



# The Presbyterian Church of Dover

*April 14, 2024 + 11 AM + Third Sunday of Easter*

## The Gathering

**Ring of the Hour, Welcome, & Community News**

**Prelude**

“Little Prelude”

Johann Sebastian Bach

**+ Call to Worship**

We live in the radiance of your glory.

**Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.**

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

**Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.**

**+ Opening Prayer**

**Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places. When we face uncertainty, you are there. When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there. And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there. Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.” Amen.**

**+ Opening Hymn #839**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

**Confession & Pardon**

Even in the joy of resurrection, we do not forget the anguish of our sins. We pray together in confession and lament:

**Risen One, we confess our silence amid the persecution of others, silence that has often complied with oppression and brought harm. What can we do to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness? Help us to hear your voice above all others, and teach us how to care for our neighbor, feed the hungry, and clothe and care for those in need, for as we do these things unto one another, we do them also unto you. Amen. *(Silent Prayers)***

In joy of resurrection, we claim the victory of Christ over the power of sin. God has rolled away the stone to reveal our salvation. We look inside the tomb, and where Jesus once lay lifeless, we find the gifts of God's grace and forgiveness. Go and tell the world!  
**In Christ we are forgiven. Amen!**

+ Hymn #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!" (refrain)

+ Passing the Peace of Christ

## The Word

The Word in Song "Prayer for Today" arr. Michael Kemp  
Chancel Choir & Nancy Parish, flute

The Children's Sermon Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48 (p. 861)

Response This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "These Things" Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

## The Response

+ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

+ Hymn #627 "I Love You, Lord"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.

*\* Please use whichever words and language you prefer.*

### Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Improvisation

+ Doxology #606

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

With gratitude for all that we have and all that we are, we bring our gifts and ourselves to you, Loving God. Receive them and receive us with your abundant and life-giving grace. In the name of Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

## The Sending

+ Closing Hymn #295

“Go to the World”

+ Benediction

Postlude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” Niles Borop & Dwight Liles

*+ Please stand as you are willing and able*

## Announcements

**Participants:** Bill Witham (Lay Leader), Tim Dean (Livestream)

**In the event of pastoral care needs while Pastor Mark is away, please contact Karen Joseph in the church office (302-734-3313) or Julia-Wheeler Dean (862-266-6175).**

**Rev. Cindy Kholmann**

*April 14 Guest Preacher*

Cindy Kohlmann has served two churches as a solo pastor, in Ohio and Massachusetts, and the Presbyteries of Northern New England and Boston as Resource Presbyter. She was elected in June 2018 as Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In January of 2021, she began service as the Connectional Presbyter and Stated Clerk for New Castle Presbytery (Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland). She is married to the Rev. Eric Markman, bridge pastor for Concord Presbyterian Church, and has two adult step-daughters and one cat.

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# Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 14</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 20</b>
Pastor Mark's Sabbatical April 10-May 8 Worship with Rev. Cindy Kohlmann 11 AM (sanctuary)	Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary)	NCP Board of Pensions Presentation 9:30 AM (social hall) Ruth Women's Circle 12:30 PM (library) Esther Women's Circle 7 PM (Zoom)		NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room) Del Rods 7 PM (library)	Kent Chamber Choir's Spring Concert 7 PM (sanctuary) with Reception to follow (social hall)	

## Prayer Requests

Please *email* requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM* so we can keep track of prayers.

- Family members in the service at home and abroad, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19 and variants, those adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, those in the hospital and/or Hospice care, those dealing with life-threatening issues.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Harriet DiChiara, Ellen Estus, Naomi Adom, Rev. Dr. Stephen Clark (former pastor of Debbie Johnson), Beverly Bishop (Pat Franze's friend), Pat Franze's granddaughter Emma, and Evie Schlauch.
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and others who are impacted by wars and violence around the world.
- The families of those killed and injured in mass shootings in our country and all those who live with physical, emotional, mental, and financial repercussions related to mass shootings.
- The homebound members and friends of the church, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Charlie Lohrmann, Betty Maine, Charlotte Massey, Sandy & Hank Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.
- Family & friends of the recently deceased, specifically Ryan Kohlmann (Rev. Cindy Kohlmann's brother), Ed Gazze, and Vincent Pietracatella (Anthony's cousin).

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Barb Bayers, Media Technology Coordinator and Interim Organist

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