

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Be Still, My Soul*

arr. P. Keveren

Call to Worship

Calling all children of God, the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

The good news is proclaimed in all places.

**Let us worship together, every generation, with our family of faith.**

\*Hymn 409

*God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God,**

**we confess that we struggle to forgive one another.**

**We resist forgiveness, for holding a grudge seems easier.**

**Vengeance is more tempting.**

**However, you have forgiven us,**

**and called us into the hard work of forgiving those who sin against us,**

**in the ways we still sin against one another.**

**Help us to hold ourselves accountable,**

**to do right where we can,**

**and to make the initial steps in seeking forgiveness and forgiving others.**

**Help us to know we are not alone,**

**and grant us the wisdom to know the resources that can help us in this journey.**

**In the name of Christ, who forgives us all, we pray.**

*(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

*Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

**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.**

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 399

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

*(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)*

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Kyle Pederson

Chancel Choir with Mark Vandersall, Clarinet

*Give us your vision, Lord, this is our prayer. Oh, help us to see when the way is not clear.  
Gift us with wisdom and lead us we pray; Let grace be our calling, our strength for today.*

*Send us in power so we may be all you intended, your hands and your feet.  
A gift freely given, the hope for rebirth; The kingdom of heaven, at work on the earth.*

*All of creation with one voice declare, "Hope, love, and mercy dispels our despair.  
As we bear your image to all humankind, Waking and sleeping, your presence, our light."*

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, located across the bridge, following worship.)*

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:10-19

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 60

Sermon "In a Fog" Becca Bateman

*"Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire  
by night left its place in front of the people."—Exodus 13:22*

\*Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

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 *Adagio* F. Mendelssohn

\*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 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

*\* Those who are able, please stand*

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**Assisting:** Tom Kort **Lay Leader:** Caroline Rawlings

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Russ Schulz, on his death on September 4. We hold them in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of our daughter, Emily, and our parents by Bob and Sherrie Murphy.

Today's **Call to Worship** comes from *Illustrated Ministry*.

*As we continue our 9:30 am worship schedule through September, we are excited for two very special Sundays. On October 1, we return to 8:30 and 10:30 worship and education hour for all ages.*

On **September 17**, during 9:30 am worship, the Rev. Dr. Mina Choi will partner with DPC member Meghan Burkins aka Meghan Malloy (when performing) to offer a dramatic retelling of the life of King David.

On **September 24**, DPC's Transitional Pastor Dr. Tom Kort shares the sermon from our pulpit for the first time during worship at 9:30 am. Then, following the service, we gather in Fellowship Hall for **Fall Fun Fest**, an all-church event where we will get to know Tom in an informal setting, share memories through an interactive DPC timeline, enjoy a delicious apple dessert contest (winners announced at 11:15), share in activities for all ages, create new memories with photo stations, and much more! Keep watch for more details!



**Save Your Sneakers!** Did you know that a pair of sneakers typically takes 30-40 years to decompose? DPC's Earth Care Team is collecting old pairs of sneakers to keep them out of landfills and keep toxic chemicals away from the air and soil. Donations can be dropped off in boxes located at the entrance to the sanctuary building inside the red doors and in the Andrews Hall lobby **today and Sept. 17** (Please tie laces together). If you have a large amount of sneakers, contact the church office and pickup arrangements can be made. All reusable sneakers are recirculated to secondhand markets so people can access quality, pre-owned footwear at affordable prices. All heavily used and damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to convert waste into new energy.

**DPC's Women's Retreat.** Excitement is building for this welcoming and inclusive event next month! We join together on Friday, **September 29**, 7 to 9 pm at DPC for an optional pre-retreat gathering and on Saturday, **September 30**, 8 am to 3 pm at Bev and Jeff Fulgham's Happiness Farm in Doylestown. During Saturday's gathering we'll be joined by Guest Speaker Chris Cavalieri, who specializes in Emotional Intelligence as a leadership coach and consultant. Register today by visiting [bit.ly/DPCWomen](http://bit.ly/DPCWomen)

**Souls Shot: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence** is a traveling exhibit memorializing lives cut short. These portraits have been created by artists working with the loved ones of the victims in an effort to raise awareness of the terrible cost to our communities, touch hearts and minds, and move people to take action. Souls Shot at DPC is presented by the Peace and Justice Committee and the Matthew 25 Task Force and will be open in the Celtic Cross Room on **Sundays through Sept. 24** from 12-4 pm and **Tuesdays through Sept. 26** from 6-8 pm. A special reception will be held in the Celtic Cross Room following 9:30 worship **today**.

**Carversville DPC Harvest Day.** Come alone, bring friends, but do plan to join us Saturday, **September 16**, from 9 to 11 am, at Carversville Farm Foundation. All of the organic produce harvested goes directly to soup kitchens in Philadelphia. Plan to get a little dirty and have a lot of fun! Visit [bit.ly/CarversvilleDPC](http://bit.ly/CarversvilleDPC) to sign up.

**Food Drive and Community Meal.** Food donations will be collected along Mechanics street in the morning on **Sept. 17**. Volunteer to help with the Community Meal at [bit.ly/DPC-CM](http://bit.ly/DPC-CM) or plan to stop by for lunch at 11 am!

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## NOMINATIONS for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee will soon consider candidates to begin their service in June of 2024.

It is essential that the committee recommends 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 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: Mark Chaikin, Kelly Huggins, Laura Mendelson, Chris Nardo, Caroline Rawlings, Kristen Roland, Marty Starner (moderator), Jeff Toner, and Rochelle Young. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 25.**

Candidate's name:

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DPC activity or involvement:

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Additional comments:

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Your name:

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