

*The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise.*  
~Carl Knudsen

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### *EASTER SUNDAY*

#### *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Ron Stott, Guest Preacher*

Lyn Wallace (8:00) and John Krimmel (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 4, 2010

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude (9:30)	“Crown Him Lord of All” Adult Bell Choir with the Jericho Brass Choir	
*Opening Hymn	“The Day of Resurrection”	303
Welcome & Life of the Church	(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)	
Mission Minute		
Greeting One Another	(Stand and greet the people around You and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)	
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be To the Father”	70
*The Call to Worship		
Leader:	It happened! Jesus was absolutely right!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Christ is risen! It was as He said it would be!</b>	
Leader:	Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>God's love has poured over us, bringing us joy and hope!</b>	
Leader:	We are free from fear and doubt!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are free to celebrate and dance, and shout the Good News “Christ is Risen!”</b>	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>AMEN!</b>	
*The Opening Prayer [unison]		
	<b>Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive Your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve You by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.</b>	

Special Music (9:30) “Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High”  
The Wesleyan Choir with Brass, Bells, Organ & Piano

**The congregation is invited to stand and join the Wesleyan Choir in singing Hymn #302, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” verses 1-4.**

The Scripture Lesson John 20: 1-18 (Page 717 in the pew Bible)

The Message “What's So Amazing About Easter?” Rev. Stott

The Sacrament of Holy Communion †

(The congregation will proceed to the communion station by the center aisle at the ushers' direction. Partaking of the communion elements will be by intinction—the breaking off and then dipping of the bread into the cup. Return down the center aisle to your seat.)

†Prayers of the People

†The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Special Music (9:30) “Lord of the Dance”  
The Crusader Choir

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

**God of all Ages, You have emptied the tomb and set us free from our burdens. Hope has overshadowed fear. Comfort has replaced neglect. Faith has gained victory over doubt. The bounds of everyday living, often overwhelming our souls and weakening our spirits, are liberated by Jesus Christ. Today, we recommit to offering comfort, hope, and faith as Your generous disciples to others who are driven by fear, neglect, and doubt. We offer these gifts in honor of Your Easter promise. Alleluia and Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn “Up From the Grave He Arose” 322

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles' Creed” 881

\*Benediction

Postlude

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*\*If able, please stand to worship God*

†The Communion Offering for this month will be dedicated to **Faith Promise** used to fund the missionaries we support throughout the world.

*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 Loving Memory of Grace Cunningham on Her Birthday, by Joan & John Cunningham; and also In Loving Memory of Grace Cunningham on Her Birthday, by Carol, Gary, Abigail & Emily Alexis.

**Morning Greeters** this morning at the 8:00 service are Dave & Leslie Heitz; and at the 9:30 service, Madge Laughlin & Maralyn Wayles.

**Ushers** this morning are Bob Slotterback & George Jenca at the 8:00 service; and The Hansen Family at the 9:30 service.

**Acolyte** this morning is Travis Green.

**Prayer Chain No. 1 is in effect this week.** Please call Cynthia Schick, 215-968-2072, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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### Worship Services

#### **Traditional**

*8:00 & 9:30 a.m.*

#### **Contemporary**

*11:30 a.m.*

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