

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022 – 8:30 am
Pauline Sexton preaching, John Willingham assisting

Words 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* DIX
verses 1, 2, and 5

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)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:18-25 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 158

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Conrad Kotcher
Kim Harris and Jason Moore, Piano

(Ushers will collect any prayer request cards at this time.)

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

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.

*Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow
verses 1-3 and 6

ROEDER

*Benediction

*Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

** Those who are able, please stand*

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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.

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.

Spring is here! DPC's **Home Help Corps** is ready to help. Our dedicated volunteers can assist with seasonal work such as screen installation and garden cleanup as well as help with transportation needs, errands, or various home tasks. Just call the church office at 215-348-3531 ext. 228 to request help.

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.

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 Bonhoffer, who was imprisoned there and executed soon thereafter.



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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 camera.



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love

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