

All Are Welcome in God's House

June 1, 2025

9:30 am

Seventh 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Shirley Brendlinger

*Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

Hymn Note: Reformer Martin Luther was determined to restore worship to the German church and was known for often borrowing popular secular melodies (read bar and tavern songs) for his hymns. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians to be sung in the vernacular and revived congregational singing by writing a number of hymns. "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" is Luther's most famous hymn, based on Psalm 46, reflecting Luther's awareness of our intense struggle with evil in this world. It is difficult to translate because the original German is so vivid. An older version appeared in the Pennsylvania Lutheran Church Book of 1868 "A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from every need, That hath us now overtaken."

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, scripture says there's no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, but we often live like we're stuck, weighed down, captive, even imprisoned in our own sin and fear. We've focused too much on worldly things and forgotten your peace. Forgive us for not following the tune you have taught our heart to sing. Give us the strength to live in the freedom Christ has given us. May we also disturb the city with praising your name.

(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

*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

Gerri McMullin

(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

Hymn Note: One of our oldest and most moving hymns likely from the 8th century. It was translated in 1905 to English and set to rhyme and meter, then set to traditional Irish folk song, "slane," named for an area in Ireland where St. Patrick reportedly challenged local Druids with the gospel. St. Patrick was born in 373 CE in Scotland but taken captive to Ireland as a slave when, "The Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief" and became a Christian. Patrick eventually escaped and returned home, but one night, in a dream reminiscent of Paul's vision of the Macedonian Man in Acts 16, Patrick felt called to go evangelize Ireland and became one of the most fruitful, planting churches and baptizing converts in spite of the Druid opposition.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 136

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

Sermon

"Songs and Stories"

Rev. Becca Bateman

*Hymn 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Hymn Note: A song created inside a sudden calm and quiet stillness after his wife and son had died, Thomas Andrew Dorsey said, "As my fingers began to manipulate over the keys, words began to fall in place on the melody like drops of water falling from the crevice of the rock: *Precious Lord, take my hand; Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn...*" A talented son of a black revivalist preacher who started with the blues. After being converted at the National Baptist Convention in Chicago in 1921 he began writing gospel songs and trying to get them published. Discouraged having sent out 500 copies of his song it was three years before he got a single order. His reputation grew and today Thomas A. Dorsey is remembered as the "Father of Gospel Music."

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.

Service of Ordination and Installation

Litany of Gifts and Service

Anne Hutchinson

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

Voluntary

William Walond

*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 840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

Hymn Note: "It is well; let the will of God be done," were the words Horatio G. Spafford spoke to calm himself after such loss in his life. His fortune to the great Chicago fire in 1871, his youngest to scarlet fever, his four daughters in a ship collision. These words lingered in his soul until he later wrote his famous hymn. Encouraged by these words in his own tragedy, Philip Bliss later added a melody. Undoubtedly because of the recognition of loss a heart can hold, and the strength God gives, this hymn is commonly used for memorials. This was the hymn requested by the family of Shirley Cassel in her service yesterday.

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Mighty Fortress

M. Choi

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. Dr. Terry Chapman; Rev. Dr. Mina Choi **Lay Leader:** Linda Monkoski

Hymn notes: Notes about today's hymns are taken in part from *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories* by Robert J. Morgan, published by Thomas Nelson, 2003.

Reverend Dr. Terry Chapman served in Presbyterian Churches in New Jersey for 26 years, and recently retired. He has also served churches in Pennsylvania and Edinburgh, Scotland. As a spiritual director, retreat leader, and poet, Terry has authored the book "Sabbath Pause" published in 2012. He has led numerous pilgrimages to Uganda, where he collaborates with an NGO working with children. Currently, Terry serves at The Center for Purposeful Leadership, where he focuses on The Art of Convening. He is also a leader in Illuman, an international men's organization. Terry is a faculty member of Credo, an offering for Presbyterian Ministers. Terry is married to Dr. Jan Chapman, a new member of DPC who specializes in somatic approaches to trauma healing. Terry and Jan are parents to two young adults McKenzie and Nathaniel.

New Life! The rosebuds in the chancel celebrate the births of Tucker Daniel Davidson, born on May 19, to Emily and Matthew Davidson; and Shepard Daniel Woodall, born on May 20, to William and Mandy Woodall. The proud DPC great grandparents are DeeAnn and Marv Woodall.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Shirley Cassel on her death on May 23. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my wife, Linda Felt, by Lee Felt; and in loving memory of my beloved husband Larry by Judy Mann.

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!

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