

St. Dunstan's Chimes

May, 2022





From the Desk of Pastor Christina



Alleluia, He is Risen – The Lord is Risen, indeed!

A reading from Melito of Sardis, born in the year 100:

“Come then, all you nations

Receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you, for I am your forgiveness.

I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb that was slain for you.

I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light.

I am your salvation and your king.

I will raise you to the heights of heaven!

With my own right hand, I will raise you up.

And I will show you the eternal Father.”



Reflections on the War in Ukraine

Our very own Elizabeth Rivers had her poem read on April 3 at [Moonstone Arts Center](#). She has graciously agreed to share it with us.

The last crocus, the first dandelion
open in Philadelphia, unfold
in Nuremburg, spread golden pollen
over rubble broken in Mariupol.

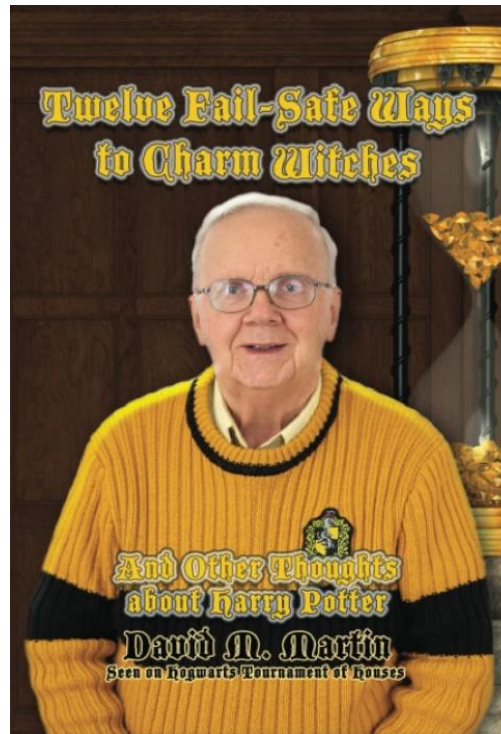
Preacher warned we must not mix-up flowers
and seasons with the resurrection. Yet

some years the fertile rain on Sinai and some months
we'll have a lily in madonna's hand.

This spring we bring fresh blossoms with us when we
read "children" spelled on cold, exploded streets,
count empty strollers in the cobbled square,
when baby speaks her first words: *Boom! Boom!*



We claim David as one of us!!



David is now an author with the publication of *Twelve Fail-Safe Ways to Charm Witches and Other Thoughts about Harry Potter*. For you Harry Potter fans, it is available for purchase on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Twelve-Fail-Safe-Witches-Thoughts-Potter/dp/B09X1FXXFB>.



Earth Day was April 22



Let's celebrate Earth Day every day by being alert to how we can make a difference! Be mindful of what's happening to our forests and streams. Be aware of environmental threats and all the ways we pollute.



Readings for May 1

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Psalm: 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

[Third Sunday of Easter](#)



Readings for May 8

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

[Fourth Sunday of Easter](#)



Readings for May 15

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: 148

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

[Fifth Sunday of Easter](#)



Readings for May 22

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-25:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

[Sixth Sunday of Easter](#)



Readings for May 29

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 93

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

[Ascension](#)



Celebrations in the “family” for May

Birthdays

Gertrude Knapp	May 6
Diane Ruser	May 6
John Ruser	May 8
Shirley Moore	May 10
Bunny Wagner	May 18
Rev. David Rivers	May 22
Kathy Earley	May 28

If we are missing a birthday or anniversary, please let the Church office know! We will make corrections.



Prayer for Ukraine & Russia

"God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for the people of Russia.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all who fear tomorrow.

That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war & peace.

For wisdom, discernment & compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children at risk & in fear,

That you would hold & protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, The Prince of Peace."

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell