

“Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness. ~Floyd W. Tomkins

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

March 31, 2013

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude LUMC Adult Bell Choir (9:30)

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 Prayer
Holy God, today Your glory and power is made known in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are Easter people because Christ is risen. He is alive! And, where You live, life and light, freedom and salvation, hope and reconciliation break out. You penetrate our lives. You propel us to action. You invigorate our love. All praise and honor and glory be Yours as we manifest the risen Christ in our worship and in our lives. Amen.

*Opening Act of Worship

Leader: Glorious God, we celebrate with joy an empty tomb! By Christ’s resurrection You gave us new life and freed us from sin.

People: *Because He is risen, we get a clean slate. You rescue us from our past and make us whole!*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection You raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

People: *Because He is risen, abundant life is ours, both now and for eternity.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection You confounded those who tried to silence the gospel.

People: *Because He is risen, the story of Your hope, love and grace lives on.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection You turned the disciples’ mourning to joy.

People: *Because He is risen, You are our comfort in the midst of life’s turmoil and trials.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection You proclaimed salvation to the whole world.

People: *Because He is risen, we are made one with Him. Hallelujah! He is risen!*

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “He Lives” 310

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Anthem (9:30) The Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]
Glorious God of Life and Light, You’ve rolled away stones from our dark tombs and led us into the light of new days we never thought we would see. Remind us that You call us to bring others to the light of new life in Your Son, our Savior. Remind us that we bring others to that light through the words we share, through the lives we live, and through the mission and ministry we empower through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May our whole offering, our very lives, give testimony to life that overcomes death and light that defeats any darkness. In the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 15: 19-26 (p. 815 in the pew Bible)

The Message “***Good Stuff or Bad Stuff***” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn (8:00) “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 327

Special Music (9:30) The Genesis Choir

*Affirmation of Faith [unison] “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction [unison]
Jesus is alive! But, can those who “read” our lives tell? Let us go in the power of the resurrection to live as Easter people in a Good Friday world knowing that God—Father, Son and Spirit—always goes with us. Amen.

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!

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 Granny Banks, on Her Birthday, by George VI, Matthew, Christopher, Jillian, Joshua & Lauren; and also In Loving Memory of Sister, Nina T. Quick, by Barbara & Dick Davis.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Bev & Tim Eick; and at the 9:30 service, Ron & Louise Cookson.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, The Hansen Family.

Prayer Chain No. 5 is in effect this week. Please call George Jenca, 215-757-4094, 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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