

“Worship is the golden cord that binds our life to the life of God.” —Nagi Francis

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

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

April 21, 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 “My Hope Is Built” 368

*Opening Acts of Worship —Based on Psalm 150

Let us put aside our worries about tomorrow and our regrets of yesterday. Let us let go of our busyness and frenetic lives and be still. Let us breathe in the assurance of the Holy Spirit and quiet our minds as we open our hearts to be in the present -- and pray.

*Call to Worship

Leader: There are times when our hearts are so full of pain we can scarcely breathe and words escape us. We can only pray with “sighs too deep for words.” Sadness winds its way through our bodies and we are filled with despair. Hope is beyond reach and we think our lives will never change. Heaviness abounds.

People: Untangle these threads of sorrow, O God, and lay them straight from our hearts to Yours.

Leader: There are times when we question where we are going and what we believe. Instead of certainty, we wonder why. Instead of faith, we are carriers of doubt. We look with longing to days gone by—days of solid foundation and unwavering belief.

People: Take out these knots that trouble us, O God, and smooth out these rough pieces.

Leader: There are times when our lives turn unexpectedly and a wonderful surprise is ours. Our hearts overflow with joy and we are beacons of light. Our words radiate hope and a sense of expectancy. Our prayers are filled with praise and we feel as light as air.

All: Weave these threads of joy with our threads of sorrow; weave these threads of doubt with our colorful, certain faith, Creator God, and let them become the fabric of our lives—a fabric always made new and recreated in Your accepting love. Let us, as new creations, go forth with promise and resolve to love and serve others in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” 381

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

You have touched us in our loneliness, merciful God. In compassion You have called us out of our isolation into this family of faith. We bring these gifts, therefore, as expressions of our thanks with the prayer that through them You will touch others with that same healing and reconciling power through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Acts 9: 36-43 (p. 778 in the pew Bible)

The Message “A Stitch in Time” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life” 600

*Affirmation of Faith [unison] “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

We have heard the good news: in Christ we are a new creation. Let us go forth then from this place as a people of faith to serve others as Dorcas did with our good works and acts of charity. May we know that the love of God and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us—always. Amen.

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 Loved Ones, by Stan & Connie Dettman; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Ken MacAlister; and at the 9:30 service, Paul & Jackie Hansen.

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

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Tim Eick, 215-945-8789, 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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