

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Duccio di Buoninsegna

Worship for May 5, 2024

Worship for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Prelude

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

“Joy is home...God created us in joy and created us for joy, and in the long run not all the darkness there is in the world and in ourselves can separate us from that joy, because whatever else it means to say God created us in his image, I think it means that even when we cannot believe in him, even when we feel most spiritually bankrupt and deserted by him, his mark is deep within us. We have God's joy in our blood.”

Frederick Buechner
in *Secrets in the Dark*

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

John 15:11

“Truly! Truly! By God! By God! Be as sure of it as you are that God lives: at the least good deed done here in this world, at the least bit of good will, the least good desire, all the saints in heaven and on earth rejoice, and together with the angels their joy is such that all the joy in this world can't be compared. But the joy of them all together amounts to as little as a bean when compared to the joy of God over good deeds. For truly, God laughs and plays.”

Meister Eckhart
14th Century German Christian Mystic

Welcome!

*We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews.
We hope you will join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*

Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold print.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-9

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and all that dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Call to Confession

Carolyn Layburn

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes.

A Time of Silence

Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession-confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.

Collect

Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 101:4-5

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

***Gloria #583**

*Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Carolyn Layburn

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

***Hymn #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling v.1-3

Hyfrydol

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Hayes

Offering

Anthem

***Doxology**

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

***Dedication**

Announcements

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from your mouth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Invitation to Communion

***Hymn #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Give thanks to God for God is good

God's love is everlasting

God of everlasting love...to pray, saying,

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Bread and Cup

Prayer

***Hymn #31**

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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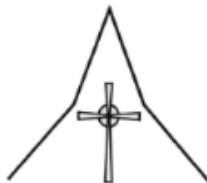
Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We rejoice with Elizabeth Metz on her son Paul's move.
- ❖ We pray for Donna Sognefest's sister-in-law, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- ❖ We pray for Karen Low's brother-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ We pray for the folks in the Midwest who are cleaning up after the recent tornados.
- ❖ We pray for peace in Sudan.
- ❖ We pray for children in Yemen who struggle to survive in the midst of war and famine.
- ❖ We pray for the people in Haiti dealing with chaos and violence.
- ❖ We pray for everyone in this country and around the world experiencing antisemitism and Islamophobia.

- ❖ We pray for the Palestinian people who are caught in the vicious conflict between Israel and Hamas and for the Israeli hostages and their families waiting for their release.
- ❖ We pray for the relief workers who are risking their lives to get much needed supplies to the people of Gaza.
- ❖ We pray for the Ukrainian and Russian people who continue to endure conflict and violence.
- ❖ We pray for the medical professionals around the globe tending to the needs of people in war zones.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers in hospitals, urgent care facilities, long-term care facilities and those who provide at-home care.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our central New York farms.

Announcements

Music Recital; Join us on Friday, May 10th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary at Pebble Hill. Flutist Jaelyn Breeze, and participant in the Pebble Hill Church Choir while a student at Syracuse University, will present a 45-minute recital. The program includes flute music that imitates a wide variety of things such as butterflies, trains, rivers, and more, followed by a hymn-sing with Bette Kahler! This event is free and family-friendly.



The Week at Pebble Hill 5/5-5/11

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Annual Congregation Meeting – Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Deacon’s Spring Luncheon – FH
	6:00 pm	Master’s Touch Chorale Rehearsal – FH
Monday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
	6:00 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	3:30 pm	Board of Deacons – Forum
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	10:30 am	Syracuse Memory Café – Commons
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:30 pm	Property Committee – Atrium
	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts – FH
Thursday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – FH
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds
	1:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Music Recital with Flutist Jaclyn Breeze – Sanctuary
Saturday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	9:00 am	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR
BRIAN TOLLAR – PIANIST
CAROLYN LAYBURN – LITURGIST

COMMUNION SERVERS

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COMMUNION PREPARERS

DONNA SOGNEFEST AND LINDA KAISER

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

