

College Hill

Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

May 10, 2026

Assemble in God's Name

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude Prière from *Suite Gothique, Opus 25*—Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and hear, all you who fear God!

I will tell what God has done for me.

I cried aloud to God and God heard me.

Truly God has listened; God heard the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed steadfast love from me.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Hyfrydol)

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you raised Jesus to new life. And you promise a new world. But we remain stubbornly stuck in the same old ways. We have hard hearts, we hoard our things, we turn from neighbors in need. Forgive us. Free us. Make us ready for the new world you will bring. And hear us now as we confess in the silence of our hearts...(silent prayer)

*KYRIE ELEISON *Lord, have mercy upon us;*
 Christ, have mercy upon us;
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #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.*

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace

Proclaim God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME: Volunteer Recognition

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 68:8-20 (OT, 529)
John 14:15-21 (NT, 109)

SERMON

Honest Easter: On Our Own

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Give Thanks to God

***HYMN #308** "O God in Whom All Life Begins" (Noel)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (An Affirmation from Romans)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

"All Things New"--music by Elaine Hagenberg (b.1979)

*Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wand'ring, praise after tears.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.*

*Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.*

*Lyrics by Frances Havergal (1836-1879)
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***DOXOLOGY #606** *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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, help us to make love real -through time, talent and treasure given for the sake of serving your work. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

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.

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (Darwall's 148th)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Menuet Gothique from *Suite Gothique*—L. Boëllman

*Please rise, in body or spirit

Service Notes

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist: Chris Phillips
Ushers: Jim & Leslie Alfieri, Charyl Deady, Lois Pinto
Zoom Producer: Jeff Heagele

Flowers are given by Darryl and Kay Davis; Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!
Flower chair for May is Dorothy Ward.

COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor	Rev. Dr. Matt Mardis-LeCroy
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Nursery School Director	Megan Schaeffer
Office Manager	David Kmetz

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MUSIC: While Léon Boëllman (1862-1897) died at a young age, he wrote about 160 works. His style was based on that of the Romantic era, but also was strongly influenced by the post-Romantic aesthetic. His most famous work is his Suite Gothique for organ, which has become a very popular staple of organ repertoire. Boëllman was known as “a dedicated teacher, trenchant critic, gifted composer and successful performer . . . who coaxed pleasing sounds out of recalcitrant instruments.”

From the website of Elaine Hagenberg (b.1979):

Elaine's award-winning compositional style is profoundly influenced by her connection to nature, beauty, and spiritual reflection. Drawing inspiration from the vivid imagery and themes found in poetry, she crafts intricate musical textures that enrich her narratives and “pull at one's heartstrings” (NY Concert Review), creating immersive experiences that connect listeners to both the complexity and awe of the natural world and the profound depths of shared human emotion.

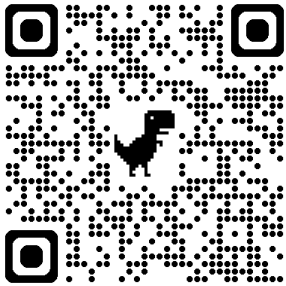
“All Things New” was voted #1 favorite anthem of last season by our choir members.

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor:
This Week's Announcements

Welcome visitors! We are so glad that you are here!

College Hill Presbyterian Church is a vital and vibrant family of faith, where ALL are welcome! We are deeply committed to programming for children and youth, excellent music, meaningful connection and making an impact in our community. **Please keep coming back** to experience all that we have to offer!

Scan the QR code to learn more about welcome and inclusion at CHPC:



A Message from Pastor Matt
About Visiting Ministry at College Hill Presbyterian Church

Do you feel called to foster care and connection at College Hill Presbyterian Church?

Do you know someone who might benefit from regular visitation?

If so, you can help us as we launch our NEW Visiting Ministry.

On Saturday, April 26. 14 people spent their morning in a training session to equip them for effective Visiting Ministry. Another training opportunity (covering the same material as 4/26) will be coming up on **Wednesday, May 27 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church**. All are welcome to join us!

Soon we will be pairing those trained folks with “care receivers” -people who might benefit from regular visitation.

To help us get started, I have two requests:

1. Do you know someone who might benefit from regular visitation? Please share their name with me!
2. Would you like to be trained to serve as a Visiting Minister? Let me know!

To share names, to volunteer or to ask questions, please feel free to contact me: pastor@collegehillpc.org

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

Let's face it: sermons can feel a little one-sided.

