

Doylestown Presbyterian Church

Service of Ordination and Installation

May 18, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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Fifth 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

Here I am Lord

arr. John Carter

*Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 13:13; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:4

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 697

Take My Life

HENDON

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response 243

Be Not Afraid



*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: Acts 10:24-33

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 129

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

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King
Chancel Choir

arr. Benedict Sheehan

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let them ring,
Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam, sing praises! Sing praises!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Dear Mother Earth, who day by day,
unfoldst blessings on our way, Sing praises! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, God's glory let them also show!
Sing praises! Sing praises! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
All people who, with wounded heart, in love and mercy share your art,
Sing praises! Alleluia! Let fire be kindled through your songs,
let harmony redress all wrongs, O sing ye! O sing ye!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

**Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your Word,
and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Scripture Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 130

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

Sermon

“Who Was I That I Could Hinder God?”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

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Litany of Gifts and Service

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Improvisation on How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

*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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "All Creatures"

William Faulkes

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman; **Lay Leader:** Janet Roberto

Summer Worship: We begin our summer worship schedule next Sunday, **May 25** with just one service at 9:30 am.

Ordination and Installation of church leaders. Today we ordinate and install our newest classes of Ruling Elders and Deacons. During the 8:30 service: **Ruling Elders:** Dennis Parenti and Jeff Toner; **Deacons:** Kathy Brown, Sally Deibert, and Barbara Glore. During the 10:30 service: **Ruling Elders:** Charlie Babboni, Deirdre Hally, Erin Rizk, and Rebecca Strauss; **Deacons:** Kyle Citro, Dick Cornelius, Linda Gelcius, Jane Kube, Bob Miller, and Barbara Skapura.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Dr. Julian and Mrs. Edith Prundeanu and Julian Prundeanu, Jr. by Connie Prundeanu; in loving memory of John and Ashley Tomlinson by Julie, Tyler, and Sarah Tomlinson; in loving memory of Mary Hally Shortall by Deirdre Hally; and in loving memory of Bob Hoffner and Jean Lang by Carole Hoffner, Cheryl Dreyer, and David Hoffner.

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!

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. MacHenry G. Schafer II, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

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

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

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