



SUMMER
Sermon Series

**DECATUR
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

July 14, 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor: The LORD be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Alex Rodgers

(*Please stand, as you are able)

Assisted listening devices are available in the Narthex and Philips Foyer.

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:
People: **we are given enough joy to live each day.**
Leader: In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:
People: **we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.**
Leader: In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:
People: **we are given enough grace to share each day.**
Thanks be to God!

Tony Miller

In this hour, we turn our full attention to the worship of God. In order to participate fully, please, no food or drink in the sanctuary, and remember to silence your cell phones and electronics before the start of the service. Thank you!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396*

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

The **Call to Worship** today was adapted from Thom M. Shuman

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE*

CHORAL INTROIT

O Praise the Gracious Power
Chancel Choir

Carol Doran

O praise the gracious power That tumbles walls of fear And gathers in one house of faith All strangers far and near: We praise You, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

[Thomas Troeger]

Processional Hymn: This hymn comes out of the early 19th century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Allysen Schaaf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God who parts the waters so that we can walk on dry ground, you have shown us time and again that you are the LORD but we continue to seek proof. You provide enough for each day but we ask for more and hoard what we've already been given. You call us to live in the present moment moving forward in faith but we remain stubbornly in the past yearning for the way things used to be. You hear us when we cry out to you but we cannot trust that you are listening and our complaints grow louder...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

Almighty God, who makes a way where there seems to be no way. You shower us with mercy and grace. You claim us your own and declare that we are beloved. In your great mercy, forgive us, now. Turn us back toward you so that we may be lead forward in faith. Cleanse our hearts so that we may love as you have loved us. Make us whole so that we may be instruments of healing in this broken world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Introit: Carol Doran (b.1936) is retired professor at *Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary* in Rochester, NY, where she taught church music, and served as director of community worship, and led the pastoral music program there. She studied at *West Chester State University* in Pennsylvania, and at the *Eastman School of Music* in Rochester, NY. The text was written by Thomas Troeger for the ordination of Judith Ray as teaching elder. The composer named the tune *Christpraise Ray* in her honor.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Passing of the Peace:

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Hymn: Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please turn to your neighbor, introduce yourself, and pass the peace of Christ.)

**HYMN 722*

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Emily Wilmesherr

Following the Children's Moment, children are invited to stay and worship with their families. Childcare is available for children 4 years and under. Children's Chapel is taking a summer break, returning Kick Off Sunday, August 18.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Rodgers

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-21
(pew Bible, page 62, OT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Forging Covenant in the Wilderness:
YHWH, Moses, and the Stiff-Necked People

SERMON

"This Isn't What I Ordered"

Rev. Rodgers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed*

Emily Wilmesherr

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO 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.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Rodgers

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Emily Wilmesherr

There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty. Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; See there the tendrils of our human selfhood Feed on its lifeblood. Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; Our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it Nor fire consumed it. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; Hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing." This is my ending; this my resurrection; Into your hands, LORD, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground in holy. All heaven in singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nation, take it; take it freely!" Amen! My Master! [*Pécselyi Király Imre; translated, Erik Routley*]

Offertory Anthem:
K. Lee Scott (b. 1950) is an internationally known teacher, musician, conductor and composer of sacred music, choral music and hymns, residing in Birmingham, Alabama. The evocative text on Christ's Passion come from a twelve-stanza hymn by a 17th century Hungarian pastor, as translated by the preeminent 20th-century hymnologist of the English-speaking world.

DOXOLOGYOld Hundredth, L.M.*

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING*FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80 (sing through three times)*
You Shall Go Out with Joy

*Trees of the Field***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Rev. Rodgers

CHORAL RESPONSEGod be With You**Ralph Vaughan Williams*

God be with you 'til we meet again: Loving counsels guide, uphold you; With a shepherd's care enfold you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARYToccata Brevis**Daniel Gawthrop*

Processional Hymn:
This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.

Organ Voluntary :
Daniel E. Gawthrop (b.1949) is an American composer, primarily of choral music. His output also includes a substantial body of works for the organ as well as orchestral and instrumental works. His output also includes a substantial body of works for the organ as well as orchestral and instrumental works. Since 2015, Gawthrop has served as the Composer-In-Residence of *Renaissance Men*, New England's professional male vocal chamber ensemble.

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Usher Captain
Dudley Larus

Greeters
Elders: David Elgin, Ken Graff

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Sanctuary Flowers

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

*John Louis Brooks**Daniel Wade Wheeler*

and in honor of our mothers,

Carolyn Brooks and Dora Wheeler

by Jack & Karen Brooks

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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** DPCC's Sunshine Summer is now five days a week! Nursery through Rising Kindergartners, registration is open—see our website! This is the theme for the remaining week...
July 15-19: "Weird Science"
- August 4** **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 August 4, Emily Wilmesherr is preaching.
- August 18** **Kick Off Sunday** begins the 2019-2020 program year
- August 21** Wednesday Night Supper & Programs resume
- August 25** Noon--Informational meeting for Honduras Mission Trip in 2020, Sycamore House
5:00 pm--Organ & Brass Quintet Concert
- July 2020** Adult & Youth Honduras Mission Trip—Mark your calendar! July 11–18, 2020!



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