

“Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps.” — Luke 9:23

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton, (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

March 24, 2013

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 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” 278

*Opening Act of Worship —Based on Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness to me, so that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: *This church opens wide its doors and welcomes you in the name of the Lord.*

Leader: I thank You that You have answered me; Your loving acceptance will be my salvation.

People: *This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *We bless You from the house of the Lord.*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

*Opening Prayer

Most gracious God, we offer our thanks for the gift of Your extravagant love, given us in Your Son. With the crowds of old, let us shout our hosannas and wave our palm branches high, proclaiming Christ the king of our lives. Grant us the courage, O Lord, to follow You even to Jerusalem. As we travel with You, let us be mindful of the times when silence speaks volumes of caring ... and when words echo the compassion of Christ’s love. As we walk to Jerusalem, let it be with courage so that we might speak when the easiest way before us is to keep silent. Let our words sustain ... nurture ... comfort ... console ... and yes, even stir the complacent as we remember that Jesus

came and turned the world upside down ... and then put everything right. We offer our prayers in the name of the One whose cross we carry, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” 161

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Holy God, as we witness again the triumphant entry of Your Son into Jerusalem, we have to ask ourselves on which side of the parade we stand. Do we follow Jesus for the whole journey, even when it leads to the cross, a symbol of suffering and death? As long ago they laid cloaks on Jesus’ path, so we place our gifts on Your altar to help make a way for Jesus to enter hearts. Help us remember that some who shouted “Hosanna” were later among those who stood with the crowds who shouted, “Crucify him!” when that was the safe place to stand. Grant us the courage to stand with Christ when the road is hard and the way is risky. We pray in the name of the Messiah and King! Amen.

The Scripture Lesson Luke 19: 28-40 (p. 743 in the pew Bible)

The Message “The GIANT Killer” Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn (8:00) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” 154

Special Music (9:30)

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

*Benediction

My friends, let us go forth from this place in joy, praising God for His gift of enduring love. Let us lift high the palm branches of our faith, waving them in thanksgiving for the steadfastness of a loving God who is with us always, even as we travel our own roads to Jerusalem. Amen.

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 The Forward Look Class; and also In Loving Memory of Friend, Jean Shelley, by Jean Scovell..

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Dolores Chemey; and at the 9:30 service, Betty Bunting and Bettie Foster.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Ron & Louise Cookson.

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