

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024 – 8:30 am
Rev. Pauline Sexton, 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

This is My Father's World

arr. P. Keveren

Call to Worship

— based on Psalm 8

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

When I look at your heavens, the moon and the stars,
what are human beings that you are mindful of them?

**You crowned them with glory and honor,
and gave them dominion over the works of your hands;**

All sheep, oxen and beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**forgive us for the ways in which we contribute to the
disfigurement and destruction of your creation.**

Transform us to be aware of the ways we live that pollute your world.

Energize us to make caring and loving for creatures and creation an act of faithful service.

May we have the mind of Christ as we live each day in faith and worship.

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



Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:26-31

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 1

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

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

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

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Gina Ricci, Logan Laudenslager, and Eve Sheldon

arr. John Rutter

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 200

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

Sermon

“Two Pockets”

*Affirmation of Faith

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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 37

Let All Things Now Living

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*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

arr. H Grabner

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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.



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