

“The Good News first of all is that you and I are accepted and loved by God. From all eternity you and I have been in the mind of God. God’s love for us is utterly reliable and has no conditions whatsoever.” ~ Cyril Brooks

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton (8:00) and Jerry Hill (9:30), Worship Assistants

May 6, 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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 384

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: We gather for worship, frazzled from running errands and running committees, running out of energy and running out of time, running from problems and running from uncomfortable truths.

People: *Let us be still and rest in the love of God.*

Leader: We gather, yearning to be a people of comfort and peace.

People: *Let us open our hearts to possibilities.*

All: *We gather in anticipation of being inspired and renewed in our desire to be a people of inclusion and love.*

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast” 339
(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]

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us give with hearts and minds open to the possibilities of what we can do to heal the brokenness of our world. Let our love travel where we do not, making pathways of peace where there are none, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson 1 John 4: 7-21 (p. 863 in the pew Bible)

The Message ***“LOVE is the Litmus Test”*** Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the center aisle at the ushers’ direction, returning down the side aisles to their seat. Please kneel at the altar, if you are able, to receive the elements.)

*Closing Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” 557

*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*

***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 Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Morning Greeters this morning are Audrey Kent at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:30 service, Cielito & Lorlina Agoncillo.

Ushers this morning are Joe McDonald, Bob Slotterback & Tim Eick at the 8:00 service; and Stacy & Tami Lewis at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Austin Cookson.

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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