is always here.

Jesus, Savior, Alpha and Omega; He'll always be forever more, eternally. He will always be.

Jesus, Savior, He is here for you!

† **DOXOLOGY #251**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

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Christ has risen, alleluia. | Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb, | even from death, dispelling its gloom

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. | Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! | Jesus is living, alleluia!

**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.**

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN #741**

*Guide My Feet*

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v. 1, 2, 3, 6

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Servant Song*

arr. David Haas

Will you let me be your servant; Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; We are trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

**POSTLUDE**

*Chorale on "If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee"*

J. S. Bach

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## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Notes:

- **Affirmation of Faith** is from The United Church of Canada's *A Song of Faith*, a confession adopted by this sister denomination in 2006, as a" means of ongoing reflection and an invitation for the church to live out its convictions in relation to the world in which we live."
- **Psalms 55** is from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan C. Merrill, copyright 2007, an artful re-interpretation of the psalms, particularly suitable for contemplative practice.
- **"Art" and "Worship"** are excerpts from the work of Frederick Buechner - a Presbyterian minister as well as a prolific and acclaimed author of fiction and nonfiction.

**Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary during worship.** Being present is how children learn to worship, so we welcome their wiggles and whispers. However, parents of small children may also drop off their Pre-K and younger kiddos in our nursery. We also hope children will take advantage of the PrayGround, which is in the back of the sanctuary and offers room to move, color, and participate in worship in a kid friendly spot.

**Assisted Listening Devices** are available from our ushers for any worshiper who needs hearing assistance.

**Interested in membership?** We are so grateful for the visitors (old and new) who add to our community each week. If you are interested in learning more about what it would look like to join, it's really easy; just talk with Pastor Betsy Turner ([bturner@dhpc.org](mailto:bturner@dhpc.org)). She'll answer questions you may have about DHPC or Presbyterianism, and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you or if you are curious to learn more.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Sunday, May 21

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 10:00 AM – *Preschool and Elementary Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM – *Worship with Special Music - In-Person and Livestream*
- 12:00 PM – *BBQ and Summer Kickoff Celebration*

### Sunday, May 28

- 9:30 AM – *Drop-In Coffee and Fellowship*  
*Roundtable Adult Education Class*
- 11:00 AM – *Pentecost Worship - In-Person and Livestream*

## **CONGREGATIONAL BBQ AND SUMMER CELEBRATION**

### **Today, Following Worship**

Join us today in celebrating the approaching arrival of summer with a BBQ on the front lawn. The Deacons have been working hard planning this congregational fellowship event and hope you will gather under the tents to enjoy your DHPC friends, tasty food, lawn games, door prizes, and more! The cost of the meal is \$15 with a \$30 family maximum. (All are invited to join us, whether you are able to pay or not!) All are welcome, whether you have pre-registered or not.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPLISH SPLASH SUMMER BASH**

### **Sunday, June 4, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

The Session is excited to invite you to volunteer at the upcoming Splish Splash Summer Bash that DHPC is hosting for our neighbors. This event will include bounce houses (one of them a waterslide!), sprinkler fun, yard games, crafts, and snacks! This is another wonderful opportunity to share the good news about God's great work at DHPC and help bring new people into our vibrant community! This event cannot be done without your help! We need volunteers to help with set-up, greet visitors, staff the different stations, and help with clean-up. A pizza lunch between worship and the event start will be provided for volunteers. Please email Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) if you can help.

## **SPLISH SPLASHERS NEED TOWELS!**

### **Drop-off by Saturday, June 3**

The centerpiece of our upcoming Splish Splash Summer Bash is a 15' inflatable water slide. (Woo hoo!) We know that some kids will show up unprepared for water fun and we don't want the lack of a towel to prevent them from participating. Please donate any towels you are ready to say goodbye to on or before Saturday, June 3. Towels can be left outside the Historical Room. Contact Pastor Elizabeth ([eacton@dhpc.org](mailto:eacton@dhpc.org)) with any questions.

## **DHPC TO PARTICIPATE IN "WEAR ORANGE" DAY**

### **Sunday, June 4; In Worship**

Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement, as orange is the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wearing orange on June 4 as part of the National Gun Violence Awareness weekend will honor the more than 120 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day. To participate in this act of advocacy and resistance, please wear any orange colored shirt to worship on June 4. If you are interested in learning more about Wear Orange or to purchase an official Wear Orange shirt that helps support the gun violence prevention work they do, visit <https://wearorange.org/>.

## **MERCY CHURCH NEEDS YOUR PANTS!**

Mercy Community Church is down to just one pair of pants in their clothing closet! The closet is open every Wednesday morning for anyone who needs a clean change of clothes. If you have any men's pants you're ready to part with or are able to buy a couple pairs at the thrift store, Mercy would be so grateful to have them! Donations, labeled "Mercy Pants," can be left outside of the historical room. Thank you!

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

*As DHPC goes through the steps to call our next installed pastor, updates will be shared here.*

Where we are: Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been prayerfully reviewing candidates and narrowing down by conducting interviews, listening to sermons, and checking references. Thank you, congregation, for doing a great job praying for them and respecting the confidentiality of the process!

What comes next and what you can do: Once the PNC identifies their candidate, they will ask the Session to call a congregational meeting for you to receive their report, hear about the person, and vote on calling them as your pastor. Until then, keep praying for the PNC and all candidates, including the one who will be your new pastor.

## INTOWN CARES: MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

The Intown Cares (formerly Intown Collaborative Ministries) Pantry works to reduce the impact of food insecurity for Atlantans living in DHPC's neighborhood and beyond. Whenever you can, grab a few extra items at the grocery, especially this week: **Ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pasta sauce, fruit cups, SPAM, canned fruit, instant oatmeal/grits, condiments, bottled water, cereal, tuna packets, canned veggies (poptop), canned soup, instant coffee, rice (1-2lb bags), canned meats, utensil packets, peanut butter & jelly, canned beans.**

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## FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT DHPC

1. **Make a donation with your smartphone!**  
Text "DHPC \$\_\_\_ (the amount you want to give)" to 73256 to give using your text messaging. You will receive response with a link to the giving portal. Standard text message rates do apply.
2. **Give online** at [tinyurl.com/DHPCoffering](https://tinyurl.com/DHPCoffering). You may make a one-time gift or set up recurring payments.
3. **Mail a check to the church** at 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE; Atlanta, GA 30306.
4. **In-person:** Drop your offering in one of the offering boxes near the doors.

### CHURCH STAFF

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Cecile McRae Hooks

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