

Doylestown Presbyterian Church  
Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024 – 8:30 am  
Rev. Dr. Tom Kort, preaching; Rev. Becca Bateman, assisting

All Are Welcome in God's House

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Persons nearest the center aisle 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.)*

Prelude

*I Am With You Always*

S. Keeny

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*

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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...**

*(Time for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Congregational Response



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

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

Anthem

Theme and Variations on "Thine is the Glory"  
Erin Rizk, Cello and Mina Choi, Piano

Beethoven

New Testament 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?"

\*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.**

\*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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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.

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

**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.