

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Sunshine Singers

Traditional Spiritual

Call to Worship

Psalms 103:1-5

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 God's 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,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession

O God of our salvation,
speak peace to your people as we turn to you in our hearts.
We confess we have been easily deceived by empty philosophies,
and puffed up without cause by human ways of thinking.
In our pursuit of prosperity, we have failed to hold fast to Christ our Head,
for the growth that comes from you.
In our pride, we have sought satisfaction in the shadows,
when the substance of your reign belongs to Jesus Christ.
Pardon your people and show us your favor.
Renew us, O God, and restore us again;
that we may abide forever in your presence, abounding in thanksgiving.

(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*

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 17:24-27
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 19

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chancel Choir

arr. Julian Wachner

*Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)*

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 171

Sermon

"A Vegetarian Taxpayer" Dr. John M. Willingham
*"But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow
become a stumbling block to the weak."—1 Corinthians 8:9*

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*Affirmation of Faith

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

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

Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1

F. Mendelssohn

*Congregational Response 606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude

A. Guilmant

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Assisting: Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Laura Mendelson

We invite you to fill out a **Prayer Request card** located in the pews. Ushers will collect the cards during the anthem. Requests will be shared during Concerns of the Church and those individuals will be held in prayer during the service and in the week ahead by our pastors and prayer group.

Christian Sympathy. Our sympathy is extended to Charlie Bartolett on the death of his wife **Louise Bartolett** on January 14. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in memory of Don F. Whitney by James Paccioretti.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, vol. 46:1, p. 117.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, **February 5** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Elect Deacons and Ruling Elders to the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2026
- Approve changes in the pastors' Terms of Call for 2023
- Receive the 2022 financial report and the 2023 operating budget

We will extend our usual Sunday worship livestream to allow you to view the congregational meeting. Comments or questions during the meeting can be emailed to dpc@dtownpc.org. The Livestream can be accessed by visiting www.dtownpc.org/watch-us-live. Whether in person or online, we encourage you to join us for what should be a brief, but significant time together.

SESSION

Moderator - John Willingham **Clerk** - Doug Barnett

Class of 2023

Geoff Fisher
Melissa Hauser
John Heisey
Sherri Hoynak
Gavin Jones
Price Jones
Jim Kmetzo
Mary Lee Reiff
Sharon Sager

Class of 2024

Doug Barnett
Tanner Benson
Glenda Childs
Judy Chang Cody
Jenny Danzis
Greg Jensen
Janice Thomas
Katie Toner

Class of 2025

Dave Buday
Christo Claassens
DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Ford
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Kristen Roland

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator - Kathy McQuate

Class of 2023

Craig Clemente
Kelly Huggins
Joe Jewusiak
Kathy McQuate
Peggy Moore
Brian Shadle
Connie Waters
Cole Young

Class of 2024

Mark Chaikin
John Gwynne
Mike Paradiso
Dennis Parenti
Linda Schumann
Krista Spadt
Eileen Telly

Class of 2025

Sharon Cummings
Dot Fabian
Trip Fisher
Alyssa Lewis
Nancy Nelson
Carol Tettermer

CHURCH STAFF

John Willingham, *Pastor*

Becca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Pauline Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

Kira Adelman, *Nursery Worker*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Megan Craig, *Interim Youth Director*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

Ed Davila, *Custodian*

Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

Taylor Distel, *Nursery Worker*

Chris Graham-Rawlings, *Member Engagement Coordinator*

Mary Claire Jensen, *Hospitality Coordinator*

Elaine Keckeissen, *Office Manager*

Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Linay Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

Erin Rizk, *Mission and Community Outreach Director*

Candi Young, *Children and Youth Connections Coordinator*

MISSION PARTNER

The Reverend Jed and Mrs. Jenny Koball, Peru



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