

5th Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021
John Willingham preaching, Pauline Sexton assisting

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. Carol Tornquist

Words of Welcome

Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(Verses 1 and 2)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, there is much we must confess.

**When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress,
forgive us.**

**When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses,
forgive us.**

**When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness
as if it could be exhausted, forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness
so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you.**

(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: Ezra 3:10-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "O Sons and Daughters" arr. Diane McAninch
Festival Ringers

Time with the Children

New Testament Lesson: Luke 23:26-32

Sermon "Before We Return"
"among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him." —Luke 23:27b

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	“Interlude in B Minor” Festival Ringers	arr. David Justice
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 797	“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”	YE BANKS AND BRAES
Benediction		
Postlude	“Passacaglia in C Minor”	J.S. Bach

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jeff and Meg Thompson upon the death of their son, Tucker Thompson, on March 8. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** today are given to the Glory of God!

Special thanks to Marin Young for serving as Lay Leader and our Festival Ringers for sharing their musical gifts with us.

“Drive By” Food Drive - today 10:30 – 11:30 am. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the February Food Drive another success: 1,100 pounds of food were collected, and 58 gift cards were donated for our Code Blue homeless guests. A special shout out to our amazing youth who are helping with this effort each month. Please consider donating today or every third Sunday of the month under the bridge on Mechanics Street. We encourage you also to donate \$5 gift cards to local restaurants and convenience stores.

Holy Week is near! We invite you to join us in several online and in-person opportunities to observe Holy Week. Each service will be available to view at the listed times and any time after at www.dtownpc.org/worship/watch-us-live/. Social distancing will be in place and masks will be required for in-person gatherings.

- **Maundy Thursday, April 1.** A virtual service will be posted to our website at 8 am. Communion will be offered any time from 12-1 pm and 5-6 pm in the Narthex of the Sanctuary building. Please enter through the red doors at the front of the building. You may take some time to pray and meditate in the Sanctuary while listening to a brief musical offering, which will be repeated every 15 minutes during these designated times.
- **Good Friday, April 2.** A virtual service with a focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus will be shared on our website at 8 am. Our Sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer from 12-3 pm. Please enter through the doors on Mechanics Street.
- **Easter in the Park, April 4.** All are invited to join us in Central Park, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown Township, at **9:30 am** for a celebration featuring song, prayer and opportunities to make memories with friends and family – including a fun photo station! You’ll also learn how you can be a part of our growing effort to fight against hunger in our community and beyond. You are asked to bring your own Communion elements (bread or crackers and juice) to share in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Prepackaged elements will also be available. Lawn chairs recommended and masks required. In the event of inclement weather, we will offer our usual Livestream service at 9:30 am and will invite you to tune in from home.