

“We live and die; Christ died and lived!” ~ John Stott

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
EASTER SUNDAY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, Worship Assistant

April 8, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 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 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” 302

*Opening Act of Worship — Based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

All: His love endures forever.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People

✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “The Day of Resurrection” 303
(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem “Festival Anthem on Ellecomb” Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of power and might, there is no stone heavy enough to bottle up the good news, no burial shroud tight enough to contain Your compassion, no darkness powerful enough to withstand the radiance of the promise of Resurrection! We celebrate this morning the gift of life and light that You have given us in our Risen Savior; and as we offer our humble gifts to You, we wish we could stand in these offering containers ourselves! Our redeemed lives, Gracious God, belong to You! In the name of Your risen Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen!

The Scripture Lesson Mark 16: 1-8 (p. 722 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**Empty Equals Fullness**” Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

(The congregation will proceed to the altar 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.)

Special Music “Lord of the Dance” The Genesis Choir

*Closing Hymn “He Lives” 310

*Affirmation of Faith for Easter

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.

*Benediction & Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

****The Communion Offering for this month will be dedicated to Faith Promise for Missions.***

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 Mason & Margaret Conway on their 75th Wedding Anniversary, by Martha, John & Charles Mason Gabriel; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Morning Greeters this morning are Lyn & Bill Wallace at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:30 service, Elmer & Marybeth States.

Ushers this morning are Joe McDonald, Bob Slotterback & Tim Eick at the 8:00 service; and The Hansen Family at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Isabelle Letham.

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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