

Doubt is faith seeking to grow! Doubt is faith seeking understanding. Faith will use doubt to nourish and strengthen itself. —Bass Mitchel

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jim Dransfield (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 11, 2010

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude		
*Opening Hymn	“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”	465
Welcome & Life of the Church	<i>(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)</i>	
Greeting One Another	<i>(Stand and greet the people around You and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)</i>	
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be To the Father”	70
*The Call to Worship		

Left side of sanctuary: *O God, like Thomas, we want to believe, but we often doubt. When we awake to news of new deaths in Iraq or Afghanistan, another natural disaster somewhere, stories of people still struggling in the economic crisis — we have to work to find hope. As we walk alongside family or friends suffering from illness or addiction, dealing with the pain of broken relationships, we aren't always confident of Your presence. The shadow of the gloom obscures our sight.*

Right side of sanctuary: *We are thankful for the work of Your Spirit in those people who encourage us and speak Your presence into our lives, who help us remember Your love story (with and without words), who remind us that you haven't abandoned us, who are present in the suffering — gathering us in Your arms and crying with us. Help us trust that doubt is a part of faith — and not a lack of faith.*

*The Opening Prayer [unison]
Open the eyes of our hearts so we might see You. Kindle in our hearts a desire to know You better and renew our spirits. Help us grow in our faith and build our lives on the sure foundation of the risen Christ. As we sing the joyous Easter refrains, may our ears truly hear the mystery of our faith proclaimed. Let our minds and our hearts truly take in the good news of Your presence among us. We pray in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.

Special Music (9:30)	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Jeannette Hesser & Cynthia Schick, Handbell Duet	Doone
The Scripture Lesson	John 20: 19-31 (Page 769 in the pew Bible)	
The Message	“ Faith Creation ”	Rev. Lutz
*Hymn	“Breathe On Me Breath of God”	420
✠Prayers of the People		✠The Lord's Prayer
Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Offertory Response	“Doxology”	95
*Offertory Prayer [unison]		
	<i>Gracious God, You have given us the ultimate gift in the death and resurrection of Your Son. We humbly offer these gifts to You. Consecrate them to Your use — that the ministry of this congregation might serve as a witness to those who still doubt. Amen.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”	500
*Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles' Creed”	881
*Benediction		
Postlude		

**If able, please stand to worship God*

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If You are visiting our church for the first time, we extend You a special greeting. (Please inform us of Your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite You to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with You and invite You back! We look forward to Your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Honor of Lauren Rowlands on Her Birthday, by Jeff, Robyn, Jillian & Joshua Rowlands; and also In Loving Memory of Dorothy Foster, by Mrs. Harold Foster.

The Pink Rosebud on the Altar is In Honor of the birth of *Keira Grace Tomlinson*, born April 5, 2010, to Dean & Cyndi Tomlinson. Proud Grandparents are Les & Barb Tomlinson.

Morning Greeters this morning at the 8:00 service are Jim & Cindy Dransfield; and at the 9:30 service, Sue & Brian Bishop.

Ushers this morning are Bob Slotterback & George Jenca at the 8:00 service; and The Confirmation Class of 2010 at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Colin O'Neill.

Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week. Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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11:30 a.m.

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