

*“The Christian community does not exist for itself;
it exists for the Gospel.”* —Karl Barth

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 28, 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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” 139

*Opening Acts of Worship

God, this is sacred space; we stand on holy ground. When You are among us, we know that we cannot leave unchanged. Move our focus from ourselves to You. Make our motives pure, and when they are not, grant us mercy. We set aside our own agendas to listen and follow where You would lead us. May this hour of worship change us as it makes us more like You. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: You have given us the Scriptures that we might know the way to life eternal.

People: Guide us with Your words.

Leader: You have given us Your Spirit that we might know You more deeply.

People: Guide us, Spirit of God.

Leader: You have given us this community that we might remind each other of truth.

People: Guide us in all truth.

Leader: We were lost, wandering and alone. But You were here, ready and waiting to give us direction.

People: Guide us, Father. We will follow.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People

✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 327

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of Love and grace, through the gift of Your Son, You gave us a new commandment: that we should love one another even as You have loved us. In the giving of our gifts this morning, we pray that each gift might be an expression of love. Some will be expressed through this church’s ministry; some through the ministry of the wider church. Some will touch the lives of people we will never meet. We pray that all these will fill Your heart with joy, and our hearts as well. We pray this in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Acts 11: 1-18 (p. 779 in the pew Bible)

The Message ***“Hanging on to the BIG Picture”*** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “The Day of Resurrection” 303

*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 Josephine Roth, by Her Husband, John Roth; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Baptized this morning at the 11:00 service is ***Ethan Matthew Stump***, born January 31, 2013, to Matthew & Kristine Stump. Godparents are Kenneth Skele & Nicole Bressi.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Diane & Joe Wachstetter; and at the 9:30 service, Kathy Megahan.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Jeff & Robyn Rowlands and Kim & George Stockburger.

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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