

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 – 8:30 am
Rev. Dr. Tom Kort, preaching;
Rev. Becca Bateman, assisting

The Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude

He Will Hold Me Fast
Art Shull Jr., Nick Ferrara, Eileen Telly, and Mina Choi

A.R. Habershon & M. Merker

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Saviour loves me so. He will hold me fast.
Those He saves are His delight. Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight. He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost. He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Saviour loves me so. He will hold me fast.*

Call to Worship

In the beginning God created. **Our story began to unfold.**
In the beginning, God made everything. **God is present in the paths of our lives.**

*Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Prayer of Confession

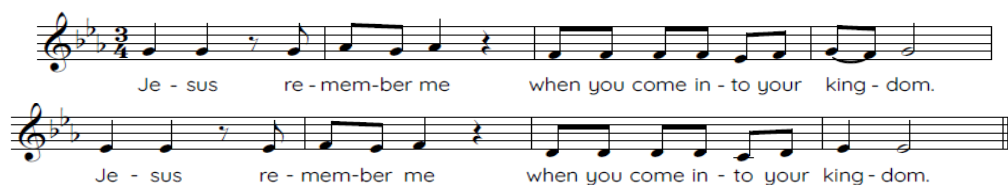
God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with our emotions. Our bodies fill with anger at the slightest insult and our mind goes wild with vengeance upon those who wronged us. We get lazy in the comfort of our faith but do not consider the steps that would increase a deeper commitment of faith. Somehow we convince ourselves that care for ourselves is good enough and ignore the needs of others. In your mercy grant us forgiveness and show us how to be a light of your love as we silently confess our sin...

(Time for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregational Response *(Remain seated)*



(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 4:8-9, 25-26
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 4

Anthem

I Am a Child of God
Art Shull Jr., Nick Ferrara, Eileen Telly, and Mina Choi

J.D. Helser, B.M. Johnson, and J.D. Chase

New Testament Lesson: Selections from Luke 3
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 60

** Those who are able, please stand*
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:35,37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

Postlude

Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582

J.S. Bach

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Music Note: Much of the music selected for the season of Lent is inspired by the book of Psalms. We hope these beautiful texts add meaning to this season of reflection and repentance.

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Ella Rae Kinter, born on February 10, to Carrie and Joe Kinter. The proud DPC grandmother is Candi Van Wagner.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Amy Lloyd on the death of her father, Andrew Uivary, on February 21; and to the friends and family of Margaret Walsh on her death on February 26.

The **flowers** are given today with fond memories of my beloved husband, Allan Gilmour, on his birthday by Marianne Gilmour.

In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.



2024 EASTER FLOWERS Our members have the opportunity to remember or honor loved ones as well as provide our church with beautiful arrangements for Holy Week. Flowers and palms will be artistically arranged throughout the Sanctuary. If you would like to help make this offering possible, please complete the form shown below:

I would like to make _____ donation(s) at \$15.00 each. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES**

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

From: _____.

Make checks payable to DPC (note "Easter Flowers" on it). Mail to the church office or place in the offering plate. **Names must be received in the church office no later than noon on Monday, March 18.**