



# All Are Welcome in God's House

April 27, 2025

8:30 am

## 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

*As the Deer*

arr. Jen Modema

\*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 252

*Day of Arising*

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess that we have allowed the light of your  
promises to fade into the shadows of our doubt. Once, your  
Word set our hearts ablaze with truth, but we have forgotten  
the power of what you have spoken.**

**In our uncertainty, we have wandered down the paths of  
earthly wisdom rather than following the way of your  
resurrection hope. Our unbelief has dimmed the fire you  
ignited within us, replacing bold trust with hesitant fear.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for straying from your truth. Renew your  
fire in our hearts—restore us with the hope of the risen  
Christ. Restore our vision so we may see your promise clearly,  
and help us to walk confidently in the light of your everlasting  
love.**

*(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

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



*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*  
by Caravaggio, c. 1600

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

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

Anthem *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Arthur Somervell  
Chloé Moore, Soprano  
*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.*  
*(Refrain) Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,  
our faith would be in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*  
*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)*  
*Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. (Refrain)*  
*(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

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.**

\*Hymn 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

\*Benediction

Postlude *Jamie's Special Request*

# Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

**Assisting:** Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer, Rev. Becca Bateman

**Ways to give:** Offering boxes are located at the door in the front of the sanctuary and on the table beneath the rear stained glass windows. To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.

Join for **coffee, tea, and refreshments** on the bridge between worship services each Sunday.

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!

**DPC’s newest members** will be received into the church during the 10:30 service today.



**Let’s Connect!** Do you have a Prayer Request? Would you like to share a joy or concern with the pastors, or other members of your DPC family? We want to hear from you! Visit [www.dtownpc.org](http://www.dtownpc.org) and click “Connect” at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera. This is also the place to learn more about our various ministries, programs, mission efforts and the many ways that you can get involved.



## SESSION

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