

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Timothy Shaw

Gina Ricci & Eve Sheldon, Vocals; Jason Moore, Piano; Eileen Telly, Violin

*My life flows on in endless song: above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Call to Worship

There is One who leads us beside still waters

God is the One.

There is One who is the great shepherd.

God is the One.

We are never away from the One who is mercy and goodness.

And we shall be with the One forever and ever.

*Hymn 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure

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Prayer of Confession

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We are up against such giants in our lives wondering if we have the faith to withstand them. We do not look where brokenness is made whole, where lives overflow with more than is needed, where reconciliation builds bridges.

Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the great things to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name.

(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.**

** Those who are able, please stand*

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.**

First Scripture Lesson: 1 Samuel 13:5-13

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 255

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

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

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Chancel Choir with Kim Harris, Piano; Eileen Telly, Violin

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-7

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 259

Time with the Children

*(Children are invited to remain with their families
or come forward to have a front row seat for this special presentation.)*

Message

“David: A Man After God’s Own Heart”

Rev. Dr. Mina Choi

Musical Presentation

David and Goliath
Mina Choi, Organ; Meghan Malloy, Narrator

Enjott Schneider

*Hymn 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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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

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Chamber Choir

arr. Howard Skempton

*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

*Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*Benediction

Postlude

O Mighty Fortress

arr. W. Faulkes

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Assisting: Becca Bateman and Tom Kort **Lay Leader:** Chris Nardo

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Jordan Robert Di Clemente, son of Stephanie and Phil Di Clemente, born on September 11. The proud DPC grandparents are Mary and Art Shull, Jr.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Julia Brunner Smythe, on her death on September 6. We hold them in prayer in their time of loss.

This morning's service features the Rev. Dr. Mina Choi partnering with DPC member Meghan Burkins aka Meghan Malloy (when performing) to offer a dramatic retelling of the life of King David.

On October 1, we return to 8:30 and 10:30 worship and education hour for all ages.

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! Visit www.dtownpc.org for details!



Community Meal. Join your church family and guests from the community in Fellowship Hall for lunch today at 11 am! This time together occurs every third Sunday of the month along with our food drive.

Souls Shot: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence is a traveling exhibit memorializing lives cut short. The artists have worked 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 open in the Celtic Cross Room on **Sundays through Sept. 24** from 12-4 pm and **Tuesdays through Sept. 26** from 6-8 pm.

Flag Collection. It is time again as Troop 48 is preparing to spend a special afternoon with the residents of Pine Run Lakeview. The Troop will present flags for a proper burning retirement on Saturday October 7. Troop 48 would also like to extend an invitation to the congregation to join them for the event at 10:30 am. Collection boxes for old flags will be located in the Andrews Hall lobby and the entrance to the sanctuary building under the bridge beginning **September 18 through October 6.**

Sunday Education Hour. Visit our website to explore the spiritually enriching offerings for children, youth, and adults that will occur in-between 8:30 and 10:30 worship service starting Oct. 1.

Element/Youth Group. Families of youth (grades 7-12) are invited to stop by the youth room immediately after worship **today** to chat with youth leaders to learn about some exciting fall updates, and register for element. Then, element is BACK starting next Sunday, **September 24, 5:45 to 7:30.** Check your email or visit www.dtownpc.org/youth for more information. It's a kickoff event you don't want to miss!

DPC's Women's Retreat. We are under two weeks away from this unique chance to connect and grow together! We gather on Friday, **September 29**, 7 to 9 pm at DPC for an optional pre-retreat event and on Saturday, **September 30**, 8 am to 3 pm at Bev and Jeff Fulgham's Happiness Farm in Doylestown. On Saturday we'll be joined by Guest Speaker Chris Cavalieri, who specializes in Emotional Intelligence. Register today by visiting bit.ly/DPCWomen

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:

DPC activity or involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name: