

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023 – 8:30 am
John Willingham preaching
Becca Bateman assisting

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Thee We Adore

arr. R. Hebble

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:11a, 12-14

In Christ, we have also obtained an inheritance so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory.

In him we also, when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and had believed in him,
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people,
to the praise of his glory.

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your faith and forgiveness.

We have not offered steadfast love to you or each other.

We have not moved forward in faith,

but allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.

Revive us, raise us up,

that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational Response 587



Old Testament Lesson: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 627

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

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

Anthem

Upon Your Heart
Chamber Choir

arr. Eleanor Daley

New Testament Lesson: John 6:25-27

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 98

** Those who are able, please stand*

Sermon

"The Seal of Love"

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm." —Song of Solomon 8:6a

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.)

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Fugue in Eb

J.S. Bach

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New Life! The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Nickolas Thomas Bonetta, born on March 29, to Jean and Brian Bonetta (the proud DPC grandparents are Sue and Tom Haldeman); Zoey Gloria Theodosopoulos, born on April 22, to Leslie and Angelo Theodosopoulos (the proud DPC grandparents are Sherri and Greg Hoynak); and Michael Stephen Hutchings, born April 25, to Maggie Michael and Stephen Hutchings (the proud DPC grandmother is Eileen Telly).

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lauren Knapp, on the death of her mother Carol Swanson Hooper on May 2. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Michael A. Fisher by Trip Fisher and family; in loving memory of our mothers, Joan Hack and Verlie Roe, by David and Nancy Roe; in loving memory of my parents, Eleanor and Edgar Holstein, by Linda Sheasley and family; and in honor of the love and commitment between Frederick and Priscilla Nobbs on what would have been their 63rd wedding anniversary by Karen Kuder, and Craig and Mary Nobbs.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts. Volume 56.1, p. 130.

RECOMMENDATIONS for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for the PNC who will seek and recommend to the congregation our next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

It is essential that the PNC consists of individuals who reflect the diversity of our congregation. As prescribed in the *Book of Order*, we seek able, gifted persons of strong faith and dedicated discipleship because of their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

If you have a recommendation of someone (including yourself), complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop off at the church office, or talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Bob Maxwell, moderator, Maureen Arnold, Alison Ferrara, Greg Jensen, Gavin Jones, Kathy McQuate, Tom Maclin, Kim Nardo, and Krista Spadt. **The deadline for submitting nominations is May 15.** The Nominating Committee hopes to present a slate of nine candidates during the June 11 Congregational Meeting. If you need contact information to reach a committee member, you can call the church office at 215-348-3531 or email dpc@dtownpc.org.

Candidate's

name: _____

DPC activity or involvement:

Additional comments:

Your name:
