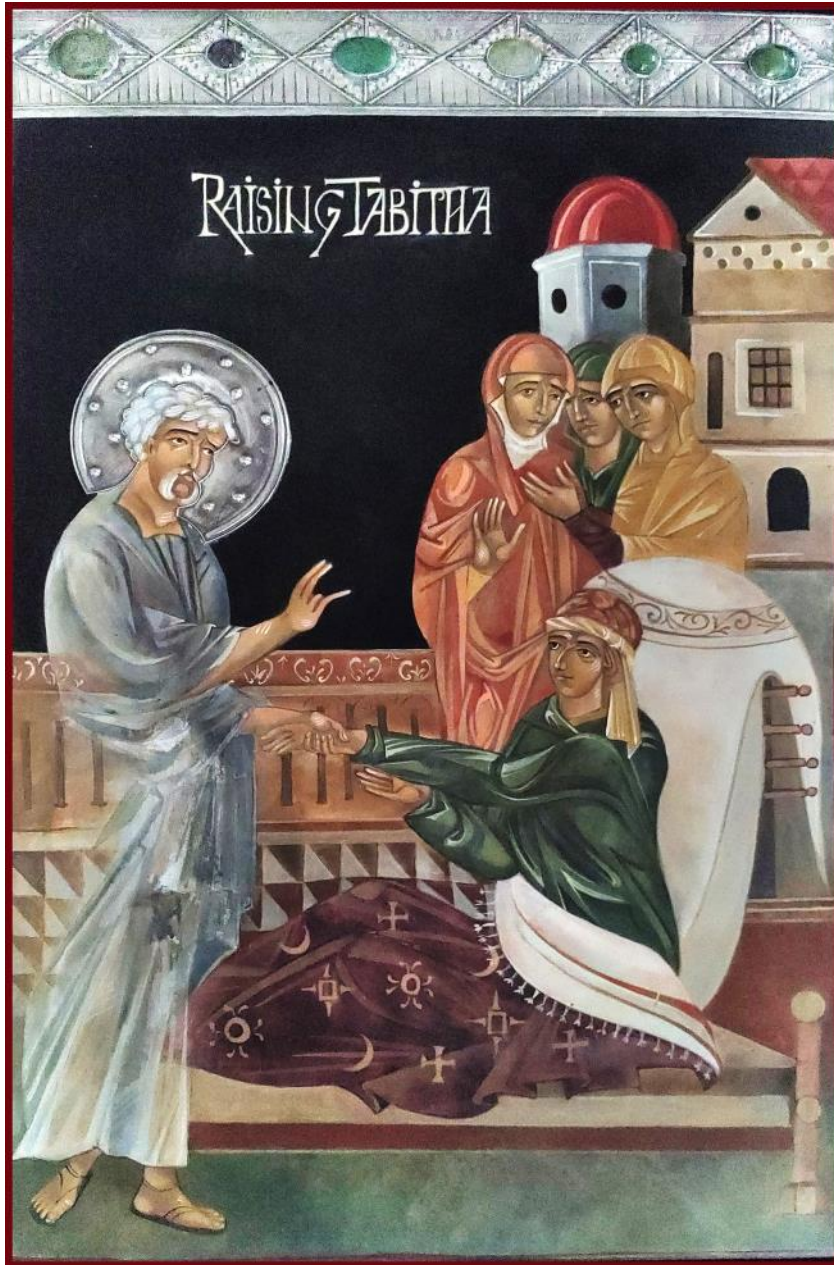


Doylestown Presbyterian Church



"Raising Tabitha" by Mary Jane Miller (2008) Guanajuato, Mexico

May 11, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Fourth 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

Improvisation on *Norwich* (Mothering God)

*Call to Worship

Revelation 7:12, 16-17

They worshiped God with these words:

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Never again will they be hungry or thirsty;

**the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them,
for the Lamb, who is at the center of the throne will be their shepherd
and will lead them to springs of living water.**

And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, who has protective wings,

forgive us for not extending wings of care for those who are vulnerable,

God, who is like a comforting mother,

forgive us for being too busy and distracted to bring comfort to those in need,

God of creativity, who brings forth life,

forgive us for shutting down our own creative potential.

We say, "I can't sing or draw or knit or write or tell a story like my friend can."

Our insecure comparisons prevent the freedom to try.

Breathe your courageous resurrection life into us.

Fill us with energy, imagination, intelligence and love.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

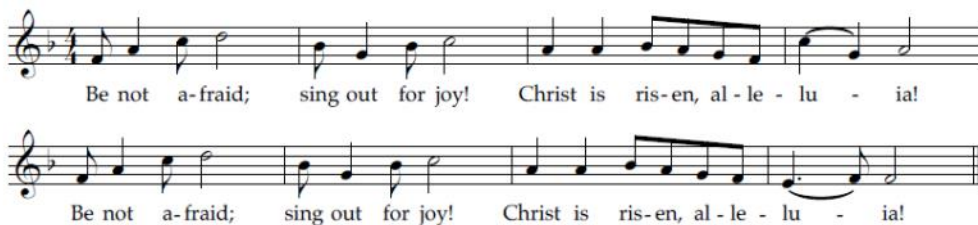
Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond*



*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.)

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23 (KJV and The Message), Responsive

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

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

Anthem

The Sacrifice of Praise

Taylor Davis

Chancel Choir and Erin Rizk, Cello

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.*

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun, moon and stars of light:*

Refrain: *Christ our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of grateful praise,*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, all gentle thoughts and mild.*

*For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, earth's flowers and buds of heaven. (Refrain)*

*For the bride that evermore lifts holy hands above,
offering up on every shore pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)*

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

Prayer of Illumination and Second Scripture Lesson: Acts 9:36-43 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 128
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“A Disciple Named Tabitha”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Hymn 177

I will Come to You (You Are Mine)

YOU ARE MINE

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

Give Me Jesus

M. Garrett

*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 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

*Benediction

Postlude

Preludium and Fugue in E Major

V. Lübeck

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman; **Lay Leader:** Marin Young

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Michael A. Fisher by Trip Fisher and family, and in loving memory of our mothers, Joan Hack and Verlie Roe, by David and Nancy Roe.

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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