

“The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.”

—Robert Flatt

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Reception of New Members

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

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

March 4, 2012

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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” 577

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the God of each of us today.

People: *God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.*

Leader: We are invited to faith in this eternal, loving One.

People: *We have faith that God is always present.*

Leader: We have faith that God’s covenant with us is sure.

People: *We have faith that God’s word is inspired.*

Leader: We have faith that God will keep his promises.

People: *We have faith in God’s everlasting love.*

Leader: We have faith in God’s justice.

People: *We have faith that God’s mercy restores sinners.*

Leader: We have faith that God’s salvation is for all.

People: *God invites us to faith.*

All: *We respond with a resounding and grateful, “Yes, Lord!”*

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Reception of New Members (9:30) 45

Today we welcome into our Community of Faith...

**Mike & Jennifer Hanley, Robert Cipollini, Heidi Woods,
Dave & Nicola Laich and Bill Scartelli**

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” 529
(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Offertory Anthem The Wesleyan Choir

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Gracious and Loving God, the gifts that we bring before You are but a token of what we hope to give: a life that denies self and carries a cross, a life that draws others to follow You and that offers our whole selves to You in a way that will transform the world on earth to one that reflects Your heavenly kingdom. May what we give this day lighten us for the journey of faith and empower Your church to serve You, this day and always. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Romans 4: 13-25 (p. 798 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**What’s Worth Taking?**” 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.)

*Closing Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” 452

*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 Marybeth States on Her Birthday, by The Raab Family; and In Honor of Elayna Curtin on Her Birthday, by The Raab Family.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Geneva Irwin, on Her Birthday, by Dot Gannon; and In Loving Memory of Son, David Deibler, by Marilyn Deibler.

Morning Greeters this morning are Joe & Helen McDonald at the 8:00 service; and Debbie & Mark Letham at the 9:30 service.

Ushers this morning are Hugh & Julie Green at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Alaina O'Neill.

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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