4th Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021 Roberta Kearney preaching, John Willingham assisting

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. David Johnson

Words of Welcome

Hymn 395 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LEIBSTER JESU

(Verses 1 and 3)

Prayer of Confession

We gather as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ to praise you, O God, and to seek your will for our lives. In so many ways we find it hard to listen to you. Our days are filled with busyness, distractions and habits that are keeping us from listening and seeing where you are leading us. Guide us to listen more deeply so we might be confronted by your expectations of us. Help us to have open hearts when what you say is surprising, or goes against what we thought we knew. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us we pray.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:1-14a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Lenten Contemplation" arr. William E. Moats

Iovful Bells

Time with the Children

New Testament Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon "Time for Another Look"

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein, Joyful Bells arr. Kevin McChesney

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Verses 1, 2 and 3)

I'M GONNA LIVE

Benediction

Postlude "Epilogue" Norman Gilbert

New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Eric Robert Wolf, born on March 9, to Chris and Katie Wolf. The proud DPC grandparents are Dick and Carolyn Wolf.

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Ann-Louise, Joyce and Harold Haldeman by the family; and in loving memory of Gene Weichman on the occasion of his birthday by his wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Kathryn and Meredith.

Special thanks to Linda Rutkosky for serving as Lay Leader and our Joyful Bells for sharing their musical gifts with us. Today's Offertory song features photos submitted by many of our members showing causes for celebration experienced during the past year. We invite you to share in these joys together!

The Genius Belt: Presented by the Michener Museum. On March 18 at 2 pm, the SAM Committee invites you to join in a virtual talk led by a Michener Museum docent for a look at Bucks County's early cultural "Golden Years." You'll hear fascinating details of how this small community became an epicenter of the arts and attracted world renowned painters such as Daniel Garber to literary and theatrical giants Pearl Buck and Oscar Hammerstein. Visit dtownpc.org for details. Direct Zoom Link: bit.ly/MichenerDPC. Meeting ID: 841 2165 9397 Passcode: 374311

DPC COVID Response Team. With the anticipated increased availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, our DPC COVID Response Team volunteers are available to provide transportation to and from vaccine appointments. As always, if you have other needs (such as grocery pick-up or tech help), volunteers are ready to assist. Please fill out our <u>Care Needed Form</u> to list. Or you can call the church office at 215-348-3531 and leave a message (Press 0 at any time during the message). For a list of sites to assist with registration and/or obtaining an appointment for a vaccine, please refer to <u>dtownpc.org/dpc-covid-vaccine-assistance/</u>

Associate Pastor Search. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has met every other week since January, been oriented by a representative of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and just finalized the Ministry Information Form. That document describes DPC and the kind of person we are seeking as our Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries. Should you have suggestions of persons for the APNC to consider please pass on those ideas to apnc@dtownpc.org or any committee member: Matt Rizk (Moderator), Scott Blore, Megan Craig, Melissa Hauser, Gavin Jones, Sharon Sager, Lindsay Shull, or Margaret Thoresen.

Stepping Stones Class. If you are interested in becoming a member of DPC, we invite you to be a part of our upcoming Stepping Stones class. The classes will be virtual and will offer insight into Presbyterian history and theology as well as the specific offerings of DPC. The dates and times of the classes are **April 11 and 18** at 10:45 am with an introduction to Session on **April 25** prior to 9:30 am worship service. To register, please send an email to dpc@dtownpc.org and include "Stepping Stones" in the subject line.