



Holy (Dis) Comfort

Listening for God's Word in the
Minor Prophets
DPC Summer 2021

DECATUR
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Every child of God ~ belonging, engaging, being transformed

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Gigue Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

CHORAL INTROIT

God Is My Strong Salvation

*Sacred Harp Hymn
arranged, Austin Lovelace*

God is my strong salvation, what foe have I to fear? In peril and temptation my light, my help is near. Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand; What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?
[James Montgomery, altered]

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*HYMN 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Llangloffan

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alex Rodgers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done...

(personal prayers of confession)

Have mercy upon us, O LORD. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises you made known in Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

INTER-GENERATIONAL MOMENT

Compassion Camp Sideshow

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: HYMN 455

Listen

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

(Sung twice, congregation joins on repeat):

**Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Dr. Speed
Zephaniah 3:14-20
(pew Bible, page 877, OT)

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

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“Zephaniah”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith, 1991)

Rev. Alex Rodgers

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life...

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as LORD and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Speed

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.

ANTHEM

Thine, LORD, Is Wisdom, Thine Alone

Dayton F. Tynan, Jr.

Thine, Lord, is wisdom, thine alone, Justice and truth before thee stand; Yet nearer to thy sacred throne, Mercy withholds thy lifted hand. Each evening shows thy tender love, Each rising morn thy plenteous grace; Thy wakened wrath doth slowly move, Thy willing mercy flies apace. To thy benign, indulgent care, Father, this light, this breath we owe; And all we have and all we are, From thee, great Source of being, flow. Thrice Holy, thine the kingdom is, The power omnipotent is thine; And when created nature dies, Thy never-ceasing glories shine!

[Ernst Lange, translated by John Wesley]

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Rodgers

*DOXOLOGY 606

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.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rodgers

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

William Boyce

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Please exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary, greeting each other outside on the lawn.

During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.

Others find it helpful to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.

Please feel free to end this time of worship in whatever way is meaningful to you.

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Today's Musicians

Dona Cucich and Lynn Evans, *sopranos*

Mary Ann Allen and Lori McMahan, *altos*

Mark Lester and Ron Warren, *tenors*

R G Evans and Ivan Segovia, *baritones*

Matthew McMahan, *choirmaster and organist*

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Sanctuary Flowers

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

in loving memory of

Mary and Marvin Sledd

by

Sandra and Charles Sledd

† † †

Celebrating Staff Anniversary

Our sincere appreciation to **Lori and Matt McMahan** for 24 years of dedicated service to DPC.

Thank you!

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Wind, Sun, and Rain Campaign

A Special Beyond Budget Giving Opportunity

We thank you sincerely for the many gifts given to the special campaign for HVAC, solar, and roofing. We have met the expenses for the roof and HVAC; additional gifts will allow us to increase our solar footprint.

August...a Month for Welcome and Reconnection!

We have lots of great things coming up! Look for more information in your announcement slides and church emails (if you're not getting our emails, email dhowell@dpchurch.org!) on these events:

Join us for Welcome & Reconnection Month in August! Come to worship and stay for fellowship on the church lawn to catch up with one another and have a treat. Also beginning August 1—"Coffee & Conversation" in the Keith Parlor at 8:45 am each Sunday morning. All are invited to come enjoy delicious Café Justo coffee and conversation with your fellow church goers.

August 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th—After church fellowship (August 15—Celebrating Phil Noble's 100th birthday!)

August 5–September 30—"Be the Bridge" Small Group discussion on The Bridge to Racial Unity facilitated by Scott Overcash and Lana Teko-Ahatefou. Questions? Email Alex Rodgers at arodgers@dpchurch.org or visit www.bethebridge.com for more information.

August 8—Church-wide Picnic, 4:00 pm at Mason Mill Park

August 11—Wednesday Night Fellowship Resumes: Wednesday Night Supper, Programs, Choirs!

August 21—10 am –7 pm, DPC Kids Family Retreat at the Calvin Center in Hampton, GA, for families with children 6th grade and younger—new families welcome! Registration available on our website!



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2021 Summer Sermon Series, Upcoming Dates, Focus

July 25 Todd Speed "Malachi"

August Sermon Series—"I've Been Meaning to Ask"

August 1	Allysen Schaaf	"Where Are You From?"
August 8	Todd Speed	"Where Does It Hurt?"
August 15	Emily Wilmesherr	"What Do You Need?"
August 22	Alex Rodgers	"Where Do We Go From Here?"
August 29	Todd Speed	"Will You Come & Follow Me?"

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