

“The Christian community is the Easter community. Our preaching is Easter preaching, our hymns are Easter hymns, our faith is Easter faith.” — Karl Barth

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Tom Romspert, (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 14, 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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” 381

*Opening Prayer

We lift our joys and triumphs high, as we come to this place of prayer, O God. Triumphantly we have faced the empty tomb and joyfully proclaimed, “He is risen!” The trumpets heralding the resurrection still resound as out of death comes life and out of darkness and despair comes hope and eternal spring. Yet even as we dance for joy, we pray for those in our midst for whom Easter has not yet come. We pray for all people everywhere who live in the ruins of war, and in the tension of hate and in poverty we can scarcely imagine. Each time we fail to be the church and reach out to those living lives of Good Friday instead of Eastertide, we crucify Jesus again. So grant us the grace to be true ambassadors of the Prince of Peace so that we might answer each crucifying doubt and fear and pain with the cry of the faithful who proclaim the good news of Easter: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy and new life comes with the morning. We offer our prayers in the name of our risen Lord who calls us by name and claims us as His own, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠ Prayers of the People

✠ The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “I Need Thee Every Hour” 397

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Redeeming God, we confess to You that, like Saul, we have been blind even in our sightedness, to what You are doing in the world. We need our eyes to be truly opened Lord. Let our blindness fall away, and let us see the good that we can do, through our prayers, our gifts, our service, to help usher in Your Kingdom here and now. May the gifts we give this morning be just the beginning of our availability to be Your tools for bringing about the world You desire. We pray it in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Psalm 30 (p. 394 in the pew Bible)

The Message “***That Bump in the Night...***” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “God Will Take Care of You” 130

*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 Denise Dintinger, by Marilyn Deibler; and also In Honor of Lauren Rowlands on Her Birthday, by Jeff, robyn, Jillian & Joshua Rowlands.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Parents, Joyce & Lester Cornwell, by Nancy Mignogna and Family.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Audrey Kent; and at the 9:30 service, Karen Arner.

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. 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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