

DPC on Mechanics

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Marilyn Ham

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-2,11-13a

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him all his host!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

*Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

**Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

Prayer of Confession

God of the prophets,

we confess that we have failed to heed your word.

We hear your call to discipleship, but find it too demanding.

We hear the summons to follow you, but we let other allegiances claim us.

Forgive us, God of grace.

We place our lives in your hands.

Set us free to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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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.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Anthem

Moving Mountains
Art Shull, Guitar and Voice

Thrice

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards at this time)

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.)

Sermon

"Hard and True Words" John M. Willingham
"But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'" —Luke 9:60

*Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain: **O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)**

**You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)**

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)**

*Affirmation of Faith

from "A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord, Jesus!"

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

Take My Life

arr. Barbara Boertje

*Congregational Response

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

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Mark Hayes

We invite you to ponder the following questions and listen for details...

What was something you did this summer that was special or memorable?

What surprising activities or interests are you appreciating during our new normal?

Lay Leader: Linda Monkoski

Assisting Pastor: Becca Bateman

The **flowers** are in loving memory of Verna and George Bishop, Stan Bishop, and Daniel Bishop by Bill and Anne Bishop and family; in loving memory of Edward and Freda C. Agnew by Mariana Hoffman; 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. 59.1 p. 198 while the Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from our denomination's "A Brief Statement of Faith." This document was developed following the reunion of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983 and seeks to express the Reformed faith in ways that speak to the concerns and challenges of life in the 21st century.

Calling All Youth, Grades 7-12! There is a Meet and Greet following lunch **today** in the Youth Room from 11:30 to noon. This will be a chance to meet the team of leaders and sign up any 7-12th grader for the fall events, if you haven't done so already. Parent volunteers always welcomed too! Swing by and say hello!

Element/Youth Group begins tonight! Those interested in playing bells or singing in the choir, meet us at **5 pm** in the choir room. Or just join us for dinner and games from 5:45-7:30 pm in the CCR. Cost is \$5, or \$50 for the semester. Register online.

Connect This Fall! Our new program year kicks off **next Sunday, September 25**, as we return to our two-worship service schedule of 8:30 and 10:30 am with Church School in between! Visit our website for details of our fall programs and ministries for all ages.

Growth Groups Signups Still Open! If you have not yet registered for one of our exciting, spiritually fulfilling Growth Groups for the fall, it's not too late. Visit www.dtownnpc.org/growth-groups to see a full list of groups with descriptions and register today!

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing. We gather again in an effort to fight world hunger in this fun, meaningful event for all ages. On Sunday, **October 9**, come to worship at DPC, followed by a simple soup lunch in the Celtic Cross Room. We will then head to Delaware Valley University auditorium for the packing event which runs from 1 pm to 3 pm. To sign up, visit bit.ly/DPC-FMSC. Please be sure to register all members of your family who will be participating.

Celebrate the Arts Presents Clayton Mathews. On **October 16** at 4 pm, Celebrate the Arts, in collaboration with the Matthew 25 Taskforce, will offer a recital of African American spirituals performed by baritone Clayton Mathews, who will share his incredible musical gifts with us as well as his knowledge about the spirituals he is singing. A reception in the Celtic Cross Room will follow the recital.



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