

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Evan S., Trumpet; Mina Choi, Piano

arr. B.C. Dockery

Call to Worship

Isaiah 56:1,6b-7

Thus says the LORD: "Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

All who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God,

we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.

You claim us as your own people,

but we forsake your holy covenant.

You offer us the gift of prayer,

but we forget to lift our hearts to you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us to live our lives in Christ,

rooted and ground in our faith and growing each day in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.

is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11:5-10

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 72

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

** Those who are able, please stand*

Anthem

Ask and It Shall Be Given
Chancel Choir

Jonathan Adams

(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.)

Sermon

“Persistence, Shame, and Prayer”

Dr. John M. Willingham

“at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.”—Luke 11:8b

*Hymn 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

Dedication of Christian Education Leaders

God, as we enter this season, we are thankful for the eagerness, spirit, and joy of our children. May all of our efforts with them be care-full.

Bless the gifts and hearts of those leaders called to serve these *children*.

We are thankful for the energy, enthusiasm, and hope of our youth. May your desire for faith in action and greater inclusion never fade and be received.

Bless the gifts and hearts of those leaders called to serve these *youth*.

We are thankful for the intention and curiosity of our adults, which demonstrates that no matter what age, we still need to explore, learn and grow in our relationship with Christ.

Bless the gifts and hearts of those leaders called to serve these *adults*.

We are thankful for the newness of our program year and the hope for spiritual formation and mutual wonder. We celebrate the unique ways each of these offerings guide us closer to you.

Bless the gifts and hearts of this church to serve your purpose!

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

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

arr. B. Boertje

*Congregational Response

Doxology

DUKE STREET



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings_ flow. Praise God, all crea - tures
high and low. Praise God, in Je - sus_ ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*Benediction

*Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. B. Boertje

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Lay Leader: Galen Hays **Assisting:** Pauline Sexton

The **flowers** are given today to the glory of God!

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Vol. 40.1 , p. 218.

DPC's Sunday Morning schedule will be in full swing beginning next Sunday, October 2nd when our Adult Education offerings *BibleTalk*, *Good News and Other News*, and *The Word Among Us* kick off. Our Little Lambs group, Sunday School for younger and older elementary children, CONNECT for 5th and 6th graders, and Youth Sunday School for 7-12 graders began today! Visit www.dtownpc.org/dpc-fall-programming for details and to sign up.

Indigenous Peoples Day. In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day — which advocates for those native peoples of Alaska, Hawaii and the continental U.S. — DPC's Matthew 25 Task Force invites you to visit an information station located at Sacred Grounds Café in the Andrews Hall Lobby on Sunday, **October 2** at 9:15 am. This offering is in partnership with our mission partner Americans for Native Americans.

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**, following the 10:30 am service, there will be an optional soup lunch offered 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.

Stepping Stones Class. Are you interested in joining our church? Our Stepping Stones class offers a glimpse at the history and governance of our denomination, Presbyterian worship and theology, and discussion of what's happening in our congregation. Classes are scheduled for **October 23, 30, and November 6**, and new members received into membership on **November 13**. Click the event listing on www.dtownnpc.org to learn more or to register.

To Be Told: Know Your Story, Shape Your Future. Join us on Friday **October 28** from 7 to 9 pm and Saturday **October 29** from 9 am to 4:30 pm in the Celtic Cross Room for this special two-day conference that will focus on how our life story shapes our outlook, our tendencies, our choices, and how we relate to God and to one another through video presentations led by Dr. Dan B. Allender. The cost is \$25 per person. Advanced registration is required. For full details and to sign up now, please visit www.dtownnpc.org/events/tobetold

The Fall 2022 edition of The Tidings is your one-stop-shop to learn about what's happening at DPC! Take a look at what's coming up with our ministries for children, youth, and adults; some exciting mission opportunities, a closer look at the Home Help Corps, details of what's next for us as Matthew 25 congregation; and so much more! Visit www.dtownnpc.org and click the orange button under the welcome message 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.



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.dtownnpc.org/volunteer-today



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