



SUMMER
Sermon Series

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Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

July 28, 2019

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19:7-9)*

David Elgin

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

People: **We come seeking wisdom. Revive us, O LORD.**

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

People: **We come rejoicing in our hearts. Enlighten us, O LORD.**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: **We come to worship you in reverence and truth. Right our lives, O LORD.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 610*

Azmon

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE*

CHORAL INTROIT

Gloria Patri

John Weaver

Chancel Choir

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. *Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Rodgers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow too much the unholy desires of our hearts; we are led astray by the selfish yearnings of our egos; we ignore daily your holy laws. More than we would like to admit, we leave undone those things which we ought to do, and we do those things which we ought not to do. Have mercy upon us and upon all who seek your face...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

Holy LORD, you are the God of the grace and love made known in Jesus Christ, so spare us once again from the full weight and consequence of our sin. Reconcile us to all whom we have harmed, and restore our relationship with you. Grant that we, O merciful God, may have the desire to live holy, just, and humble lives, daily following Jesus Christ, to the glory of your holy name, *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

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:

This text comes from an 18-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

Introit: American organist and composer, John Weaver (b. 1937) is retired Organist/Choirmaster at *Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, NYC*, and retired head of the organ department at *Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia*. Additionally, he has served on the faculties of *Westminster Choir College, Princeton*, and *Union Theological Seminary, NYC*. He composed this setting of the *Gloria Patri* as a gift to the *Madison Avenue Church*.

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: These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

***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 450*Be Thou My Vision**

Slane

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Carolyn Brooks

*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

Dr. Speed

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17
(pew Bible, page 66, 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*"God Commands Those in Chaos"*

Dr. Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

Nick Carson

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

Nick Carson

ANTHEM*Lead Me, LORD**Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Chancel Choir

Lead me, LORD, lead me in thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

[Psalm 5:8;4:9]

Offertory Anthem: The text is taken from Psalms 4 and 5. The composer, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76), was the grandson of Charles Wesley, and served the *English Cathedrals of Hereford, Exeter, Winchester and Gloucester* as organist and Director of Music.

*DOXOLOGY

Old 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 687

St. Anne

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Speed

*CHORAL AMEN (four-fold, in G)

Robert W. Barrow

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Judi Caldwell, organist

Lauda Anima

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Usher Captain
Dudley Larus

Greeters
Elders: Linda LeBron, Aaron McClennen, Connie Morris,
Charlie Orth

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God,
in memory of beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and son

L. Alan Kenton
and our parents

Jack and Ella Tanner and Al and Neola Kenton
by Lynda, Tracy, Kelly, Tanner, Carsyn, and Jack

Flowers lovingly arranged by the DPC Flower Guild—and Lynda herself!

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Welcome Guest Organist

We are delighted to welcome **Judi Caldwell** as our guest organist this morning. Judi is a member of Shallowford Presbyterian Church, and sings in the Chancel Choir there. She has a BA from the University of Alabama; MA in Music Theory from Georgia State University, and studied organ with Warren Hutton and piano with Amanda Penick. Judi has been a church organist for 23 years – North Decatur UMC, Mountain Park UMC, and Embury Hills UMC and is now now a substitute organist and pianist. Matt McMahan is away today on vacation.

Processional Hymn:
Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist

Look what's coming up!

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

- 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! Join us for lunch and fellowship after worship! Moe's Southwest Grill will be catering. (Meal includes 2 tacos, sides, drink, and dessert) \$9 per person or \$32 family, cash, check, or PayPal. RSVP using rsvp@dpchurch.org or when you pre-pay for lunch. Pay ahead of time: in the foyer after worship, drop your check or cash in the offering plate, or bring your check or cash to the church during the week. See you there!
- 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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