

# 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

9:30 am

## Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*I. Adagio, Sonata in E Minor*  
Joshua Hadfield, Bass; Mina Choi, Piano

Marcello

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
**who redeems your life from the Pit,**  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

\*Hymn 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God,**  
**you became our Savior in all our distress.**  
**In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others,**  
**in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others,**  
**in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry,**  
**you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.**  
**In your love, redeem us once again.**  
**Lift us up and grant us your mercy,**  
**as you have throughout the generations.**

*(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 16:23-31

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 235

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

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

Anthem

*Jupiter*

Holst

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: Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 189

Sermon

“If At First You Don’t Succeed” Dr. John M. Willingham  
*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son...”—Galatians 4:4a*

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

\*Affirmation of Faith

John 1:1-5,10-14

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.**

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

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

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. C. Berry

\*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 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*II. Allegro, Sonata in E Minor*

Marcello

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**Lay Leader:** Galen Hays **Assisting:** Becca Bateman

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Sam Clark on his death on August 17; to Laurie Dau on the death of her father, Donald Beagell, Jr., on August 30; and to Karen Cameron on the death of her father, Will Remphrey, on September 2. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my mom, Mildred Dienert, by Darlene Crumley.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 56,1, p. 40.

**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](http://bit.ly/DPC-CF)

**Worship in the Street!** Mechanics Street will once again be transformed into a setting of praise and song as we gather for outdoor worship on **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.

**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](http://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](mailto:dpcorganist@gmail.com).

# 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:

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Additional comments:

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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.dtownnpc.org/volunteer-today](http://www.dtownnpc.org/volunteer-today)*



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