

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2020**

**Pauline Sexton preaching, John Willingham assisting**

Prelude: "Spirit Song" arr. Mark Hayes – Bev Fulgham, piano

Words of Welcome

Hymn 444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, the wideness of your mercy extends beyond all we could ever imagine. In kindness you have drawn us to yourself, claiming us who were far from you as your own beloved people. Yet we refuse mercy to those who offend us, to those we deem unlovely or unworthy. Forgive our rush to judgement and the petty grudges we carry and hoard. By your Spirit, tenderize our hearts so that we would show mercy to others, even as we have received mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Time with the Children

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "A Great Debt"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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.**

Offertory: "I Wanna Go" by Larnelle Harris – Bev Fulgham, piano; Jeff Fulgham, vocals

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction

Postlude: From "Vater unser," Organ Sonata No. 6 by Felix Mendelssohn



**New Life!** The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Isla Juliet Quinn, born on September 18, to Lindsay and Spencer Quinn, the proud DPC grandparents are Craig and Nancy Myers.

The **flowers** are given today to the glory of God.

**Special thanks** to Price Jones for serving as Lay Leader this week and to Bev and Jeff Fulgham for sharing their musical gifts with us.

**Liturgy notes:** Today's prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*. Year C 2003/2004

**Announcements:**

**Worship in the Park!** We are excited to once again gather together in Central Park, 425 Wells Road, in Doylestown, for an outdoor worship service on Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 am. We will share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper so please bring your own Communion elements. This can be juice, water, crackers, bread or wafers – whatever is available to you. Please also bring a mask and a chair.

**DPC Responds to Hunger!** As the COVID pandemic continues, the number of individuals needing food assistance in our community has grown. DPC is responding by hosting a monthly food drive for the Bucks County Housing Group. Our first collection date will be at the Outdoor Worship service on October 4! Please consider bringing a bag of food as we join for a morning of in-person togetherness! There will be a marked van in the parking lot for your contributions. *(The Pantry asks that you please double check the expiration date on all food to make sure it is current. Their volunteer base is limited and it helps them to sort food faster.)*

Starting in November, the collection will be the third Sunday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Drop-off will be in the alley behind DPC (entrance off of Church Street).

**New Website!** Our updated website is now live at [www.dtownpc.org](http://www.dtownpc.org)! We feel it can provide a glimpse into all the wonderful things that go on here at DPC! We invite you to check it out and explore.

**DPC Connects:** As a new way to form and deepen relationships with others, we invite you to visit @dtownpc on Facebook and click on our new group **DPC Connects** — an online community for members and friends of DPC that offers a place of conversation, connection, sharing of good news, and the ability to easily make plans for getting together!