

“Lent — a slow, steady, difficult climb to Palm Sunday, followed by the jubilation of the crowds, then plummeting to the depths of Good Friday, before finally returning home at Easter, elated and changed by the ride.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY *PALM SUNDAY*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

April 1, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude	“Lift High the Cross”	Adult Bell Choir (9:30)
Welcome & Greeting One Another	<i>(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.)</i>	
*Opening Hymn	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”	278
*Opening Act of Worship		
Leader:	Holy God, mighty and merciful, we are in awe of a love so great; You came to Earth as a baby, to teach, to heal, to forgive and ultimately ride triumphantly in to Jerusalem to give Your life for us.	
People:	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!</i>	
Leader:	Strengthen and sustain Your children who proclaim the Good News of the gospel in the face of persecution. Soften the hardened hearts of those who are unwilling to hear Your Word that they might be born to a new life in You.	
People:	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!</i>	
Leader:	Encourage the outcast, the marginalized and the invisible people in our communities; open our eyes not only to see them, but bring them out of the shadows, and work for change to end poverty and indifference.	
People:	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!</i>	
Leader:	Comfort the grieving, those who cope with chronic illness -- physical or mental, and those who feel hopeless. Let them be assured of your abiding presence even in the darkest times.	

People: *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: We offer all the prayers of our hearts, singing hosanna as we worship the one who rode into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey.

People: *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever! Amen.*

*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be To the Father”	70
Life of the Church		
✠Prayers of the People	✠The Lord’s Prayer	
*Hymn	“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”	277
	<i>(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)</i>	
Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Anthem	“Palm Sunday Introit”	Wesleyan & Crusader Choirs
*Offertory Response	“Doxology”	95
*Offertory Prayer [unison]		
	<i>Holy God, grant us the courage of conviction and the purity of heart to make the journey of this week with Christ. Remind us that the one who was available to help Christ carry his cross was one who was not weighed down with things and possessions of his own to carry. Help us to be generous and sacrificial as we give, able to empty our hands and our cluttered lives, so that we might be available to carry the cross in our present world. In the blessed name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.</i>	
The Scripture Lesson	Psalm. 118: 1-2; 19-29	(p. 436 in the pew Bible)
The Message	<i>“The Center of the World”</i>	Pastor Lutz
Special Music	“Riding on the Road to Jerusalem”	The Crusader Choir
*Closing Hymn	“All Glory, Laud and Honor”	280
*Affirmation of Faith for Lent		
	<i>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.</i>	
*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 Grace Cunningham on Her Birthday, by Tom, Joan & John Cunningham; and also In Loving Memory of Grace Cunningham on Her Birthday, by Carol, Gary, Tom, Abigail & Emily Alexis.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Granny Banks on Her Birthday, by George VI, Matthew Christopher, Jillian, Joshua & Lauren.

Morning Greeters this morning are Babs Wiley at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:30 service, Walter & Naomi Rogerson.

Ushers this morning are Bob Slotterback & Tim Eick at the 8:00 service; and Ron & Louise Cookson at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Allison Kephart.

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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