

DPC on Mechanics

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Prelude

It is Well with My Soul

arr. C. Kohlmann

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:1-2 (The Message)

The Spirit of God, the Master, is on me because God anointed me.

**God sent me to preach good news to the poor, heal the heartbroken,
announce freedom to all captives, pardon all prisoners.**

**God sent me to announce the year of his grace--
a celebration of God's destruction of our enemies--
and to comfort all who mourn.**

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, you are the maker of justice
and the source of righteousness,
the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love:
when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need;
when we have power for good and power for change,
yet we use it only for our own self-preservation;
when we have the words of the prophets before us,
yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.**

Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 5:14-15

New Revised Standard Version

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Anthem

When the Poor Ones
Chancel Choir

David Cherwien

*When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

Time with the Children

(After the message children ages four through first grade are welcome to leave for Children's Worship Time. They will return to their parents before the final hymn.)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 6:20-23

New Revised Standard Version

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Sermon

"Learning From God's Favorites"

John M. Willingham

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." —Luke 6:20

Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathered, protects and cares for the Church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

Concerns of the Church

*(Persons at the left end of the row are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad down the row.
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

Simple Gifts

arr. Anna Laura Page

*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

*Hymn

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Carol Tornquist

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[We invite you to ponder the following questions and listen for details...](#)

[What was important to you in the last 18 months?
What did you do differently in the last 18 months and what did you learn from it?](#)

Welcome to Worship!

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

Lay Leader: Tom Maclin.

Assisting Pastor: Becca Bateman.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tom Roth on the death of his brother, Jim Roth, on September 15; to Terry Herring on the death of his stepfather, Phil Cleland, on September 15, and to Kelsey Haas on the death of her father, Timothy Haas, on September 16. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

New Life! The rosebud celebrates the birth of Lillian Maria DiClemente, born on September 12, to Stephanie and Phil DiClemente, the proud DPC grandparents are Mary and Art Shull.



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 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 Verna and George Bishop and Stan Bishop by Bill and Anne Bishop and family; in memory of Don F. Whitney by James Paccioretti; and in loving memory of Gary Miller by his friend, Nancy Kitchen.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, vol. 54.1 p. 150. The Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from the Confession of Belhar, written in South Africa during the time of apartheid as a witness of the church's call to unity, reconciliation, and justice.

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

- Be sure to RSVP for an upcoming **Reconnect Event** on Zoom and get a fun "swag bag" delivered to your home. Visit bit.ly/ReconnectDPC to sign up!
- The **Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing** event is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 am. Visit dtownnpc.org/events/FMSC for full details and to sign up today!
- **Season of Change!** DPC's Fall offerings - including adult and youth ministries, vocal choirs and musical ensembles - are kicking off! Check our dtownnpc.org/dpcfall for details!



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