

“Simple attentiveness, moment by moment, can open us to see and receive what is already present—the touch of God and heaven in our midst.”

—Tilden H. Edwards

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, Worship Assistant

May 5, 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 “How Great Thou Art” 77

*Opening Acts of Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: This world is broken and cannot satisfy.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We face terror and darkness, sorrow and pain.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We long for a place where all is restored, and we hunger no more.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We hope for a world with no mourning, no tears – a world with unending joy.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

*Opening Prayer

O God, what joy that we can live as people of hope. What peace that we can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that this earth is not our final home. We long for Your beauty, Your redemption of this life, for eternity with You. Help us to live with eternity always in our hearts—believing that the world to come far exceeds the world here on Earth. And yet, we thank You for the tastes and glimpses of heaven that we have here. They are gifts beyond

measure stirring longing for more into our souls. Bless us with Your Holy presence in this place of worship and praise this morning. Holy Spirit unite us in bonds of love and faith. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” 451

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Gracious God, giver of all good things, as we give our gifts this morning, help us to shift our focus from what we have to what we have to give away. Help us this day in our giving to focus on the gift of peace that Christ gave to the disciples and that He offers to us. May the gifts we offer this morning bring peace to lives that are in turmoil, hearts that are troubled, and people who live in fear. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Revelations 21:10, 22 - 22:5 (p. 878 in the pew Bible)

The Message ***“The Greatest Journey!”*** Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the center aisle at the ushers’ direction. Partaking of the communion elements will be by intinction—the breaking off and then dipping of the bread into the cup. Return down the center aisle to your seat.)

*Closing Hymn “When We All Get to Heaven” 701

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

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

****The Communion Offering*** for this month will be dedicated to Missions.

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 Brother and Uncle, George Tamaccio, by Celia Pettit and Melissa & Fred Woerner; and also In Honor of Babs Wiley, My Special and Faithful Friend, by George Jenca.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Bill & Lyn Wallace; and at the 9:30 service, Naomi & Walter Rogerson.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Elmer & Marybeth States.

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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