



Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2025
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

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

Trio

J. Rheinberger

*Call to Worship

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

— from “Restore Our Souls to Singing” by Ted Loder

**Forgive us for the pace that forgets and snarls our days in a faithless scramble,
to make more ends meet than we can manage, or than you purpose for us.**

**We corrode love, bruise those closest to us, turn cowardly at the summons of justice,
slow leak our lives of hope and joy, fray the ties of community, forsake the peace the
world cannot give, for the loneliness, anxiety, and emptiness it can.**

**Mercy us into humility and gratitude, restore our souls to singing, our hearts to loving,
our hands to doing justice.**

(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 575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 84
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 543

Anthem

For This Joy
Chancel Choir; Youth Choir, Kristen Roland, flute

Susan LaBarr

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens; Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens; Each glittering star shining from ages afar, driving away all that frightens.

Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us; Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us; Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing, free us from all that restrains us.

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping, Cherish the joys of new love, and at death's call, the weeping. Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again; love now in memory keeping.

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation! Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation! Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise, singing in glad celebration.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 113
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 563

Sermon

“From the Rising Sun”

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

— Inclusive Language Confession of 1967

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer.

In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel.

Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness.

Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others.

Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression.

The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

*Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

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Offertory

Andante, K. 616

W.A. Mozart

*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

*Benediction

*Postlude

Sonata No. 4: Allegro con brio

F. Mendelssohn

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Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

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The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Alex Pujols by Mayo, Amy, and Jason Pujols.

New visitors to DPC are invited to pick up a **Welcome Bag** available 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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