

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus
Chamber Choir

Palestrina

Call to Worship

1 John 4:13,15-16

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,

because he has given us of his Spirit.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,

and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

*Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God,

you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.

You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.

You reach out to us and meet us where we are.

But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us,

and set your Spirit loose among us.

Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power,

that we might know you more deeply,

follow you more faithfully,

and love more fully.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

We make these confessions asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational Response 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational Response 587

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

** Those who are able, please stand*

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

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

Anthem *Come Down, O Love Divine* Philip Stopford
Chancel Choir

*Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight; and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become my inner clothing,
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he becomes the place, where in the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

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.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 878

Sermon "What God Sees" Dr. John M. Willingham
"My spirit abides among you; do not fear."—Haggai 1:5b

*Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

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.)*

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit*
Joyful Bells

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

God, by your Holy Spirit you equip us to make known your grace and goodness.

Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality.

Freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

Holy Spirit, direct the tempos of our life.

Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do,

Freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

Holy Spirit, inspire our efforts and guide our aims.

Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence,

Freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever present needs,

Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom.

Freed for careful research which grounds medical advances,

Freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments to peaceful resolution of conflict,

Holy Spirit, grant us patience.

Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger,

Freed for bridging generations and centuries with our enduring love,

Holy Spirit, grant us courage.

Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children,

not merely for what they produce and the services they provide;

Freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,

Holy Spirit, bind us together as your family.

Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology,

Freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,

Holy Spirit, instill in us Christ's peace which passes all understanding,

God's love which encourages and equips, and joy in the Lord which knows no end.

All this we ask, remembering the prayer taught by the One who sent us your Spirit...

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People

(As you receive the gluten-free elements, please hold them until all have received that we may share in this meal together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*Benediction

*Postlude

Final from Veni Creator

M. Durufle

Assisting: Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Marie Stevens

Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our *Directory for Worship* reminds us "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding."

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of George Hoffman by Mariana Hoffman and Jan Hoffman and Adam Hockenberry

The **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** is written by the Reverend Kathy Jo Blaske and is taken from Faithforward.org.

Memorial Day Street Picnic! We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown **tomorrow!**

Following the Footsteps of Paul. In April of 2024, Lori and John Willingham will lead their final overseas tour for the people and friends of DPC, following the last route taken by the Apostle Paul. Over 13 days we will follow his path from Sicily to Rome with stops at Pompeii, Florence and Venice. We will share in worship and reflection, experience beautiful scenery and great fellowship. An informational meeting will occur on Wednesday, **June 7** at 7 pm in the Celtic Cross Room.

Good Stuff Thrift Drive. DPC is hosting a drive for Good Stuff Thrift on **June 10** from 8 am to 12 pm and we are accepting donations of clothing, household items, tools, decor, and gently used toys and books. The proceeds will go to assist organizations helping children, including Hunting Park Christian Academy. Drop-off is on Mechanics Street under the bridge. Large item pick-ups can be arranged.

Strawberry Festival. Scout Troop 24's 54th Annual Strawberry Festival is **June 10** from 4 to 8 pm here at DPC along Mechanics Street and features games, refreshments, raffles, and more! An \$8 donation is required at the door and you'll receive a strawberry shortcake.

Celebrate the Arts presents Philadelphia Bronze. On **June 11** at 4 pm, take a journey through a celebratory concert filled with magical moments as this advanced auditioned handbell ensemble invites you to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!" No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be received.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to occur immediately after the worship service on **June 11**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee and corporate officers, express our gratitude to those whose service ended in May and dissolve the pastoral relationship between John Willingham and DPC effective September 30. When joined with the unveiling of a video celebrating the 2022-23 Program Year, it promises to be a significant gathering for this body of faith. We hope you can join us!

Movie with a Message. DPC's Earth Care team is inviting the congregation to view *The Ants and the Grasshopper*, a powerful and thoughtful movie about climate change. We'll gather in the Celtic Cross Room on **June 12** from 7-8:30 pm or **June 28** from 11:30 am-1 pm. If you select June 28, feel free to bring your own lunch.

Summer Spiritual Renewal 2023. Join us **June 19-22** as we gather in the Celtic Cross Room with a picnic lunch on the final day at Bush Park. We'll be led by Rev. Kang-Yup Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager at Ann's Choice Senior Living, whose topic will be *Bible 101*. For details and to register visit www.dtownpc.org/SSR2023

Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN! Calling all kids and volunteers! Are you ready for the best VBS ever?! We gather **July 10-13** from 9 am to noon. VBS is open to all 4-year olds (potty-trained) through entering sixth grade. It's going to be a STELLAR week and an out-of-this-world experience! Visit www.dtownpc.org/children today to register your child or to serve as a volunteer!