



# The Presbyterian Church of Dover

*April 21, 2024 + 11 AM + Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## The Gathering

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

**Prelude**

“Restored”  
Bells of Praise

Sandra Eithun

**+ Call to Worship**

We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

**God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God’s presence.**

How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God’s care.

**We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.**

**+ Opening Prayer**

Providing God, in our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare for us a table. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. And oh, how our hearts leap when you call to us, for we know your voice and feel your love. Dearest God, we are so grateful that your staff of righteousness leads us home. Amen.

**+ Opening Hymn #620** “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

**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**



+ Hymn #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

### 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

+ 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 #625 “O Lord My God” (“How Great Thou Art”)

+ Benediction

Postlude

Meditation on “How Great Thou Art”

Traditional Swedish

and S.K. Hine arr. Albert Zabel

*+ Please stand as you are willing and able*

## Announcements

**Participants:** Jimmy Gray (Lay Leader), Jim Hutchison (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. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl**

*April 21 Guest Preacher*

Len Hedges-Goettl is a retired Presbyterian Minister and retired Doctor of Clinical Psychology. He lives in Rehoboth Beach with his wife Barbara who is also a minister serving the Makemie Church in Snow Hill MD. In addition to doing pulpit supply, Len works with Presbytery on COMC, Vital Congregations Planning and provides boundaries training for the Presbytery. He also serves as consultant to Churches that experience difficult events and provides pastoral care for pastors as requested. Len and Barb have four grown children and four grandsons. Len enjoys acting, music and comedy!

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in praise for our many blessings, by Betsy & Jimmy Gray.

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## Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>April 27</b>
Pastor Mark's Sabbatical April 10-May 8  Worship with Rev. Dr. Len Hedges- Goettl 11 AM  Capital Ringers "Springtime in Paris" Concert 4 PM (sanctuary) Reception to follow (social hall)	Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room)  KCC Gathering 6:30 PM (sanctuary)			NA 6:15 PM (social hall)  Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)		

## 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, Pat Franze's granddaughter Emma, Evie Schlauch, Martha Eisenberger, Barbara Trent, Jeffrey Sytsma-Sherman, and Beverly Sisson (Laurie Cummins' friend).
- 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, Hank & Sandy Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.

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Betsy Gray, Handbell Choir Director and Interim Choir Director

Barb Bayers, Media Technology Coordinator and Interim Organist

Office Hours 8:30 AM – 1 PM, Mon.-Thurs.



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