



DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

June 9, 2019

Day of Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A wind breathes among us, calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One.

People: **A fire burns within us, calling us to service, calling us to prayer.**

Leader: A spirit moves around us, calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.

People: **Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion, we bring our lives to you.**

Rev. Alex Rodgers

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

CHORAL INTROIT

Let Every Christian Pray
Chancel Choir

Joseph Barnby

Let every Christian pray, This day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit come!

[Fred Pratt Green]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession)

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

Children are invited forward during the last stanza for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Barbara Morris

Following the Children's Moment, children are invited to stay and worship with their families. Childcare is available in the nursery for children 4 years & under. Children's Chapel will resume on Kick Off Sunday, August 18.

*(*Please stand, as you are able)*

On the **Day of Pentecost** we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The **Call to Worship** today comes from seekerschurch.org

Processional Hymn: This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape-note tune that sets it here.

Choral Introit: This tune (*Laudes Domini*) was composed by Joseph Barnby (1838-96) for the text *When Morning Guilds the Skies*. It was published in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1868. Barnby was a chorister at York Minster and eventually became organist there. He holds the distinction of being the first conductor to present Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in England.

Hymn: This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

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Offertory Anthem:

Written for Pentecost by British Baptist pastor, Robert Robinson (1735-90), this text is full of biblical terms such as "Ebenezer", which is Hebrew for "a stone of help", set up to give thanks to God's love and assistance. The tune honors hymn compiler Asahel Nettleton, who more than likely, did not compose it. James Quitman Mulholland (b. 1935) is retired Professor of Music at Butler University and was Director of Music at First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, both in Indianapolis. Many of his compositions have become standard repertoire for children's choirs throughout the country, as well as most collegiate and professional ensembles.

Communion is the LORD's feast, hosted by the One who promises an ultimate continuous feast in the Kingdom of God. Under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit the divine host is made present so that a bond of unity can exist among those present and those unseen. The host welcomes all who accept the invitation to the Table. This meal is provided, not because we have earned the right to eat and drink with Jesus, but simply as an act of divine love.

Communion Bread: As we strive to welcome all to the table, our communion bread is labeled as vegan and free of: gluten, dairy/casein, soy, egg, tree nuts, peanuts, shellfish, and fish.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Speed

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:37-47
(pew Bible, page 120, NT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"Daily Devotion"

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Emily Wilmesherr

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Please sign and pass the **Ritual of Friendship** Register at this time so that we might know your concerns and keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth

Chancel Choir

arr. James Mulholland

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 raise my Ebenezer, 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.

[Robert Robinson]

**DOXOLOGY*

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

Old Hundredth, L.M.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Rodgers

Responding with Thanksgiving

Dr. Speed

Leader: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the LORD.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: **The LORD's name be praised forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The LORD'S Prayer

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 the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Rev. Rodgers and Dr. Speed

Agnus Dei (choir and congregation)

arr. Richard Proulx

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

Communion by Intinction

(You are invited to exit your pew to your right. The elders will help direct you to the front of the church where you may receive the bread and dip it in the chalice. Then, please return to your pew from the opposite side.)

Anthem

O For a Closer Walk

Scottish Psalter

Chancel Choir

arr. Charles V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove; Return sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, And drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

[text: William Cowper]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Rodgers

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 547*

Ar Hyd y Nos

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**CHORAL RESPONSE*

Deep Peace

John Bell/Ron Alexander

Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you; Deep peace of the flowing air to you; Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining stars to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

[ancient Gaelic rune]

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

Overture and Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

(from MUSIC FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS)

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of

Red Murphey

by Sidney, Marshall, Michael, and their families

flowers lovingly arranged by the DPC Flower Guild

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Usher Captain

Dudley Larus

Greeters

Elders: Linda LeBron, Aaron McClennen, Connie Morris

Communion Anthem:

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) was an Irish composer, teacher, organist and conductor, having studied music in Cambridge, England, and Leipzig, Germany. He is widely considered one of the greatest English composers of all time, and was a leading musical figure of the Edwardian Era. Stanford used a well-known tune from the *Scottish Psalter* as the basis for the anthem. The William Cowper text offers insight toward a longing for a restored relationship with God.

Processional Hymn:

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

Organ Voluntary: Music

for the Royal Fireworks (HWV 351) is a suite composed by George Frideric Handel in 1749 under contract of George II of Great Britain for the fireworks in London's Green Park on 27 April 1749. Handel later scored it for full orchestra one month after its premiere. The fireworks themselves were devised and controlled by a host of people. The display was not as successful as the music itself: the weather was rainy causing many misfires, and in the middle of the show the right pavilion caught fire. Also, a woman's clothes were set on fire by a stray rocket, and other fireworks burned two soldiers and blinded a third. Yet another soldier had blown his hand off during an earlier rehearsal for the 101 cannons which were used during the event.

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Deacons' Fund Offering

On communion Sundays we collect an offering for a fund available to help members of our church family in times of financial crisis. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets.

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Look what's coming up!

We have lots of great things coming up! Look for more information in your announcements on these events:

July 7 and August 5–New 5:00 pm Worship in the Keith Parlor: “Holy Ground”

Something new for the summer! Relaxed evening worship with communion, casual dress, creative inter-generational service—all are welcome! On July 7, Rev. Allysen Schaaf is preaching.

June 11–13 Allegrow Music Camp—for preschoolers, Tuesday-Thursday; registration is open!

June/July DPCC's Sunshine Summer is now five days a week! Nursery through Rising Kindergartners, registration is open—see our website! These are the themes for each week...

June 17-21: “Fairy Long Tales”; **June 24-28:** “Wild Water”; **July 8-12:** “Princesses Meet Dinosaurs”; July 15-19: “Weird Science”

July 11-18, 2020 Adult & Youth Honduras Mission Trip—Save the Date! Watch for informational meeting in August. Mark your calendars now for July 11–18, 2020!

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Church Life App

Have you downloaded the Church Life App to your smart phone or tablet? It is like having an up-to-date Church Directory at your fingertips! You can even update your own contact information or add a photo right from the app! To get connected to the DPC database, contact Denise Howell in the Church Office at 404-378-1777 or email her at dhowell@dpchurch.org

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