

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

John Willingham preaching, Pauline Sexton assisting

Prelude: "It Is Well with My Soul" (arr. Mina Choi)

Words of Welcome

Hymn 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You are the one who has saved us;
but we make false gods for ourselves.
You are the one who has called us;
but we make excuses and fail to answer.
Forgive us, merciful god,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
the Lamb upon the throne.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

First Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:13-17

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Time with the Children

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: "God's Dress Code"

"Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" – Matthew 22:12

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: "We've Come This Far By Faith" (words and music by Mark Hayes)

Sung by the Chancel Choir – Sunday, October 27, 2019

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 353 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

Benediction

Postlude: “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” (arr. Douglas Wagner)

The **flowers** are given today in memory of loved ones by Dick and Judy Mumaugh.

Special thanks to Joan Christianson for serving as Lay Leader this week.

Liturgy notes: Today’s prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, Volume 47.1, p. 266

Sermon Discussion Series: Today at 2 pm, and each following Sunday, the day’s pastor will lead an online discussion group based on the message within the scripture and sermon. We invite you to join in this time of reflection via Zoom by clicking the following link: bit.ly/2SgCaS0
Meeting ID: 818 7247 9291 - Passcode: 003276

Adult Education Classes. DPC is offering four Adult Education classes this fall. The classes are already underway but don’t let that fact prevent you from exploring these virtual sessions and seeing which one best fits your schedule and spiritual needs. New attendees are always welcomed! We’ve made the process even easier with direct access to each class on our new website. Visit www.dtownpc.org/adults/sunday-morning/ for class info and Zoom links.

Outdoor Hymn Sing! Join us in the Church Yard at 12 noon next **Sunday, October 25**. We had such a wonderful time during last month’s hymn sing so we are gathering again! Don’t forget your mask and a lawn chair and feel free to bring a lunch! Email Mark advance requests of your favorite hymns at markh@dtownpc.org.