

“The season of Lent reminds us that God has reached out to us. And we turn to one another in response, looking for those in need, caring for those at hand, loving those closest to us.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton, (8:00) and Jerry Hill (9:30), Worship Assistants

March 3, 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 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 57 (v. 1-5)

*Lenten Call to Worship

Leader: In this Lenten season of self-examination and denial, let us honestly look at what we are doing and the possibilities for holy sacrifice.

People: I am walking a mile every day.

Leader: Let us walk a mile a day in someone else’s shoes, and we will gain tolerance and understanding.

People: I have given up sweets.

Leader: Let us reflect on those who add sweetness to our lives and acknowledge them with a grateful heart.

People: I have limited my time on email and Facebook to just an hour a day.

Leader: Let us use the time we have gleaned and re-connect with a family member, face to face.

People: I have resolved to work on a household project every week.

Leader: Let us look to the households of those in our neighborhoods who are unable to physically labor and complete a household project for them.

People: What we do for ourselves is commendable. What we do for others as well is the story of Easter.

*Opening Prayer

God of grace, we come to this house of worship and place of prayer with thanksgiving. We come into Your presence with gratitude that You hear our prayers. Help us when we struggle to carry the cross of Christ faithfully this Lenten season. For those who tread on ground that is rocky with instability in

their homes or jobs, we ask for Your calming presence. For those who cannot find their way in the swamps of grief and loss, we ask for the light of the Lord to guide them on the journey. For those who are ill or their care givers, we ask for the serenity of the Holy Spirit. For those who feel abandoned because they have taken a stand for what is right, we ask for the assurance of Your love. We know that to carry the cross is a commitment to a way of life; we try to carry the cross proudly. But sometimes we falter. Help us in our travels that we might walk steadfast and sure to Jerusalem—and beyond. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” 181

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Patient God, You watch us all our lives, anxious to see the fruit that would be appropriate for those who have been blessed so fully. You see glimpses of it, we hope, in our lives. We know that many times You have not seen it, and we have left You disappointed. Yet You have not withdrawn Your love from us, not an inch. You have not withheld Your blessings from us, not for a moment. May the gifts we give to You this morning be a sign of our desire to live lives that bear the fruit You desire: compassion, mercy, faithfulness, forgiveness, justice, courage, and love. We pray it in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Isaiah 55: 1-9 (p. 524 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**Heavenly Health Coach**” Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion‡

(The congregation will proceed to the altar 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.)

*Closing Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” 671

*Affirmation of Faith [unison] “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

‡The Communion Offering for this month will be dedicated to Camping Scholarships.

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 Geneva Irwin on Her birthday, by Dot Gannon; and also In Loving Memory of Son, David Deibler, by Marilyn Deibler.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Joe & Diane Wachstetter; and at the 9:30 service, Elmer & Marybeth States.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, The Hansen Family.

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

11:00 a.m.

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