



Doylestown Presbyterian Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
10:30 am

All Are Welcome in God's House

People's Preparation

"Like the eagle that stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young, God spreads wings to catch you, and carries you on pinions." - Deuteronomy 32:11

Gathering

The Chimes

Welcome and News of the Ministry of the Church

(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

Open My Eyes

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

*Call to Worship

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go.

*Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God,

we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us.

Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry.

We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth.

We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness.

Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone,

that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response 581 *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ
The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Listening

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for
Children's Worship Time. Children will be across the bridge in rooms 207 and 202.
Children will return to service during the closing hymn.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:1-7a Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 803
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Anthem *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell
Chancel Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren use to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father,
break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Acts 17:22-31 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 137
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "God's Offspring" Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

*(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of
our website, or scan the code on the right.)*



Offertory

Meditation on Ubi Caritas

C. Ferrari

*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

SACRAMENT

Welcome to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the gluten-free elements until all have received so that we might share in this meal together.)

Closing Prayer

Sending

*Hymn 44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

AUSTIN

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude on Lasst uns erfreuen

W. Faulkes

Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Van Starner

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Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." We encourage you to share in this meal of God's people with us.

Summer Worship: We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, **May 24** with just one service at 9:30 am.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Karyn Coyne on the death of her husband George Coyne on May 3. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** today are given 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.

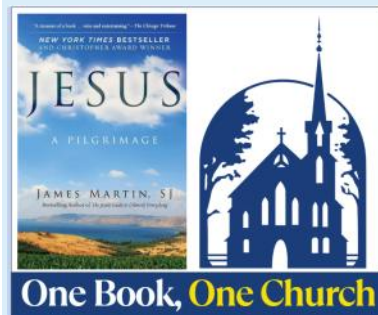
New visitors to DPC are invited to pick up a **Welcome Bag** available in the narthex inside the red doors. Thank you for joining us today!

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 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.



DPC AT A GLANCE

For a digital version of **DPC At A Glance**, with clickable links to make signing up easy, just scan this code with your phone's camera!



Summer Growth Group signups are now open!

Visit www.dtownpc.org/growth-groups to learn more and to register today.

This summer, many of DPC's Growth Groups will be reading and studying *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ.

The list below are those groups focusing on our *One Book, One Church* initiative.

Sundays following worship, DPC Room 213, led by Becca Bateman (childcare available)

Tuesday afternoons for Pine Run residents, offsite

Wednesday afternoons for Dock Woods residents, offsite

Wednesday evenings, offsite, 6:30 pm with Amy Edenson and Katy Schafer

Thursday evenings (ladies only), offsite, 7 pm with Ann Petro and Linay Richards

Friday mornings, DPC, 7:15 am, led by Jeff Toner

Saturday mornings (men's group), DPC, 7:30 am, led by Jay Stough

Once you have signed up, the leader will be in touch with exact dates of the group meetings and information about purchasing the book, if that is needed.

There are other smalls groups meeting this season, too! We've got groups for **DPC Dads**, **DPC Moms**, **Outdoor Walk and Talk**, **Bridging the Spectrum**, and **Waking Up with the Word** with Pastor Mac.



DPC at the Ballpark - Deadline approaching!

Baseball season is in full swing! Come and join in the crew of 30 already signed up to cheer on the Phillies on Friday, **July 24** at 6:40 pm against the Yankees. Registration and ticket purchases will be **due by Friday, May 15**.

DPC at the Ironpigs Game. Those looking for a casual baseball experience can catch a Lehigh Valley Ironpigs on **August 29!** Minor League baseball can be major fun and some actually prefer the atmosphere. The game is at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown at 6:35 pm against the Syracuse Mets.

For full details about both of these baseball outings and to register for tickets today, visit: www.dtownpc.org/baseball-games or visit the **events section on the homepage.**



Mountains and Valleys. As the song goes, "Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley low enough..." The newest Celebrate the Arts Visual Arts Display is now on display now in the Celtic Cross Room.



