

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

The banners in the Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



DCPC is part of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, working toward a church as generous, just and truly inclusive as God's grace. You can learn more about our welcome of our LGBTQIA+ siblings at dcpc.org.

Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Fugue in E, BWV 878

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

All: God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

One: In the beginning, it was a garden – an abundant patch of life, planted, ordered, fed, watered, and tended by God.

All: And so it remains. Just as wildflowers burst forth in the spring, so will our God, the Master Gardener, bring righteousness into full bloom.

One: "The Lord will guide you continually," says the prophet, "and satisfy your need in scorched places."

All: And we "shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters do not fail."

One: "I am the vine," Christ says, "and you are the branches."

All: Let us abide in him! May our joy be full! And let us worship the Lord!

* Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Prayer of Confession

All: God, our Creator and Sustainer, you made us in your image, forming us from the dust of the earth, filling our lungs with the breath of life, and declaring it all to be "very good." But we, as your people, still find ways to put our faith in fallible, fading, human things. You call us to be faithful stewards of the garden you created, but we shirk away from these solemn responsibilities. You call us to love as Christ loves us, but instead our hearts turn from you. Our sin has made us like shrubs in the desert, our spirits like withered plants in the parched places of the wilderness. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have disrespected your creation. Re-create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. In your grace and steadfast love, make us once again to be like trees planted by water, whose leaves remain green, who never cease to bear good fruit. Amen.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

This weekend is Davidson College Reunion Weekend. It is the tradition of the college and an agreement with DCPC for the school to invite an alum who is clergy and who is celebrating their reunion weekend to preach during the Sunday worship service of reunion weekend. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum to the pulpit today, class of 1991. You can read more about him in the Announcement Sheet.

We are invited to make an offering in response to God’s grace and love and to Jesus’ call to care for one another. You can use the QR code or place your offering in an offering plate.



Declaration of Love
One: The Bible affirms that God delights in us when we come to God with humble hearts. I declare to you that God's steadfast love never ends. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Response of Praise, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI
All Sing:
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

* Passing of the Peace
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
All: **O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may walk with you humbly and follow you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Time with Children Come and See Natalie Sleeth
All Sing:
“Come and see, come and see. I am the truth and the life,” said he. “Follow me, follow me. Come as a child, O, come and see.”

Scripture Genesis 2:4-9
After each reading
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Romans 8:31-39

Sermon The Indestructible Garden Peter Bynum

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory How Firm a Foundation Tom Trenney
For text, see hymn 463



DCPC has several ways to provide hearing assistance in worship. Today, following worship, Sarah Lynch, our Associate Direct of Music, will be next to the piano to answer questions about devices.

Prayer after Communion

J.S. Bach

Technology- Bill Hatfield, Kline Pepper, Ben Slay

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Childcare & Children's Sunday School

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday 9:45-11:15 a.m. during the summer. A comfort room is available in room 15 for nursing or a break from the worship service (for adult and child) with a livestream of the worship service.

Children's Sunday School (for ages 0 and up) resumes on September 13th at 9:45 a.m.

Hearing Assistance Devices

Our devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Each receiver pack has one of two cords: a simple in-ear piece and a T-Coil neck loop. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available near each entrance for our worshipers with back issues.

Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.

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