

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.” —2 Corinthians 5:17

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace, (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

March 10, 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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 384

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, the journey of Lent comes to us as a gift. It is a reminder for us to slow down, unplug ourselves, and be still and quiet in Your presence. Lord, it takes discipline for us to do this. We are addicted to instant access and immediate response. We are so used to being "on" that we have lost sight of our need for rest, for renewal and especially for you. So, we thank You for the spiritual discipline of Lent. We lay aside our calendars and "to do" lists and focus instead on your gifts and blessings. We stop long enough to say "thank You" instead of running hurriedly and unappreciatively through our day. We acknowledge the work of Your grace in our lives -- and the reality that it is anything but "cheap." And, we wait. We wait expectantly and patiently for You to speak and to make Yourself known to us in new and surprising ways. To this we commit ourselves this day, for the sake of Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” 480

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Creator God, through the gift of Christ and through His sacrifice, we are no longer just a collection of cells and tissues. We are a new creation, made over by Your redeeming work in Christ. As new creations in Christ, You have put us to the work of reconciliation: reaching out in all those places where people feel far from Your great love and drawing them closer to Your loving embrace. As we offer our gifts this morning we offer ourselves to this ministry of reconciliation. Help us to open our minds to the possibilities, open our hearts to true compassion, and open our doors so that we might share that love with those who have felt far off from it and forgotten. We pray in the name of Jesus, the embodiment of that love. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (p. 818 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Nostalgia in a Changing World”** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” 121

*Affirmation of Faith [unison]

We affirm the life-giving, renewing work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. In Christ the past is past. It is gone. It no longer determines who we are or who we can become. Christ took care of all that so that we may look to Him for our identity and hope. We are reconciled to God through Christ. We are made new creatures. We receive the promise of God’s daily presence and mercy. We are God’s children! We affirm our choice to live as those whose inheritance is sure, whose joy is secure, and whose present and future are held in the loving hands of our gracious Lord and Savior.

*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 Harry & Jennie Tamaccio, by Celia Petit, Fred & Melissa Woerner; and In Loving Memory of Our Daughter, Karen Lynne Rodgers, by Dale & Carol Habel.

Sanctuary Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of My Dear Friend, Jean Shelley, by Betty Bunting; and also In Loving Memory of Clifford R. VanSant & David E. Transue, by Earl & Lola Transue and Family.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Erika Paton; and at the 9:30 service, Sue & Brian Bishop.

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

Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week. Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, 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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