

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise.

~Carl Knudsen

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *EASTER SUNDAY*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

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

April 24, 2011

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude	“Classical Easter”	Adult Bell Choir [9:30]
*Opening Hymn	“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”	302
Welcome & Life of the Church	<i>(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)</i>	
Greeting One Another	<i>(Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)</i>	

Call to Lenten Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The stone is rolled away.

People: The tomb is empty.

Leader: Christ is alive!

People: All heaven and earth rejoice in His resurrection.

Leader: Sin is destroyed and death is defeated.

People: We have new life in Christ.

Leader: Our salvation and our hope are secure.

People: Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is risen today!

Opening Prayer [unison]

Holy God, we marvel at the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. We are awed by his obedience, astonished by the depth of His love for us and amazed by the display of Your power over the forces of sin and death. You are a God of wonders. You restore that which has been lost; bring new life from that which is old; create beauty from sin and ugliness; offer healing and hope where there appears to be only sickness and death. Your miraculous power continues to work in our lives and in our world. Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes that we may recognize Your presence in every person, in every situation, in every place. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father”

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Special Music [9:30] “All Ye Who Hear” arr. McDonald
The Wesleyan Choir with Bells, Organ, Brass and Piano

Congregation may join in when indicated...

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth.

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

The Scripture Lesson John 20: 1-18 (p. 768 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**Transitions**” Pastor Lutz

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

(The congregation will proceed to one of the two stations 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.)

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem [9:30] “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” arr. Courtney
The Crusader Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Gracious God, as we celebrate the power of the resurrection this day, we ask that You would receive these offerings and gifts that we give joyfully and generously. By the power of Your Spirit, multiply them and use them to bring peace, justice, hope and the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world Amen.

*Closing Hymn “The Day of Resurrection” 303

*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 Loved Ones by Stan & Connie Dettman; and also In Loving Memory of Mother, Vivian Arnone, by John, Vivian & Ashlee Bickley.

Morning Greeters this morning are Lyn & Bill Wallace at the 8:00 service, and Paul & Jackie Hansen at 9:30.

Ushers this morning are George Jenca & Bob Slotterback at the 8:00 service, and The Hansen Family at 9:30.

Acolyte this morning is Alaina O'Neill.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, 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.

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Traditional

9:15 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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