

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. ~Jewish Proverb

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

John Krimmel, CSM/CLM, Guest Speaker

Ron Cookson, Worship Assistant

May 8, 2011

9:15 a.m.

Prelude

*Opening Hymn "There's A Wideness to God's Mercy" 121

Welcome & Life of the Church *(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)*

Greeting One Another
(Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Call to Worship

Lectern side: *Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.*

Pulpit side: We may not know where God is leading.

Lectern side: *We may not see a clear path in front of us.*

Pulpit side: We may not understand our circumstances.

Lectern side: *We likely won't have answers to the "why" questions.*

Pulpit side: We sometimes won't like what unfolds along the way.

Lectern side: *Hardship, suffering, illness and loss challenge us and require great trust.*

Pulpit side: We won't always see God's hand or recognize God's voice.

Lectern side: *Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.*

Pulpit side: Therefore, we choose to trust even in the midst of doubt or fear.

Lectern side: *We look for evidences of God's grace and mercy.*

Pulpit side: We hope in the One whose faithfulness and love are never ending.

All: *Let us walk with Christ this day. Hallelujah! Amen.*

Opening Prayer [unison]

Merciful Savior, too often our eyes are as dim as those of the two disciples who walked to Emmaus. You stand in our very midst, but we are unaware and disconnected. We sit with You at the dinner table but look right past You. You speak to us, but our hearing is dull. We read the Scriptures, but we fail to

understand. Lord, we want to know You, to see You, to hear Your Word to us and to apply it to our lives. Open our hearts and minds, we pray; speak to us through Your Spirit so this Word, as it is read and proclaimed, penetrates us with the truth of Your resurrection power. Amen.

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be To the Father" 70

Special Music "Inscription of Hope" [See words on back.]
The Wesleyan & Crusader Choirs

***Children (K-5 Gr.) are dismissed for Junior Church.*

The Scripture Lesson

The Message John Krimmell

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Nearer to the Cross" 301

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Prayer for Mothers"
The Crusader Choir

*Offertory Response "Doxology" 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Holy God, we thank You for the gifts and blessings that You lavish on Your creation. It is as Your children, heirs of Your grace and filled with Your Spirit, that we bring our tithes and offerings to You. Multiply and use them, we pray, to spread the gospel, feed the hungry, heal the sick and bring grace, compassion and wholeness where there is fear, loneliness, violence and despair. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Just As I Am" 357

*Affirmation of Faith "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 Carolina Quijano, Mother and Grandmother, by Cielito & Lorlina Agoncillo and Family; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Morning Greeters this morning are Bob & Charlotte Downs and Carol Deibler.

Ushers this morning are Marty & Marlene Kalbach.

Acolyte this morning is Jillian Rowlands.

Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week. Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

Children's Activities... The following activities are available during the 9:15 worship service. Infant up to nursery school age: Nursery care is available during the service in the Nursery in the main hallway, next to the Ladies Room; and Junior Church in Sunday School Room # 3 for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

“Inscription of Hope”

The Holocaust is a stunning reminder of the tragic results of prejudice and hate towards other people. But it is also a reminder that hope held firm will eventually reign victorious over the greatest of odds. The following words were inscribed on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Hope was all they had to hold on to; hope was their only bridge to a brighter tomorrow.

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, And I believe in love even when there's no one there. And I believe in God even when He is silent. I believe through any trial there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter to know someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying hold on, my child, I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.

*May there some day be sunshine. May there some day be happiness.
May there some day be love. May there some day be peace.*

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Traditional

9:15 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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