

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021
John Willingham preaching, Roberta Kearney assisting

Prelude "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. Marilyn Ham

Words of Welcome

Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

Prayer of Confession

**You call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth
and clothe us with power from on high.
Yet we stand still, our fixed on the heavens,
as though Jesus will reappear in the clouds to point the way.
We cling to the past, for we find comfort in familiar traditions,
even if they no longer serve your purposes.
We fear the future, for we cannot imagine a new season of ministry,
even though you promise to empower us.
Refocus us, O Lord, and fill us with expectant hope
as we step into the future you will bring.
Baptize us again with your Spirit and enlighten
our hearts to discern your will,
so that we might embody the fullness of Christ as work in the world.**
(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:28-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time with the Children

New Testament Lesson: Luke 24:44-49

Sermon "Power from on High"
"Stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." —Luke 24:49b

Prayers of the People

Offertory "Festive Praise" Susan Geschke
Celestial Bells

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
(Verses 3 and 4)

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Benediction

Postlude

"Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals" Sigfried Karg-Elert

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Adeline Claire Schaefer, born on January 13, to Alicia and Eric Schaefer. The proud DPC great grandmother is Barbara Buckham.

The **flowers** today are in memory of our daughter, Tara, on her birthday by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother Chad; and in loving memory of Carole C. Tomlinson by her family.

Special thanks to Mark Strasburg for serving as Lay Leader today and to our Celestial Bells for sharing their musical gifts with us.

Liturgy notes. Today's prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 53.1, p. 108.

DPC Food Collection – Today! This month's food collection will go to CFF. Food items can be dropped off under the bridge on Mechanics Street from 10:30 to 11:30 am. The most-needed items include pasta, rice, beans, oatmeal packets, granola bars, canned fruit, soup, tuna and vegetables, and cereal. In addition to food, \$5 gift cards to local fast food restaurants or convenience stores would greatly benefit our homeless friends.

Troop 24 Clothing and Shoe Drive Fundraiser. A no-contact drop-off of shoes, clothing and small household items will take place at Doylestown Mennonite Church today from 12 to 2 pm.

Sanctuary Open Wednesday. For those seeking a time of quiet reflection and prayer, the Sanctuary will be open from 10 to 11 am on Wednesday, January 20. Please enter at the Mechanics Street door. Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be practiced. You will be asked to provide your name so that contact tracing may occur if needed.

Winter Growth Groups registration is now open! Visit www.dtownpc.org for details!