

“It is not repentance that saves me; repentance is the sign that I realize what God has done in Christ Jesus.” ~Oswald Chambers

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton (8:00) and Jeannette Hesser (9:30), Worship Assistants

March 25, 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 “Jesus Shall Reign” 157

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: We gather as God’s people in a world divided and distressed.

People: *Yet we gather as one people, united by God.*

Leader: We gather as God’s people, journeying to Jerusalem.

People: *Yet we gather as one people, steadfastly traveling forward together.*

Leader: We gather as God’s people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

All: *Yet we gather as one people following in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.*

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30) Celebrated for 39
Grace Elizabeth Shoener

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” 289
(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

The Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Loving God, You loved us so much You gave and gave and held nothing back, not even Your precious Son. We offer these humble gifts back to You, but more than these we offer ourselves. Use us as Your arms to comfort those who suffer, as Your voice to speak for victims of injustice and oppression, as Your feet that bring the good news of Your love and grace to those who need it so. May every gift be pleasing in Your sight. We pray in the name of our Rock and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Hebrews 5 :5-10 (p. 848 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Myth vs. Messiah”** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “Jesus Calls Us” 398

*Affirmation of Faith for Lent

We believe in the Holy Spirit, present to us in our challenges and changes. We believe we are the church, called to bring solace to the troubled, hope to the hopeless and love to the lonely. We believe in the power of prayer, which enables us to live a life of love and service in the grace of God. Amen.

*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 Loved Ones, by The Forward Look Class; and also In Loving Memory of Jean Shelley on Her 100th Birthday, by Jean Scovell and Family.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Jean Shelley on Her 100th Birthday, by Betty Bunting.

DAFFODILS that are blessing our sanctuary this morning are in Honor and Memory of all those who are in the fight to conquer cancer.

Baptized this morning at 9:30 is Grace Elizabeth Shoener, born December 6, 2011, daughter of William & Sarah (Rogerson) Shoener; Godparents are Katie & Ed Shoener.

Morning Greeters this morning are Wendi Wiley & Joan Jones at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:30 service, Dolores Chemey.

Ushers this morning are The Confirmation Class of 2012 at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Austin Cookson.

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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