

“Children are a gift from the Lord; They are a reward from Him.” ~ Psalm 127

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Maralyn Wayles, Sunday School Superintendent/Worship Assistant

May 16, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

*Opening Hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” 156

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.)

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

*The Children’s Call to Worship Led by the 8th-11th Grade SS Class

Leader: We thank You, Father, for sending us Your Son as a little boy into the world, and we remember how He told his disciples that, unless they became like children, they would be unable to enter Your kingdom,

People: *And that the children crowded around Him where he went.*

Leader: We give You thanks for all children and grandchildren:

People: *For their forthright, unblushing curiosity;*

Leader: For their skill at living for the moment and cramming each moment full of living;

People: *And for the touching trust they place in us and in You.*

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and worship to God our Father, Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit our Guide.

People: *Let a child’s excitement and wonder and curiosity be rekindled in us as we seek the Lord and His ways. Praise the Lord!*

*The Opening Prayer [unison]

Dear Loving Father, we gather this morning in celebration and appreciation. We rejoice in those true treasures and gifts of life that are beyond any price. We rejoice especially in the children of our church, for their music and their words, for their laughter and their song, and for the bright joy of their very creation. We give thanks for those who serve as teachers and leaders. May they be refreshed and renewed in Your spirit. Help us as parents, as teachers, and as church members to give our children love, encouragement, and guidance that is steadfast, sure, and

true. May we guide them and teach them in the ways of knowledge, justice, and compassion that they may grow in stature and wisdom. May we inspire our children in their hopes and aspirations, and may we listen to them in their fears and concerns. Rededicate us in our resolve to deliver to our children a world of greater peace, justice, harmony, and beauty, a world that is more full of life. Amen.

Special Music (9:30) “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
The Wesleyan, Genesis, Crusader & Cherub Choirs

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30) Celebrated for 39
Dani Aurora Gilbert

The Scripture Lesson Mark 16: 15 (Page 722 in the pew Bible)

Presentation Skit “Stuff” 8th – 11th Grade SS Class

*Hymn “Jesus Loves Me” 191

Prayers of the People Pastor Lutz

The Lord’s Prayer Led by the Kindergarten SS Class

Presentation of Bibles Pastor Lutz

The Ten Commandments Presented by 1st – 4th Grade SS Class

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers & Acolytes Maralyn Wayles

Recognition of Children’s Choirs Aimee O’Neill

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]
O God of Light, we dedicate these gifts to You and to Your glory. We are thankful that You have blessed us with much, especially including the precious gifts of our children. Bless these monetary gifts and help us to use them wisely to further Your kingdom. Bless our children and help them to shine for You. Help us to be the light of Christ so that they may see Him in us. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” 277

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881
Led by 5th & 6th Grade SS Class

*Benediction Pastor Lutz

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 Maralyn Wayles, Our Sunday School Superintendent, in Grateful Appreciation for her years of loyal service—and In Honor of Her Birthday, by the Sunday School Children of LUMC; and also In Honor of George VI's and Matthew's Birthdays by Kim & George Stockburger.

Sanctuary Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Newbold, by Betty Bunting; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Baptized this morning are *Dani Aurora Gilbert*, born March 19, 2010, to Brian & Aubrey Gilbert; Proud grandparents are Rev. John & Angela Lutz; and at the 11:30 contemporary service, *Jocelyn Virginia Sippel*, born January 26, 2010, to Jeremy & Jane Sippel; Godparents are Tina Maynard & Andy Gerchak.

Morning Greeters this morning at the 8:00 service are Dolores Chemey; and at the 9:30 service, Brad & Bonnie Peiffer, assisted by the LUMC SS Children.

Ushers this morning are Bob Slotterback & George Jenca at the 8:00 service; and the LUMC Sunday School Children at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Jillian Rowlands.

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Gloria Askey, 215-741-4479, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:30 a.m.

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