

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Wir Eilen, from Cantata No. 78
Ellen McKee and Eileen Telly; violins

J.S. Bach; arr. Daniel Dorff

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:28b, 29,31

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He gives power to the faith, and strengthens the powerless.

Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and now be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy,

we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world.

We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget:

you do what is good, not what is expected.

Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles.

Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions.

Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call,

ignoring what we need to do so show the world your love and grace.

(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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 16:15-22

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 234

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

** Those who are able, please stand*

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will return to the service to share in Communion with their family.)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:31-35,37-39

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 158

Sermon

“The Source of Our Strength”

Dr. John M. Willingham

“But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.”—Judges 16:22

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

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 D minor, Largo ma non tanto

J.S. Bach

*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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(You will be invited to come down the center aisle, receive gluten-free bread from a pastor, move to the left or right and receive a cup from a Communion Server, eat the bread and drink the juice, place the cup in the basket held by another server and then return by the side aisle. If you unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.)

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*Benediction

*Postlude

Canonic Sonata No. 1, Allegro

G.P. Telemann

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Lay Leader: Van Starner **Assisting:** Pauline Sexton

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rita Flack on the death of her husband Paul Flack on August 18; and to the family and friends of Charlotte Walter upon her death on August 26. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my son, Ross Alan Rosebrook, on his birthday by Joyce Baral; in loving memory of my mother, Marie Stough, from Jay and Judi Stough; and in loving memory of Gina Garretson by Craig Garretson.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 56,1, p. 76

The response to "**Fellowship at the Fulgham Farm**" has been amazing and we are excited to gather together today at 4 p.m. See you there!

Carversville Farm All-DPC Food Gleaning Day and Picnic! We will meet at Carversville Farm to volunteer with weeding and harvesting on Saturday, **September 10**, from 9 am until 11 am. Following our time at the farm, we will move to Hansel Park for a bring-your-own picnic lunch (beverages and dessert provided). Come for both parts of the day, come just to work on the farm, or just come for lunch at 11:15 a.m. Please sign up here: bit.ly/DPC-CF

Growth Group Registration is Now Open! Growth Groups help us grow spiritually and develop a support network based on our faith. The fall slate of groups covers a wide array of topics and we are sure there is one that fits your interest and schedule. Visit www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups to see a full list of groups with descriptions or pick up a flyer at the entrances of the sanctuary. Groups are open to non-members of DPC as well, so tell your friends!

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 be part of 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 weekly commitment! If interested, contact Mina Choi at dpcorganist@gmail.com. More details will be coming soon!

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's theme of "The Journey of Belonging" 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.dtownpc.org to register today.

NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates to begin their service in June of 2023

It is essential the committee recommend individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation as these new officers will join with current ones in seeking the will of Christ for all of the matters before us. As prescribed in the *Book of Order*, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Your perceptions as to fellow members who possess such gifts are essential to the committee's work. If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office or talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Maureen Arnold, Alison Ferrara, Greg Jensen, Gavin Jones, Kathy McQuate, Tom Maclin, Bob Maxwell (moderator), Kim Nardo, or Krista Spadt.

Candidate's name: _____

Consider for the office of:

_____ Ruling Elder _____ Deacon

Offices held at DPC and other committee, activity or mission involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: _____

We are grateful for your help in identifying the next group of faithful individuals whom God is calling to serve in our church.



In an effort to help you identify, in some new way, "your part" at DPC, we invite you to visit our newly-enhanced Volunteer Resource Center. That's the place where you can learn about all of the opportunities for service at DPC, which ones best fit your interest, and sign up. Find Your Part today!

To explore all the ways you can get involved and to volunteer today scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera or visit www.dtownpc.org/volunteer-today



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