

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023 – 8:30 am
John Willingham preaching, Becca Bateman assisting

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship Psalm 25:4-6

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

*Hymn 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Confession

Beautiful Savior,

you have made your law clear: love; love one another.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.

**We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action
and thoughtless lack of action.**

Forgive us.

**Teach us to live more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love,
following your law and fulfilling your will.**

(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: Matthew 12:1-8

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 12

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

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem *Hear Us, O Savior* Jean-Philippe Rameu
Logan Laudenslager and Gina Ricci

Sermon “Something Greater”
“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.”—Matthew 12:7

Concerns of the Church

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(You will be invited to come down the center aisle, receive gluten-free bread from a pastor, move to the left and receive a cup from a pastor, eat the bread and drink the juice, place the cup in the basket held by another server and then return by the side aisle. If you unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.)

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Fugue in C Minor

J.S. Bach

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We invite you to fill out a **Prayer Request card** located in the pews. Ushers will collect the cards during the anthem. Requests will be shared during Concerns of the Church and those individuals will be held in prayer during the week by our pastors and prayer groups.

Participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our *Book of Order* declares "the invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love." In addition, "Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity."

The **flowers** are given today in memory of our daughter, Tara, on her birthday by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother Chad; and in loving memory of Carole C. Tomlinson by her family.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Volume 56.1, p. 160.



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