

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Holy, Holy

arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1,7-9

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness.

For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other.

We have not moved forward in faith,

but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.

Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you,

rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregational Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen, amen.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 14:1-20

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 232

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

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

arr. Lloyd Larson

Riley B. and Molly B.; Voice

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards at this time.)

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents are asked to pick-up their child after the service in Room 207, directly across the bridge.)*

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 2:29-3:3

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 240

Sermon

"The Surprising Ways of God"

Dr. John M. Willingham

"Then the spirit of the LORD rushed on him, and he went down to Ashkelon."—Judges 14:19a

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1,28,38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

In Christ Alone
Riley B., Piano

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*Congregational Response 709

God, We Honor You

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Postlude

I've Found A Friend/What A Friend We Have In Jesus

arr. Kenon D. Renfrow

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Lay Leader: Jay Stough **Assisting:** Pauline Sexton

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Benjamin Thanh-Binh Price, born on July 15, to Eric and Lilia Price. The proud DPC grandparents are Dwight and Janet Price.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Russ Schulz on the death of his wife Marilyn Schulz on August 9; and the family of Joe Ballantyne on his death on August 11. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of our daughter, Tara, by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother, Chad; and with happy memories of Joseph Crilley by Suzanne Crilley.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 56.1, p. 130.

General Assembly Overview. Join Pastor John Willingham in the Celtic Cross Room after worship **today**, for an overview of the 225th General Assembly (2022) of the PC(USA) and its actions concerning various issues affecting the church and the world. John will be joined by Ruling Elder Dave Sager who served as a Commissioner to the Assembly.

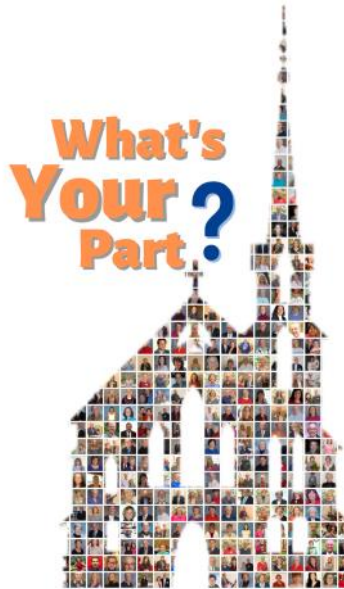
DPC Worship Community. Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing but also juggle a busy schedule? If so, you and your friends may be a perfect fit for DPC's new musical ensembles who will take part in 8:30 am worship services this fall. You don't need to be classically trained, the songs will be varied in genre, and there will be no regular weekly commitment! If interested, contact Mina Choi at dpcorganist@gmail.com. More details will be coming soon!

Fellowship at the Fulgham Farm. Excitement is building for this wonderful event on **August 28** from 4 to 7 pm. Adults of all ages are invited to gather for appetizers, beverages, and a special visit from a William Penn reenactor. Rekindle old friendships and make new ones during this fun, casual afternoon together. Visit www.dtownnpc.org and click the event for details and to RSVP today!

Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly **Food Drive** occurs next Sunday, **August 21**, and every third Sunday of the month from 9:30 to 11:15 am. Pantries continue to be in need of condiments, cleaning supplies, coffee, snacks, and personal hygiene items. The monthly **Community Meal** also occurs next Sunday from 11 am to 12:30 pm in its "regular" form, also each third Sunday of the month, as we join together with our own congregation, community members and our homeless guests. Those wishing to help can visit bit.ly/DPC-CM. Visit www.dtownnpc.org/mission-outreach for full details.

DPC Fall Retreat. Adults of all ages can register today for our inspiring retreat to the breathtaking Pocono mountains led by Pastor Pauline Sexton **September 13-15**. Pauline will reflect on this modern era of smart phones and social media as she asks "what does it mean to belong - to the world, to the church, to God?" Visit the events section of www.dtownnpc.org to register today.

DPC Work Trip to the Community Pantry - September 17 to 24. Plan to join Brian and Mary Lee Reiff for a rewarding week of work in Gallup, NM, helping those in need by assisting with food distribution with the wonderful staff who welcomes us each year. After spending the first night in the Flagstaff area, we'll make a brief stop at the Grand Canyon on the way to Gallup. It would be helpful to have your response as soon as possible. Please contact Erin Rizk at erinr@dtownnpc.org or visit www.dtownnpc.org/mission-trips for details of this unique opportunity to give back.



Your answer to this simple question can lead to amazing things. Stay tuned for more details...



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