

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

8:30 am

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Look at the World
Youth Choir

John Rutter

Call to Worship

Olivia F. and Caroline R.

The Table has been set. **Gather 'round.**
To better hear the stories. **Gather 'round.**
Louder for those in the back. **Gather 'round.**
To Worship our God and walk in Wisdom's ways. **Gather 'round.**

*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Prayer of Confession

Lucy B.

Holy One, we confess that we have created disunity, categories, and value systems which creates labels and hierarchies that you never intended for us. You created us in your image, all of us. Categories are human creations. You have transcended our categories and language that attempts to make sense of you. Forgive us when our boxes and categories have caused harm. Forgive us when we have devalued others. Forgive us when we have expected others to conform. You are the Holy One, the Creator of us all. Call us into the hard work of wholeness, healing, and restoration. May we hear you, oh Lord, whether you shout or whisper and may we ever be listening.
(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth C.

Friends, hear and believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture Lesson:

Riley B.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 174

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

Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father
Youth Choir

Dan Forrest

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

Sermon

Visio Divina

Artwork by Lauren H.

Story

Olivia F.

Scripture Retold

Confirmands

Presentation of Confirmands

Glenn Haas

Molly B., Kyle C., Brayden G., Jason H., and Caroline R.

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.)

Minute for Ministry *(Please refer to page 4)*

Prayers of the People

Jason H.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Jason H.

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 409

God Is Here!
(Verses 1 and 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Benediction

*Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Festival Ringers

arr. Matt Johnson

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Assisting: Becca Bateman

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of our mothers, Joan Hack and Verlie Roe, by David and Nancy Roe; and in memory of my parents, Eleanor and Edgar Holstein, by Linda Sheasley and family.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Carole Leipin, on her death on April 22; to the family of Isabel Streeper, on her death on April 28; and to the family of Wis Silver, on his death on April 29. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

Join the planning team for **DPC Women's Retreat 2023: 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. Together we reflect and learn as our classes continue during the next two Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Celtic Cross Room. **Today**, 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.

Celebrate the Arts Spring Concert. Sunday, **May 22**, at 4 pm. DPC's Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and the Bucks County Ecumenical Choir will present Dan Forrest's, "Requiem for the Living." Over the past two years our lives have been turned around over and over again. We hope this program will serve as another step forward in our collective healing; helping us move from darkness and fear toward hope and peace. A free will offering will be received.

Memorial Day Street Picnic! We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in Doylestown on **May 30**. Be sure to stop by, outside the church, for food and fun with your fellow DPC members. Bring your friends and family! We are putting out a call for anyone who may be interested in volunteering by donating snacks or helping to prepare, serve, or set up for the event. To see the current needs and available volunteer roles, please visit bit.ly/DPC-MDP2022. Stay tuned for more details.

Do you have a book, or podcast, or theme you'd like to explore with others? If so, consider becoming a **Growth Group facilitator**. We are always on the lookout for passionate individuals and engaging material. Email dpc@dtownpc.org (subject line "Growth Groups") as we assemble our summer offerings.



"The crosses pictured above depict faith and change over time.

On the left, the cross is surrounded by music notes, symbolizing the most impactful way I was involved in the church as a young child. In the center two outstretched hands connect, symbolizing volunteer work and youth group, and the strong connections I have made throughout my adolescence in the church. Finally on the right, the cross is amidst a bunch of flourishing flowers, symbolizing the beauty that I foresee in the future."

— Artwork by Lauren H.



In affirming our vow made as a congregation at baptism, "we promise to guide and nurture those baptized by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church."



How might YOU be a part of this promise?

- Pray for the children and youth and the leaders
- Become CPP (Community Protection Program) certified to work with children/youth
- Pass on the information about the open Youth Director position; encourage someone to apply, or apply yourself
- Assist with the choirs for children and youth
- Be a leader at Club 456 meetings on Wed. and/or Youth Group on Sun. evenings
- Provide something (food/meal, your home for a gathering, driving to or chaperoning on a retreat or day trip) for the youth
- Be a leader at Vacation Bible School (July 11-14, 9 am to 12 pm)
- Maintain a connection with a college student through the Church Mouse program
- Leading/teaching Sunday morning programs for children/youth
- Serve on a Committee focusing on the children or youth
- I'd like to speak to someone about how I might help



Name _____ Phone/Email _____

Thank you so much for your support!
 We will connect with you in the coming weeks.
 For more information, visit our Volunteer Resource Center at
www.dtownpc.org/volunteer-resource-center
 or contact Pastor Becca Bateman at BeccaB@dtownpc.org

