

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Word of Welcome

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:17

May Christ open our eyes
that we may see the light of creation.

May Christ open our ears
that we may hear the song of the earth.

May Christ open our hearts
that we may give and receive love.

Christ himself is before all things and in him all things hold together.

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
verses 1, 2, and 5

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Prayer of Confession

**There is no pain in our hearts or in our planet that you do not know,
for you have touched the lowest places on earth.**

Teach us to grieve with you, O Christ, the loss of all the beauty that is being killed.

**There is no place in the heavens that cannot be touched by your resurrection presence,
for you fill all things.**

**Give us strength in your victory over death to grow into your way of love,
which does not despair but keeps sowing seeds of hope and making signs of wholeness.**

**Under Christ's control all the different parts of the body fit together
and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided.**

Teach us to know our interconnectedness with all things.

Teach us to grow with each other and all living creatures through love.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

We make these confessions asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational Response 577

Lord, Have Mercy
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
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KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Those who are able, please stand*

Congregational Response 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 1

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Kim Harris and Jason Moore, Piano

arr. Conrad Kotcher

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents are asked to pick-up their child after the service in Room 207, directly across the bridge.)*

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 158

Sermon

"Resurrection: Tikkun Olam"
"The creation itself will be set free..."—Romans 8:21

Pauline Sexton

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the middle of the pew. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned toward the aisles.)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Finale (from Sonata no. 6)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow
verses 1-3 and 6

ROEDER

*Benediction

*Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

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Lay Leader: Tom Maclin **Assisting:** John Willingham

The **flowers** are given today to the memory of my beloved nephew, Andrew Christian Bishop, and sister-in-law, Sharon Bishop, by Anne. L. Bishop.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Your gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our acts of compassion for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32%, the latter of which will be used to help persons displaced by the war in Ukraine. We encourage you to give generously as we help neighbors in need.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Earth Gospel, A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* by Sam Hamilton-Poore, Upper Room Books, Nashville, 2008, p. 101 and 84.

Join the planning team for **DPC Women's Retreat 2023**. Sundays, **May 1 and May 15**, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm in AH-213. With a variety of likes and gifts we all want to grow in faith and community as women of DPC. Come, start the conversation, and we will see where the Spirit leads us! Email Pastor Becca at BeccaB@dtownpc.org for more information.

Holocaust Series. What can we learn from one of the most horrific events in human history? Together we reflect and learn during classes set for the first three Sundays in May from 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Celtic Cross Room. On **May 1** we receive a comprehensive historic overview from a member of a Bucks County-based Jewish War Veterans post. On **May 8**, Holocaust survivor Daniel Goldsmith shares his experiences as a Jewish boy in Belgium. On **May 15**, Pastor John Willingham recounts his visit to Buchenwald Concentration Camp and the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was imprisoned there and executed soon thereafter.



SCAN ME

Let's Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone.

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