

September 8, 2024

Order of Worship  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

- **Call to Worship:** (From Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God**

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #649 - Amazing Grace

- **Prayer of Confession**

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

**But we confess today that we often live like slaves.**

**Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt.**

**Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts.**

**Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains.**

**Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us.**

Oh Lord, we thank and praise you for your unspeakable gift!

- **Congregational Response:** #581 - Glory Be to The Father

**Children's Message:** Colette Dorman

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Liturgist ~ Tina O'Connor

*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.*

*The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.*

*Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.*

*Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.*

*Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate,*

*for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. The Word of the Lord;*

***thanks be to God.***

## Special Music

**Scripture Reading:** James 2:14-26

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

*But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

**Meditation:** Pastor Jerry Dorman

- **Sounds of Hope:** #626 - As the Deer

- **Affirmation of Faith:** (Based on Ephesians 2:8-10)

**I have been saved by grace, through faith, it's not my own doing. This is a gift of God – not the result of works, so that I may not boast. For I am what He has made me, created in Christ Jesus for good works. God prepared beforehand for this to be my way of life.**

### Giving and Offertory

- **Doxology**

**Pastoral Prayers, the Lord's Prayer:**

**... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

- **Sounds of Love:** #700 - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

- **Benediction**

### Postlude

\*\*The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.



**September 11, 18, 25** – Book Group, 1:30pm

**September 10** – Dot New Circle – Out to Lunch at Las Palmas, Hermitage, 11am

**September 12** – **NEW** Women’s Fellowship Dinner! Meet at 5:30pm at McNamara’s

**September 16** – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm (community event – ALL invited)

**September 26** - Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm (location TBD)

**September 29** - All-Church Picnic/Playground dedication (following the Worship Service)

**Pastoral Care Team:** Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Bengé, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Leanne Terry, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

**Today’s Security Team:** John McFarland, Mike Terry

**Today’s Counters:** Robert McCarthy, Debby Barnard

**September Head Usher:** Stephanie Fox

### Three Ways to Give at DPC

1. Plate giving during the offertory portion of our service
2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the “Giving” tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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