

“True faith does not contradict its words by its conduct.” ~Anonymous

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Tom Romspert, (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

January 27, 2013

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Opening Hymn “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” 662

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: Listen, friends! God is speaking!

People: God’s voice whispers to us in the stillness.

Leader: It thunders across the skies.

People: It breaks out from the heavens.

Leader: All creation proclaims the glory of the Lord.

People: God also speaks through the Word.

Leader: That Word took on flesh to make God known to us.

People: The Word is truth and life.

Leader: The Word proclaims the promises and purposes of God.

People: Listen, friends! God is speaking!

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, with our bowed heads and humbled hearts we gratefully acknowledge Your sovereign presence in our lives. We thank You for Your steadfast love and faithfulness, for Your mercy which is new and Your grace which is sufficient for each day. We thank You for Your constant presence, Your redeeming love and the gift of Your peace. We acknowledge that our world is in great need of Your presence and grace just now. Violence, hunger and disease impact more and more people every day. Children are abused, workers are exploited, the planet is thoughtlessly destroyed. Our relationships are fragile, and we no longer know who or what to trust. Speak to us, Lord, we pray. Speak a word of peace to our fears, a word of comfort to our suffering, a word of faith to our doubting hearts. Draw us near and shelter us within Your mighty and strong arm. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30) Celebrated for 39

Samantha Kula

*Hymn “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” 611

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30) The Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Holy God, the only thing greater than Your longing for justice is Your love for Your children and Your capacity for mercy when it comes to our shortcomings. You did anoint Your son to preach good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed. As His followers, we know this is what we are called to as well, though we often ignore these purposes to better take care of ourselves. May the gifts that we offer to You this morning remind us that we are not about the work of the Gospel unless it reaches the poor, the infirm, the captives and the oppressed. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ the Messiah. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Nehemiah 8: 1-10 (p. 751 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“People of the Book”** Pastor Lutz

Special Music (9:30) The Genesis Choir

*Closing Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life” 600

*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 Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Baptized this morning during the 9:30 service is **Samantha Kula**, born August 20, 2012, daughter of Justin & Karie Kula; Godparents are Kristy Eik and Jason Kula.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Bill & Lyn Wallace; and at the 9:30 service, Kathy Megahan.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Mike & Lynda Pritchard.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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