

*“God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.”*

—Rudyard Kipling

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER’S DAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace, Worship Assistant

May 12, 2013

8:00 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 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” 731

\*Opening Acts of Worship —Based on Revelation 22

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We proclaim that Christ is coming again in glory to reign forever.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Leader: Christ says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega.”

**People: “I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”**

Leader: “I am the offspring of David.”

**People: “I am the bright morning star.”**

Leader: The Spirit and the Church say, “Come!”

**People: Whoever hears Christ’s voice may come.**

Leader: Whoever is thirsty may come.

**People: Whoever longs for mercy may come.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming again.

**People: Christ is coming in glory to reign forever.**

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

\*Opening Prayer

*Good and gracious God, like Paul and Silas we are no strangers to adversity and struggle. We are dogged by the inconveniences and annoyances of life. We are burdened by the relentless needs of others. We are misunderstood and falsely accused. Friends fail us and foes gloat at our troubles. We pray, Lord, for courage and patience to endure trying circumstances. We long for deeper faith to trust You and believe in Your goodness. We ask for grace that we might praise You in any and every situation. Interrupt us, O God, with Your presence. Intrude upon our preoccupation, our restlessness, our discontent and our boredom that we might center our hearts and minds on Your Word as it is read and proclaimed this morning. Amen.*

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

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 110

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

*God of creation, Alpha and Omega, we offer these gifts as a portion of what You have lavished upon us in Your generosity. You have invited us to be Your stewards, that when Your Kingdom is fully established we might be deemed faithful servants in Your sight. Open our eyes to the good we can do, every day, with the time, talent and treasure that has been entrusted to us. We pray in the name of Your Son, our risen Savior. Amen.*

The Scripture Lesson Acts 16: 16-34 (p. 784 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**The Happy Place**” Pastor Lutz

\*Closing Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” 127

\*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 Honor of George VI's and Matthew's Birthdays, by Kim & George Stockburger V; and also In Loving Memory of Dauhn B. Transue, Blanche H. VanSant and J. Richard VanSant, by Earl & Lola Transue and Family.

**Morning Greeters** today are, at the 8:00 service, Babs Wiley & George Jenca; and at the 9:30 service, Elmer & Marybeth States.

**Ushers** today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, the LUMC Sunday School children.

**Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week.** Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, 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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