This summer, maybe YOU should get to shape the sermon.

Starting June 7, our worship will feature That's a Good Question: A Sermon Series by and for The People of College Hill Presbyterian Church.

Here is how it works: Email Pastor Matt (pastor@collegehillpc.org) with a question you would like to hear him address in a sermon. It could be about the Bible, theology, current events, church practices or, really, anything at all. Pastor Matt will use YOUR questions to shape summer sermons. (The length of the series will depend on the quality and quantity of questions received).

This is your big chance! So, what are you waiting for? Send your question to pastor@collegehillpc.org TODAY!

THE FRONT PORCH



The Front Porch will next meet on May 17! Please join us at 9 AM in the sanctuary for simple music, shared prayer and conversation about our faith.

Deacons News

The Deacons will be collecting pull tabs from the tops of all beverage aluminum cans. The tabs will be given to the Palmer Township Kiwanis Club and then donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. Please put your tabs in a plastic bag and place them in the Deacons mailbox in the church office. (Just the tabs, NO cans please.) Any questions, please contact Leslie Alfieri at 610-217-2837.

Strawberry Festival Request:

If you receive physical (paper) newspapers at your home, please save hard copies for the Deacons. We need them for our strawberry hulling on the morning of June 4th. Any old newspapers can be dropped off in the church office before the 4th. Thank you!

Cradle Roll



Cradle Roll Sunday is May 17. It is the annual celebration of children, ages newborn through three-years-old, at College Hill Presbyterian Church (CHPC). They are introduced and brought forward to receive a flower, plucked from the Uhler Cradle on the chancel steps. This cradle originated in a nearby farmhouse 250 years ago; in time, it was given to CHPC with the desire that it be where children grow. In the early 1960s, the Bryson family refurbished it, and since that time they have been its stewards. We thank them and the church for sustaining this treasured tradition, reminding us of our promise to be wrapped in the lives of our future through these children. In order to ensure we have an

accurate list for Cradle Roll, if you are a mother of a child from birth to age three, please email Jean Anne Shafferman, jashaf53@rcn.com.

Adult Dinner Group



The CHPC Adult Dinner Group will gather on Sunday, May 17, at 6PM, for its annual year-end dinner in the award-winning “1950’s Malt Shoppe” Community Room in the Jacob’s Farm Clubhouse in Forks Township (670 Kykuit Place, 18040). Current and prospective ADG members, as well as friends of ADG, are invited to attend. Cost is \$15 per person for the fried chicken and BBQ entrées. Please sign up on the chart in the chapel to bring a side dish, or for reservations or information, contact Jean Anne Shafferman, 610-730-2934/jashaf53@rcn.com, by May 13.

Faith Formation



Fish and Chyps will meet again on May 17th. The youth will work on planning their annual retreat. Please reach out to Lauren Joujan (kids@collegethillpc.org) with questions or for more information.



Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival is coming! The Faith Formation team will need help to run games and the prize table. If you are interested in signing up for a time slot, please email Lauren Joujan(kids@collegehillpc.org). Thank you!



Attention All High School and College Graduates!

If you or your child is graduating from high school or college, CHPC would like to acknowledge them in the eChronicle and during Graduate Sunday on June 7th. Please complete the Google form found in the Enews about your graduate by May 31st. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Emily Swank (faithformers@collegehillpc.org). Thank you!



Please Join Us!
CHPC Strawberry Festival
 Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 5:00 to 8:00



The Deacons are asking for your help! We have over 70 slots to fill...
(Circle your choices and place in collection OR sign up online)

Strawberry Hullers (Bring colander and knife) Thursday 9-11

Cake Bakers 1) Dessert Cakes #____ 2) Fancy Cakes #____

- Please bring to church from 9 AM - 4 PM on June 4th
- Fancy cakes are used for Musical Cakes

Food Runners (kitchen to tables with steps): 4:45 - 6:30 PM OR 6:15 - 8 PM
 (first 15 minutes are for orientation)

Food Servers (standing): 5 - 6:30 PM OR 6:30 - 8 PM

Set Up (Thursday): 11 - 1 PM **Clean Up** (Thursday, after event): 8 PM

More jobs and details are available online:

- Bottom of Church Home Page ‘Upcoming Events’
- SignUp.com <https://signup.com/go/BbYvcfN> or scan QR code

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Questions?

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