

All Are Welcome in God's House

April 14, 2024

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

Prelude

Our Father in Heaven
Sunshine Singers

Frank Hernandez

Call to Worship

— based on Psalm 8

In the laughter of a child
your faithful people praise your name.
In the whispers of the weak
your faithful people praise your name.
In the chorus of all creation
your faithful people praise your name.
Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Hear us, as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Congregational Response



The Sacrament of Baptism

THE BAPTISM OF	ELDER REPRESENTATIVE
Nola June Smith	Rich Smith
Easton James Smith	
Jordan Robert Di Clemente	Arthur V. Shull

The Litany and Act of Baptism

Hymn of Thanksgiving *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in rooms 207 and 203, across the bridge following worship.)

First Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-3 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 108
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Anthem *Prelude on "Ellacombe"* Michael Helman
Joyful Bells

Second Scripture Lesson: Revelation 21:1-4 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 259
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Whatever Happened to Easter?" Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Theme and Variations on "Thine is the Glory"

Beethoven

Erin Rizk, Cello and Mina Choi, Piano

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Because He Lives

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus. He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon. An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

Refrain: **Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold our newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance this child can face uncertain days because Christ lives.**
(Refrain)

**And then one day I'll cross that river. I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.**
(Refrain)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Alleluia, Give Thanks

T. Porter

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman and Rev. Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Doug Barnett

Today's **Prayer of Confession** comes from the *Book of Common Worship*.

*Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!
Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!*

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be administered today to Nola June Smith and Easton James Smith, daughter and son of Justine and Andy Smith; and Jordan Robert Di Clemente, son of Stephanie and Philip Di Clemente.

The **flowers** on the back table were donated by Elizabeth Watkins and Matt Pecora in celebration of their wedding on April 13.

Today we present **Bibles** to our children around 4 years old. "Let the word of the Lord dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." —Colossians 3:16. Because of our commitment to the younger generations, at each new stage of faith we provide for the tools and support and community and love so that there might be a personal response to the love God has shown us.

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.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.

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