

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prelude *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* with Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise* arr. Marilyn Ham

Call to Worship

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
lie You won't tear down, coming after me.
It chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99.
God's love is overwhelming, never-ending, reckless.

*Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,
you molded and shaped the earth for us.
Yet we have misunderstood our role and have seen ourselves
as having dominion and authority over creation and other people.
We have misused resources and abused or neglected our neighbors
instead of sharing your love and building up your reign on earth.
Forgive us, O God,
for the times we have lost our way.
All loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek.
Shower your mercy upon us.
Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

(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*

Anthem

Lead Us, Heavenly Father
Chancel Choir

Roger Quilter

*Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us, o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us feed us, for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing if our God and father be.
Saviour breathe forgiveness o'er us, all our weakness thou dost know.
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe,
lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
Spirit of our God descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy.
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.*

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 78

(As children read an adapted version of our Scripture Lesson, we invite you to turn to your pew Bible or read the text on the back of the bulletin for reference)

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

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.)

Sermon

“The Cost of a Party”

Becca Bateman

“...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”—Luke 15:10

*Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

The Sacrament of Baptism

THE BAPTISM OF

ELDER REPRESENTATIVE

Evan Grace DiPietro

Mark Strasburg

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

He Hideth My Soul

arr. Mark Hayes

*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

*Hymn 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

*Benediction

*Postlude

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Barbara Boertje

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Lay Leader: Riley Blore **Assisting:** John Willingham

Scripture Readers: Carter R., Chatham B., Julia C., Kate H., Noelle C., and Owen B.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be administered today to Evan Grace DiPietro, daughter of Emily and Andrew DiPietro. The proud DPC grandparents are Pam and Mark Strasburg.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Melinda Wetmore on the death of her husband, Ralph Wetmore, on September 3; and to Beth Beans Gilbert on the death of her mother, Sue Beans, on September 8. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in celebration of our granddaughter, Evan Grace DiPietro, on her baptism by Pam and Mark Strasburg; and in loving memory of our daughter, Emily, and our parents by Bob and Sherrie Murphy.

Today's **Call to Worship** is taken from *Reckless Love* lyrics © Be Essential Songs, Bethel Music Publishing, Watershed Worship Publishing, Cory Asbury Publishing.

Worship in the Street! Mechanics Street will once again be transformed into a setting of praise and song as we gather for outdoor worship **next Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 am!** Stay for food and fellowship after worship as this gathering will also serve as our Community Meal. The Mission Committee's monthly food drive will also happen on this day so please bring your donations. There will be no "drive-by" collection.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 78

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sign up for a Growth Group today! 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!

The Fall 2022 edition of The Tidings is here!

Take a look at what's coming up with our ministries for children, youth, and adults; so exciting mission opportunities for the whole family including Feed My Starving Children meal packing; details of what's next for us at Matthew 25 congregation; and so much more! Visit www.dtownpc.org to check it out today!

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.

Fall Schedule. We return to a two-service worship schedule of 8:30 and 10:30 am on Sunday, **September 25**. That same day, we mark the return of Sunday School classes for children and Youth, our Adult Education offerings, and Sacred Grounds coffee hour. Visit our website for all the details.



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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