

# All Are Welcome in God's House

May 5, 2024

10:30 am

## Sixth 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                      *They'll Know We Are Christians with Blest Be The Tie*                      arr. C. Tornquist

Call to Worship

We were once strangers to each other.

**God drew us near.**

We were once strangers to ourselves.

**God drew us near.**

We were once strangers to God.

**God drew us near.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

\*Hymn 310                                      *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*                                      ST. THOMAS

Prayer of Confession

**God of all creation,**

**you have woven into every being an interconnectedness to you.**

**Yet, because of our sinful nature we cut ourselves off.**

**Our belonging becomes taxing, neighbors become strangers,  
and differences become suspicions.**

**God, help us to draw near to you so that we might be encouraged**

**by the fruit that comes from our recognition of the order of your ways.**

**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



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

Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

*“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.”*

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.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 24:30-32a

NIV (OT)

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 5:22-26  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 191

Sermon

“What Color is Your Thumb?”

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

## The Commissioning and Reception of New Members

Introduction of New Members

Jim Kmetzo

Proclamation of Faith

\*Affirmation of Faith

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.**

\*Hymn 306

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*  
Verses 1 and 2

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## 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

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654*

J.S. Bach

\*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 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*Voluntary, Op.6, No.6*

J. Stanley

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Claire C., George Coyne II, Karyn Coyne, Aimee Grace, Jared Grace,  
Edwin Guerra, Caleb Henshaw, Carolyn Loverdi, Robert Luczak,  
Christine Merry, John Merry, Victoria Ratchford**

*Following the benediction, you may greet the new members at the rear of the sanctuary.*

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

**Assisting:** Rev. Becca Bateman and Rev. Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Marie Stevens

**New Life!** The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Riley Jean Elliott, born on April 16, to Kelly and Robert Elliott, Jr.

**Christian Sympathy.** The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Bill Yerkes on his death on April 29. We hold them in prayer in their time of loss. A Service of Remembrance will take place in our Sanctuary on Friday, **May 10** at 11 am. There will be a time of visitation with the family prior to the service in the Celtic Cross Room at 10 am.

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; and in loving memory of my parents, Eleanor and Edgar Holstein, by Linda Sheasley and family.

**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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### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort, *Transitional Pastor*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Rev. Pauline J. Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

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