



Sunday Worship
May 1, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

Where there was no way

God leads us in a new way

Where there was no mercy

God surprises us with fresh mercy

Where there was weeping

God invites us to step into a new dance.

OPENING PRAYER

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

***HYMN #248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:1-19

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-20

SERMON Terminator to Transformer

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Creating, sustaining, re-creating God: We thank you for all your goodness to us and to our world. Accept these gifts, we pray, as symbols of ourselves—our work, our rest, our play. We offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Please hold up your elements as the Words of Institution are spoken)

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #250** In the Bulb There is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



Church Staff
Susan Fall, Pastor
Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator
Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer
Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper



ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 1, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Anne C. Klair.

TONIGHT at 6:30pm Youth Group. *Destination Unknown.* You won't know where we are going until you get there but it's going to be fun!

Vacation Bible School Sign up: VBS will be held on June 27 – July 1 for preschool – 6th graders. Online registration is available at <http://vbspro.events/p/c805d3>. This year we are joining with The Anchor Presbyterian Church which is why you will find Anchor's name listed. This registration is for both churches.

Youth Adventure Camp – July 11 – 15, 2022: This camp is for those in 6th – 12th grade. Monday – Friday, 9:00-4:00, youth are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God's creation through different environment and outdoor experiences - fishing- a day at the shore and kayaking in the Pine Barrens of NJ. Explorers are to bring their own lunch each day. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. There is a \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Sign up by calling the church office. This program will be led by Pastor Su who is also looking for volunteers to help with transportation.

Lenten Food Collection Mission Project: We collected 776.5 lbs of food for the Doylestown Food Pantry. Here are the winners: Heaviest – Belly Blessings; Most Balanced Food Group Items: Team Wordle; Most Green Items: Belly Blessings; Largest Pile of Food: Crykle; Most Items Found in the Bible: Hunger Fighters; Most Wordle Food: Team Wordle. Well done everyone!!!!

Discussion on the War in the Ukraine: Mark your calendar for Thursday evening, May 5 at 7:00 when all are invited to join together on Zoom for an opportunity to share thoughts and concerns about the war. This will be led by our former intern, Lt. Amy Ruhf, who, as a Navy Chaplain, will offer a unique perspective. The link for this Zoom session will be the same as it is for Sunday morning worship and all other church activities:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> **Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782.**

<u>Calendar:</u>	May 1	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school followed by Coffee Hour
		6:30pm	Youth Group
	May 2	7:00pm	Bell Choir rehearsal Boy Scouts
	May 4	12:00pm	Wednesday Lunch
		12:30pm	Knitting/Crocheting Group
	May 5	7:00pm	Discussion on the War in the Ukraine on Zoom led by Amy Ruhf-Brien

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Dee Tori Coffee Host: Amy Raab

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari,
Dick Wright, Jim Turner, Peggy Cosner, Mary Reinhardt