DPC Memorial Day Street Picnic. We look forward to once again joining with the community for this very special day in

Doylestown on **May 25**. Visit bit.ly/DPC-MDP to see how you can help out and sign up today! Fellowship, fun, and free coffee, donuts, and hotdogs for all!



Food Drive and Community Meal. DPC's monthly Food Drive occurs Sunday, **May 17** followed by the monthly Community Meal in

Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring donations to the lobby that morning.

To volunteer or donate to the meal, visit bit.ly/DPC-CM.



Hindu Temple Tour. Join in with DPC members, friends and our neighbors from Second Baptist Church of Doylestown for a tour of

BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham – a breathtaking Hindu Temple in Robbinsville, New Jersey, on **Friday, May 29**. We will meet at the temple by 10:45 am for the tour, which begins at 11:00 am. **Registrations would be appreciated by Tuesday, May 12**. There is no admission fee and the tour is free. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about culture, faith, and spirituality while appreciating beautiful architecture in a majestic setting. For full details and the registration link, visit bit.ly/DPC-TEMPLE



Bucks County Symphony Orchestra. The BCSO is pleased to present its first ever Chamber Strings Concert to our community at DPC on **May 17** at

3 pm We hope that you find this performance appealing and inspiring as we feature some of the BCSO's most accomplished musicians performing in an intimate chamber setting. This is a ticketed event and tickets may be purchased through buckscountysymphony.org.



Weatherwood Ridge Reserve Visit. Join DPC's Earth Care Committee for a private tour of this inspirational property that features a thriving forest floor community of native plants.

We gather at the reserve on Saturday, **May 23** at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The cost of the tour is \$35 per person. Payment will be made at the property. For full details and to register today, visit www.dtownpc.org/weatherwood-visit.



Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing.

Every year, hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths worldwide in children under 5 years old. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food and is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. Join us for a great volunteer activity as we once again participate in an FMSC local food packing event after worship on Sunday, **May 31**. We'll head to Delaware Valley University Student Center from 12 to 2 pm. This is a meaningful event for all ages and families (kids 5 and up) to participate in. We need 75 volunteers to sign up at bit.ly/DPC-FMSC



DPC Summer Camp.

Your kiddos won't want to miss what we have in store this year! It's time to enter the Wild West!

Visit www.dtownpc.org/children+family to learn more and to sign up today!



Children and Youth Sunday School

9:30 - 10:15 am in Andrews Hall

DPC Nursery: Open to children 9 months to 2

Little Lambs: Ages 2 to Pre-K in the Nursery

Younger Elementary: K to 2nd grade in Room 211

Older Elementary: Grades 3-5 in the Room 203

Middle School: Grades 6-8 in Youth Room 202

During 10:30 am Worship Service

DPC Nursery: Ages 9 months to age 4

Children's Worship Time (CWT): Ages 4 to 2nd grade in Room 207

CWT+: Grades 3 to 6 in Youth Room 202

Adult Education Offerings

Good News and Other News - 9:30 am, Ruth I. Hughes Memorial Library, AH

Current events are discussed while reflecting upon the story from the perspective of faith.

This week: Ben Sasse, the 54-year-old former college president and former United States Senator from Nebraska, is dying of pancreatic cancer. A new drug is giving him extra time, which he is using to urge people to fix politics in Washington and strengthen a sense of community at home. His struggle has strengthened his faith, made him more dependent on God, and encouraged him to tell the truth. We will listen to his story and use it as an opportunity to discuss faith amid adversity and the importance of being a truth-teller. *Led by Ken Johnson.*

The Word Among Us - 9:15 am, AH-213

The Word Among Us continues to focus this season on the Book of Mark. Join us as we study and appreciate the beauty of Scripture and how we can use it in our own devotional times with God. *Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen.*



Mission Statement: *Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.*

Vision Statement: *A growing community of disciples engaged in worship, service, and care.*

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