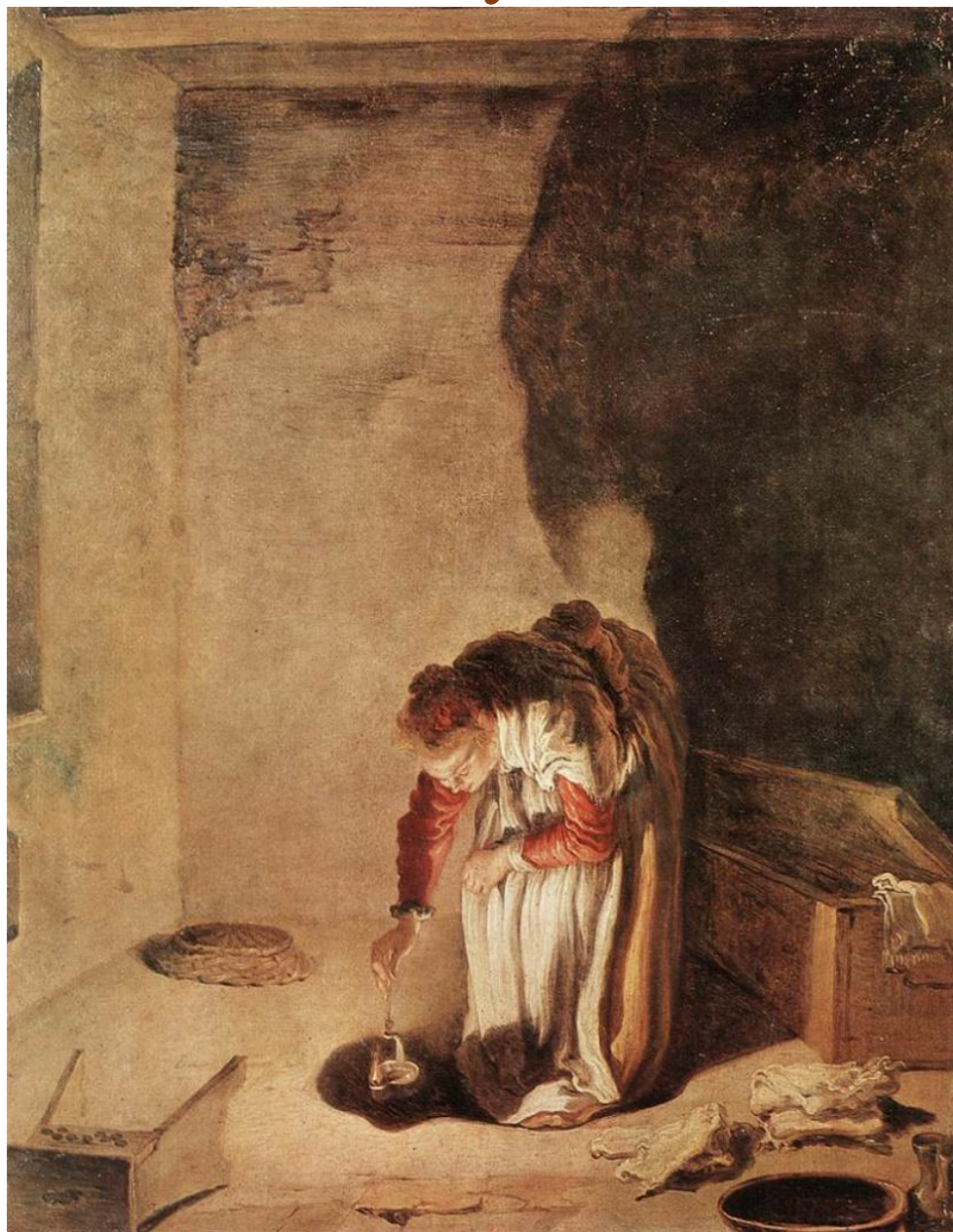


Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



Lost Coin by Domenico Fetti

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Out of the turmoil and confusion, the excitement and tedium, the attractions and distractions that comprise our daily life and pull us away from you, Holy God, we come to this Holy space of reflection and renewal; to celebrate your presence among us and to hear afresh the good news of your Gospel. Knowing that you rejoice with all of heaven at our return, we come to renew our faithfulness as your people; to receive your Spirit's empowerment and to be commissioned as authentic and energetic followers of your Son Jesus Christ. Enliven us with your word and send us forth renewed. Amen

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

September 11th, 2022

10:30 a.m.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

- Gesangbuch der Herzogl,
Arr. Carol Tornquist

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As a Shepherd seeks a lost sheep

Many: Like a woman who searches for the precious lost coin

One: As a father welcomes a prodigal child home

Many: So God reaches out for us

One: Therefore let us lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving

Many: Let us come to worship with spirits open to God's amazing grace

HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

(congregation may stand)

- John Bacchus Dykes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless possibilities, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you set before us. Caught up in our own dreams, hopes and plans; we fail to recognize the paths you have prepared. Crushed when things don't work out, we can find ourselves dazed and wandering; yet you come searching. In gratitude for your persistence, we enter the silence, in the hope that together we can press the reset button.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 583

Glory to God

(congregation may stand)

- Jacques Berthier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(We invite you to say hello in the Live Chat.)

