

June 1, 2025  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
9:00 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary*



# DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*founded prior to 1721*

*“Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!”*

Psalm 97:12 NRSV

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE “Prelude in C Major” *David N. Johnson*  
*“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”*

### Gathering in God’s Name

#### WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 22:13, 17

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #81

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest  
abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.
2. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they  
pray.
3. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you call us to your everlasting springs, to  
bring life to the world around us. However, we fail to heed**

**your call to us. We do not turn with love to our neighbors,  
to ourselves, or to you.**

**Forgive us for our failings and shield us from our due.**

**Guide us into unity with and for the sake of the whole  
world.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Christ's name we pray...

**Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

#581

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.

**Proclaiming God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 97

NRSV

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before him,  
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

<sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.

<sup>7</sup>All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.

<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O God.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**"You Raise Me Up"**

*Graham, arr. Fettke*

Soloist: James Landis

**LESSON FROM THE ACTS**

Acts 16:16-34

NRSV

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

<sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

<sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

<sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a

loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup>They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Bondage & Freedom” Matt Randolph

### Responding to God’s Word

\*HYMN “Live into Hope” #772

1. Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God’s own jubilee!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brough near.
3. Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one’s daily bread,  
to hear God’s word and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (traditional “debts”) hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”  
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

### GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Air” Jonathan Battisbill

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

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

### Sending in God’s Name

\*HYMN “God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!” #365

1. God reigns! Let earth rejoice!  
Let oceans shout God’s might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness,  
God’s throne is our delight. R
- R Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!
2. God’s fire ignites the clouds  
with judgement swift and just;  
the evil find their deeds in vain;  
God’s foes are brought to dust. R
3. False idols rise to claim  
the weakness od our pride,  
but cannot touch the faithful ones,  
for God stands at our side. R
4. The radiance of God’s light  
beams joy into days;  
now filled God’s own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise. R

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*EXTENSION OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL RESPONSE “The Word of the Lord” Leah Hefner

POSTLUDE “Postlude” Dmitri Kabalevsky

*\*All those who are able may stand.*

## Reflection for the Christian Life

What chains bind you or the people of your community at this time in your life? Where each day do you notice the freedom of Christ working to break the chains apart?

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, *Seventh Sunday of Easter***
- **TODAY Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- **TODAY, Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>**, Adult Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY, Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>**, Celtic Sabbath, in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Buildings and Grounds Team Meeting, in the Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>**, Men's Breakfast, Gus's Family Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>**, Montgomery Pie Baking, in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>**, Choir Practice, in the Choir Room, 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>**, Donegal Society Banquet, at the Cameron Estate, 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, *Day of Pentecost / Heritage Sunday***
- **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**, Heritage Sunday Tea and Scones, 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, ONE SERVICE** ~ Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.