



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio, c. 1600

Doylestown Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2025

10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Second Sunday of Easter

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

Our Father in Heaven
Sunshine Singers

Frank Hernandez

*Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-6a

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for the living God—when shall I come and behold your face?

We thirst for your presence, O God!

My tears have been my food day and night, and the world questioned, ‘Where is your God?’

Yet I remember the days when I led the throng to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving.

We recall your presence with joy and lift our voices in praise!

Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him—my help and my God.

With renewed hope we declare: You are our help and our God!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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Reception of New Members

*Congregational Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(Lyrics on the screen)

DENNIS

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

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 Room 202 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)

** Please stand in body or in spirit.
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond*

Anthem

The Gift of Love
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed.*

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during this time.)

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 115

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Beyond Doubt: Serving the Risen Lord” Jamie Neal, Seminarian

*Affirmation of Faith

— from “The Ministry of Members” in *The Book of Order*

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. Such involvement includes:

proclaiming the good news in word and deed,

taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,

lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,

studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,

supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,

demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,

responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,

living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,

working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,

caring for God’s creation,

participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,

and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

*Hymn 252

Day of Arising

RAABE

Prayers of the People and 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

This Joyful Eastertide
Chloé Moore, Soprano

arr. Arthur Somervell

*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 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Benediction

Postlude

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Debbie and Ron Blough, Phyllis Hanson, Mark Kukulka,
Lauren Mentzer, Liliane Tietjen, and Jennifer Walentukonis.

Following worship, all are invited to a reception on the bridge to welcome the new members.

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer, Rev. Becca Bateman; **Lay Leader:** Doug Barnett

Today's locally sourced **flowers** are in honor of God's creation as we celebrate Earth Day by the Earth Care Group and in loving memory of James Paccioretti by Deirdre Hally.

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of River Weymouth Hobbs, born on April 16, to Katie and Tyler Hobbs. The proud DPC grandparents and Bev and Jeff Fulgham.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Holly Mullin on the death of her mother Norma Heath, on April 18. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

New visitors to DPC are invited to pick up a **Welcome Bag** available on the bridge and in the narthex inside the red doors. Thank you for joining us today!



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.

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