

# 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

9:30 am

## Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein; BWV 642*

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1,23,25

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.**  
**You have called us to wear truth as a garment,**  
**but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.**  
**You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,**  
**but instead we struggle for success and for power.**  
**You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,**  
**but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.**  
**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.**  
**Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.**  
**Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your compassion.**  
(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 4:18-27

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 824

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

Anthem

*Zion's Walls*

American Revivalist Song

Adam Cameron, soloist

arr. Aaron Copeland

*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,  
come join us in singing the praises of Zion.  
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?  
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.*

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

Time with the Children

*(Children watching at home are invited to approach the screen while young ones here may join the pastor on the chancel steps.)*

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25:31-39

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 29

Sermon

“Signs of Our Sovereign”

Dr. John M. Willingham

*“atone for your sins with righteousness, and your iniquities with mercy to the oppressed.”—Daniel 4:27*

## Responding to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

**We are a community of Christians, united through the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, dedicated to follow His word, to love our neighbors, whoever and wherever they may be, and share and sustain the bounty of Creation for all humanity. As Christ lived and died preaching compassion, we make this sacred vow, to go and do likewise, to serve faithfully as a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love, building a world of peace, justice, and harmony.**

Concerns of the Church

*(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)*

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.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

*(To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.)*

Offertory *Concerto in G major “Alla Rustica” — iii. Allegro* Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Sandra Dackow  
String Ensemble

\*Congregational Response 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# Going Forth in God's Name

\*Hymn 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*  
(verses 1-3)

NEW DIMENSIONS

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!*

Hermann Grabner

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## *Welcome to Worship!*

*Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!*

### Worship Notes:

- **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays. **Assisting Pastor:** Pauline Sexton.
- The **sympathy of the congregation** is extended to Margaret Thoresen on the death of her brother James McConnell on July 17; and to Carol Tettemer and family on the death of her husband George Tettemer on July 19. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.
- Join us following worship today for refreshments as we honor Mark Helms on his final Sunday as our Director of Music and the Arts and the entire church staff for their faithful and creative leadership during the pandemic.
- **Let's Connect!** Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit [www.dtownnpc.org](http://www.dtownnpc.org) and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.
- The **flowers** are in loving memory of Molly Trout by her family.
- Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 54.1, p. 132



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**To learn more about DPC, we invite you to visit our website at [www.dtownnpc.org](http://www.dtownnpc.org) where you'll find all the latest information on ministries and events including:**

- **Summer Mission Challenge.** Let's pull together to give back and get involved. Bring a friend and the whole family!
- **Youth Pool Party is this Friday, July 30!** Open to all youth grades 7-12. Spread the word and bring your friends! Check your email for address and details.
- **DPC Blood Drive.** Give Blood, Give Life! Blood donations taken in Andrews Hall on August 9 from 1 - 6 pm.
- **Matthew 25 Racial Wealth Gap Simulation.** Sign up today for one of the three available sessions on August 12, 15, and 25.

## SESSION

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