



Doylestown  
Presbyterian Church

## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

9:30 am

### Gathering as God's Family

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3,11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

**though its water roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**  
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prelude

*Allemanda* from Concerto Grosso No. 10  
String Ensemble

Arcangelo Corelli

Prayer of Confession

“Do not fear,” you tell us.

**But we cower before threats to our comfort and security,**  
**not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.**

“Take up the cross,” you tell us.

**But we live as though death still holds dominion,**  
**and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel;**  
**we fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy.**

Forgive us, Lord.

**Help us to live with you and for you.**

**Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

### Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 8:1-12

Pew Bible (OT), p. 6

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*Amazing Grace*  
String Ensemble

arr. Sean O'Loughlin

Time with the Children

*Children watching at home are invited to approach the screen  
while children on campus may join the pastor on the chancel steps for the message.*

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 11:2-6

Pew Bible (NT), p. 11

Sermon

“Testing the Waters”

Dr. John M. Willingham

*“so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.” —Genesis 8:11b*

### Responding to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**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.**

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

# The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Candidate: Wesley Sargent May  
Elder Representative: Kim Rainey

Presentation of the Baptismal Candidate  
Renunciation and Profession of Faith  
Thanksgiving Over the Water  
The Baptism  
Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

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.**

## Going Forth in God's Name

\*Hymn 321

*The Church's One Foundation*  
(Verses 1, 4 and 5)

AURELIA

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Pièce d'Orgue in G major, BWV 572*

J.S. Bach

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*Welcome to Worship!*

*Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!*

### Worship Notes:

- **New Life!** The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Anastasios Gregory Theodosopoulos, born on April 28, to Leslie and Angelo Theodosopoulos. The proud DPC grandparents are Greg and Sherri Hoynak.
- The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated today for Wesley Sargent May, son of Chris and Sarah May.
- **Let's Connect!** Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit [www.dtownpc.org](http://www.dtownpc.org) and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.
- The **flowers** are in loving memory of Michael A. Fisher by Trip Fisher and family.
- The **prayer of confession** is from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 53.1, p. 128
- **Lay Leader:** Peter Christianson. **Assisting Pastor:** Roberta Kearney

**Property Tour.** As we explore the congregation's options regarding the future of church-owned properties located at 109 and 112 Mechanics Street, members are invited to tour the buildings on **May 16** from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The task force has been working to determine the best course of recommended action and your input is vital to this process. For background and an overview of the previous actions and next steps, visit the task force's homepage at [www.dtownpc.org/mechanicsstreet](http://www.dtownpc.org/mechanicsstreet). Keep watch in your email for future updates and opportunities to offer feedback.

**Garden Getaway.** Prepare to enter a world of breathtaking beauty and natural wonder! On **May 20**, at 10 am, the SAM Committee hosts a trip to Hortulus Farm in Wrightstown - "where history and horticulture meet" - for a special private guided tour! The cost is a discounted \$20, payable upon arrival. The 1.5-hour tour of the 30-acre gardens requires mobility as the grounds are not wheelchair friendly. There are only 25 spots available so visit [bit.ly/SAMGardenTour](http://bit.ly/SAMGardenTour) to register online today!

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