

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-2a

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Prelude

Sanctificavit Moyses altare Domino from *L'Orgue Mystique*

Charles Tournemire

Prayer of Confession

Our gracious heavenly Father,
we confess that we have sinned against heaven and you.
In our stubbornness,
we have gone our own ways and failed to stay near you.
In our ingratitude,
we have failed to remember how your righteous Son became sin on our behalf.
In our shortsightedness,
we have neglected the message of reconciliation entrusted to us.
We confess our transgressions, O Lord; set us free from all self-deceit.
Forgive the guilt of our sin, that we might be a joyous people,
and praise you with loud cries of deliverance.
(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

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:6-8

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 866

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

Anthem

Be My Church

David Lantz

Chancel Choir; Sharon Shaw, flute
Rejoice with the rejoicing and weep with those who mourn.
Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn.
Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in.
Serve each other faithfully until I come again.

* Those who are able, please stand

*Refrain: Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served!
Give as I have given. Be my church.
Be my hands and body moving in the world.
Live your life in blessing. Be my church.*

*The outcast, the beloved; the powerful, the weak;
the ones caught up in battle and those who sleep in peace:
the thriving and the struggling; the greatest to the least:
my child, they are my children, so love each one of these. (Refrain)*

Time with the Children

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

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 181

Sermon

“An Inside Job”

John M. Willingham

*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”—2 Cor. 5:18*

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

- from “Confession of 1967”

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which all persons are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves.

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

O Day of Peace

arr. Richard Proulx

Chancel Choir

*O day of peace that dimly shines through
all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

*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 741

Guide My Feet
(verses 1, 4, 5)

GUIDE MY FEET

*Benediction

*Postlude *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons* Maurice Duruflé

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Beginning today, after worship, it's **All Aboard Our Matthew 25 Journey!** Collect your special passport and have it stamped each time you participate in the learning opportunities occurring throughout the program year. Visit www.downtownpc.org/matthew25 for the schedule.

Today, we engage with historical reenactor Louise Davis, who portrays abolitionist, activist, and American hero Harriet Tubman, who freed countless slaves by using the Underground Railroad. For Davis, this is not just a role, as Tubman is her third-cousin. Join us in the Fellowship Hall (across the bridge and down to the ground floor).



Welcome to Worship!

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

Lay Leader: Peter Christianson.
Assisting Pastor: Roberta Kearney.
Guest Organist: Rich Spotts



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 given to the glory of God.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts* vol. 46.1, p. 53. The Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from the "Confession of 1967" which, at the time, was the first new creedal statement adopted by the Presbyterian Church in more than three centuries. It proclaims that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ to be the pattern for the church's mission, calling on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

DPC PrayGround: We have set up a special space in the Celtic Cross Room (located in the Sanctuary building, on the first floor) that allows all ages to more fully participate in the worship service with space to color, create, and move. As with all indoor areas at DPC, masks must be worn to increase the safety and comfort of all ages of worshippers.

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 **Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event** is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 am. Visit www.dtownpc.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 underway! Check our www.dtownpc.org/dpcfali for details including an at-a-glance, printable overview for parents.
- Our **Fall Mission Challenge** helps us all reconnect with each other, while renewing the spirit of so many. Learn of all the ways we can get involved, give back, and meet the challenge together as we help neighbors in need! So many outings are perfect for the whole family! Visit www.dtownpc.org/fall-mission-challenge



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