

*“Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.” ~ Floyd W. Tomkins*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace (8:00) and John Krimmel (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 22, 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 “Thine Be the Glory” 308

\*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: Let all in this place be filled with joy for You are loved by God! No one here will be left out—God's love is for everyone! Come now and worship. Let nothing hinder you. God sees you and loves you just as you are. Let us worship Him now together.

**People:** *God of grace and mercy, we kneel before You today. We recognize that we are unworthy to be called Your children; we are unworthy to be called Your friends. Yet You call us son, daughter and friend. You love us with a love unlike any we have ever known, with love that is completely unconditional. We cannot wrap our human minds around what it would look like to love someone unconditionally. We often try, but we fail. But You love us, even in our failings. You love us, even in our unworthiness. We also confess the ways that we have rejected Your love. Give us hearts that are open to receiving it, that we may experience the full measure of the love like no other. And may we love You always in return. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn “The Strife is O'er, the Battle is Done” 306  
*(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Wesleyan Choir

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***God of all creation, You have put a gladness in our hearts that goes far beyond any craving for food, drink, or the comforts that the world would offer us. Help us to see beyond the many desires for things that can't begin to bring us the contentment that being generous disciples will pour into our lives. As we present these gifts to You, may our offerings of service, of prayers, of witness, and of wealth be pleasing to You and fill our lives with the joy that is like no other. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.***

The Scripture Lesson 1 John 3: 1-7 (p. 863 in the pew Bible)

The Message “How to Love” Pastor Lutz

\*Closing Hymn “Jesus, the Very Thought of You” 175

\*Affirmation of Faith for Easter

***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 Loving Memory of Loved Ones, by Stan & Connie Dettman; and also In Loving Memory of Mother and Father, Vivian & Charles Arnone, by John, Vivian & Ashlee Bickley.

**Morning Greeters** this morning are Charlotte & Bob Downs at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:30 service, Jackie & Paul Hansen.

**Ushers** this morning are Joe McDonald, Bob Slotterback & Tim Eick at the 8:00 service; and The Rowlands & Stockburger Families at the 9:30 service.

**Acolyte** this morning is Kristen Megahan.

**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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