

“Grant, O God, that we may know You, love You and rejoice in You; and if in this life we cannot do these things fully, grant that we may at the least progress in them from day to day, for Christ’s sake. Amen.” — St. Anselm

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

2D SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace, (8:00) and Jerry Hill (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 7, 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” 156

*Opening Act of Worship —Based on Psalm 150

All: Praise the LORD!

Leader: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Right side: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Left side: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Right side: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe.

Left side: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

*Opening Prayer

Father, Spirit, Son, without Your presence, this gathering is meaningless. We invite You to come, to receive our worship, and we pray that it will be pleasing in Your sight. We know that You see us and invite us to come to You, just as we are. So, that is what we will do. We believe that You will meet us and that we will be changed because we have been with You. May You receive great glory for all that happens in this place today. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” 514

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of Life, Death, and Resurrection, we continue in our worship and praise to raise our “Alleluias” to You! We sing out loud like those who are so confident about Your final victory over death; and yet too often we live our lives and hoard our resources, like those who doubt who will be victorious in the end. Like Thomas, we long to see the bodily resurrection, to see the scars where humanity has done its cruelty, and see the face of Christ before we acknowledge Your triumph. Help us to open our eyes to see the scars that are all around, many beyond the boundaries of our communities. And through the giving we do this morning, help us to see and show the world the face of the compassionate, risen Savior and Lord of Love and Life! We pray it in that holy name. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Acts 5: 27-32 (p. 774 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Letter From Prison”** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “O How I Love Jesus” 170

*Affirmation of Faith [unison] “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 Grace Cunningham on Her Birthday, by Tom, Joan & John Cunningham; and also In Loving Memory of Grace Cunningham, by Carol, Gary, Tom, Abigail & Emily Alexis.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Dot Gannon; and at the 9:30 service, Stan & Connie Dettman.

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

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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