

“Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps.” — Luke 9:23

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton, (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

February 17, 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 “Praise to The Lord, the Almighty” 139

*Opening Prayer

We enter into the stillness of prayer and gaze at the days stretching before us, leading us to the glory and hope and promise of new life on Easter Sunday. As the days stretch toward Easter, let us give of our time to those in need of an encouraging visit or to a child in need of engaging play. And then, O God, stretch us to give more as we listen to one whose grief wears heavy. Let us give of our talents during this time of Lent, and volunteer to serve where our talent meets a need in our church or in our community. And then, O God, stretch us to share our talent with a young person who wants to learn. Let us give of our gifts as we walk through Lent, acknowledging our abilities honestly and sharing them with those who need what we have to offer. And then, O God, stretch us to be silent and still and discover new gifts and new ways of sharing. Open our eyes to the needs of those who live near to us and those who live across the seas, and then open our hearts to feel the pain of need and then let us open our wallets to ease the discomfort of poverty of life or poverty of spirit. And then, O God, stretch us to give more. Stretch us until we feel the twinge of pain which allows us to fully feel the joy of giving. Such are the tasks of Lent ... stretched out on our own cross so that we might know the joy of new life that Easter promises. So let us live and so let us give through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

*Hymn “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” 209

✠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]

God of power and might, we begin the Journey of Lent remembering Christ’s time in the wilderness and how the temptation of earthly power and the satisfaction of Christ’s personal needs could not overwhelm his faith in You. May the offerings we give this day be a token of our conviction: the power and security the world offers in material things cannot compare with the power and security that come through faith in Christ, Your beloved Son. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (p. 143 in the pew Bible)

The Message “Giving ‘til it ...” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn (8:00) “God Will Take Care of You” 130

Special Music (9:30)

The Genesis Choir

*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 Loving Memory of James Hill, Sr. on His Birthday, by Mary Rose Hill and Family; and also In Honor of Jillian Rowlands on Her Birthday, by Robyn, Jeff, Lauren & Joshua Rowlands.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of A Dear Friend, Jerie Jones, by Betty Bunting.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Ken MacAlister; and at the 9:30 service, Naomi & Walt Rogerson.

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

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Tim Eick, 215-945-8789, 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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