

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-3,4

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

Prelude

In Christ Alone

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Confession

Holy, triune God,

we confess that we have not lived for your glory.

When enemies attack us, we trust our own defenses.

When deadly storms surround us, we forget that you are with us.

Forgive us, God of grace.

**In our hardship and affliction teach us to trust
that you alone can deliver us from death to life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:42-16:2

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 54

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

Anthem

Oh God, Beyond All Praising
Chancel Choir

Holst/Proulx

*O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

* Those who are able, please stand

*The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

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.)*

Sermon

“The Invitation of 9/12”

John M. Willingham

“And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.”—Mark 16:2

The Sacrament of Baptism

THE BAPTISM OF

Jaxson Lee Dacey

ELDER REPRESENTATIVE

Marv Woodall

Presentation of the Baptismal Candidate

Renunciation and Profession of Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Responding to God's Word

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

The New Commonwealth

Ralph Vaughan Williams

David Fryling, baritone

*See where the beacon-fires of faith, fling glory to guide us,
there lies man's upward way o'er death, o'er hate and fear.*

*Trust we the light that burns so clear, and lift our eyes
where faith sees what heavenly host of great allies march on beside us.*

Hope have we won from out despair, and joy out of pining.

Fast anchored, safe in waters fair we've lain at rest.

Hark! From afar on wider quest life calls us now.

Then up anchor, spread the sails and point the prow where hope is shining.

Faith, hope and love, transcendent three, invincible union.

All this new world, from hate set free, You bind in one.

*Nation to nation in the sun of life's new birth,
cries, 'Hail friend!' and love proclaims to all the earth man's high communion.*

*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 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata Settima

G. Muffat

Welcome to Worship!

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

Lay Leader: Linda Raitt. **Assisting Pastor:** Roberta Kearney.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Susan Craig and Jonathan Craig on the death of their mother and grandmother Ella Crouch on September 7; and to Candi Young on the death of her mother Shirley George on September 10. We hold these families in prayer during their time of loss.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is administered today to Jaxson Lee Dacey, son of Emsley and Bryan Dacey.

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.dtownpc.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 Edward and Freda C. Agnew by Mariana Hoffman; and in loving memory of our daughter, Emily, and our parents by Bob and Sherrie Murphy.

Today's prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 48.1, p. 194

To learn more about DPC, we invite you to visit our website at www.dtownpc.org where you'll find all the latest information on ministries and events including:

- The **[Home Help Corps](#)** is looking for volunteers and for those who need assistance! Join us in AH-213 **today**, following worship, for a special kick-off meeting to get new volunteers ready for action!
- **Worship in the Street!** Mechanics Street will be transformed into a setting of praise and song as we gather for outdoor worship **next Sunday September 19 at 9:30 am!** Our monthly food drive will also occur that day so please bring your donations. There will be no "drive-by" collection since the street will be closed.
- **Season of Change!** DPC's Fall offerings - including adult and youth ministries, vocal choirs and musical ensembles - are about to kick off! Check our website for all the details.



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