HYMN NO. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

(congregation may stand)
– Walker’s Southern Harmony

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Swept Under the Carpet”

- Tim Stern

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Are Yours

- I am They

RESPONSE NO. 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

(congregation may stand)

-John L. Bell

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UNISON PRAYER

God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

(congregation may stand)
– Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

We Are Yours

- I am They

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INTO MEMBERSHIP THIS MORNING:

CRAIG WEST

RICHARD GREYDANUS

TOM & YEWANDE BAYLY

KATHRYN WESTGARD & DIANE YATES

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY Join us **every Wednesday at 10am** for Bible Study and fellowship starting September 7th. Contact Pastor Stephen Price-Gibson (stephen.pricegibson@arkanddove.org) for the Zoom link.

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF The next Healing through Grief group on **Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 pm** on zoom. Please let us know if you're interest in attending, so that we can send you the link to the Zoom meeting. Any questions, contact Pastor Tim Stern (tsstern@arkanddove.org or 410-674-6400) or Linnie Girdner (girdnerlinda@gmail.com or 410-999-7892).

INTERSECTIONALITY AND THE CHURCH Join us for a two-day discussion on **Tuesday, September 13th - Intersectionality and the Church: Refresh Session** - and **Wednesday, September 14th - Reproductive Justice and the Church** - at 7:30pm on zoom. Come for one or both sessions.

2022 CHILI COOK OFF AND CHURCH PICNIC To celebrate the start of the fall we will be having a church picnic and chili cook off on the grass, **September 17th at 4:30pm**. See sign up in the latest *Arkive* to bring a dish and/or to participate in the cook off!

BEADLES NEEDED There will be a Beadle training and dinner for interested youth in 5th-8th grades at the church on **Tuesday, September 20th, at 6:15pm**. If interested, please RSVP to Sarah Hendricks, sehendricks@gmail.com, or text 240-615-4986.

LET'S MEET THE NEIGHBORS! Door Knocking effort **Saturday, September 24th 10am-12pm, lunch/debrief 12-1pm**; Prep sessions Sunday, September 18th at 12:45pm and Saturday, September 24th 8:45am. See Arkive for sign up.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING 2022 We will be participating in the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering from now until World Communion Sunday on October 2nd.

CAP FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH The CAP Odenton food pantry item of the month for September is peanut butter and jam/jelly. We have marked bins across from the lobby coat rack.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Nursery: open for children age birth to 3	9:00 AM and 10:30 Service
PreK Sunday School: Ages 4-5	Starting September 11th ONLY at the 10:30 service
Godly Play: Elementary Ages, Grades K-5	Starting September 11th 9:00 service is a K-5 group 10:30 service has both a K-2 and a 3-5 group
Middle School Sunday School: Grades 6-8	Date starting TBD ONLY at the 10:30 service

LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED To ensure that we can continue to offer Christian Educational programs, we **NEED** leaders! Please consider offering your gifts and talents to help these programs thrive. You will need to complete a background check and training. Curriculum and materials are provided. Please see the latest *Arkive* for details.

LOGOS IS COMING SOON! Registration is open now for the upcoming LOGOS year. This program will be held on Tuesday evenings from **6:00pm to 7:15pm** starting **September 27th**. We would **LOVE** to have other members of the church volunteer as well including our older youth and seniors! Check out the latest *Arkive* or website for more information. Email logos@arkanddove.org for any questions.

ARK & DOVE BANNED BOOK DRIVE Help us establish a youth/teen library by donating a banned or challenged book from our list. New and gently used copies requested. SignUpGenius link information posted in the latest *Arkive*. Please contact Amy Tardiff (lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com) or Kim Champagne (Kim.Champagne@arkanddove.org) if you have any questions.

If you are not signed up for the weekly Arkive, please email admin@arkanddove.org to be added to the emailing list.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, every Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 am for an in-person worship service. Our 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Godly Play Sunday School for grades pre-K thru 5 is held in-person during the 10:30 service. Child care is available during the 9:00 and 10:30 service. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove?

Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

*We are a Matthew 25 church, a More Light church, and Earth Care Congregation
See the *Arkive E-newsletter* for more information*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist – Laura Doughty

Usher – Erin Caldwell

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