

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees, and flowers, and clouds, and stars.” —Martin Luther

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, Worship Assistant

February 5, 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 “Spirit of the Living God” 539 (v. 1, 3, 4)

*Call to Colors [9:30] Led by Boy Scout Troop 21

(The Scouts request the congregation to join with them in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

*Opening Act of Worship Led by Boy Scout Troop 21 [9:30]

Leader: Let us pause to give thanks to God for life and land, for mountains and plains, for fields and forests, for family and friends, for teaching and learning
The People (R)espond: WE THANK YOU, O GOD

Leader: For the privilege of living in these days, for opportunities to better understand ourselves, our world and to serve neighbors in need **(R)**

Leader: For the youth of our land and all lands who seek to grow into the full potential given by their Creator **(R)**

Leader: For the ties that draw youth throughout the world together in international friendships and understanding through Scouting **(R)**

Leader: For devoted men and women in our church and community who faithfully give of themselves in our Scouting programs **(R)**

Leader: For our churches, schools, groups of parents and community service organizations, that sponsor and stand ready with facilities and leaders that makes Scouting possible **(R)**

Leader: For our churches’ wider concern in work and witness through helping and healing here in Langhorne and in all parts of the world. **(R) Amen.**

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” 618 (v. 1-3)

(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Offertory Anthem [9:30] The Wesleyan Choir

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to You, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of all that You have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities in Your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our talents and treasure. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 9: 16-23 (p. 811 in the pew Bible)

The Message “***The Value of our Church***” Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the side aisles at the ushers’ direction, returning down the center aisle to their seat. Please kneel at the altar, if you are able, to receive the elements.)

*Closing Hymn “Have Thine Own Way Lord” 382 (v. 1-3)

*Affirmation of Faith The Girl Scout Oath & Pledge [adapted]

On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times. I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, and make the world a better place.

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

****The Communion Offering*** for this month will be dedicated to *Camping Scholarships.*

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 Denise Dintinger on Her Birthday, by Marilyn Deibler and Family; and also In Loving Memory of George Schick, Husband, Father and Pop-Pop, by Cynthia Schick and Family.

Morning Greeters this morning are Charlotte & Bob Downs at the 8:00 service; and Ron & Louise Cookson with Troop 21 Boy Scouts at the 9:30 service.

Ushers this morning are Troop 21 Boy Scouts at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Austin Cookson.

Prayer Chain No. 1 is in effect this week. Please call Cynthia Schick, 215-968-2072, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

LUMC Church Staff:

Jerry Hill, Lay Leader
(215) 757-2651
hilllawn@comcast.net

Aimee O'Neill, Dir. Music Ministries
(215) 579-0469
aimbabe88@comcast.net

Kerry Fenton, Organist
(609) 954-5564
kerryafenton@yahoo.com

Amy Hansen, LUMC Treasurer
(215) 932-1709
lumctreasurer@comcast.net

Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director
(215) 757-4981
steeplekids@comcast.net

Bill Bryan, Congregational Care
(215) 847-2130
bbryan104@comcast.net

Anthony Vigile, Contemporary Worship Ldr.
(215) 269-0925
avigile@comcast.net

Judy Hardie, Church Secretary
(215) 757-4984
judyhardie@comcast.net

Peter Curtin, Youth Director
(215) 364-8885
physed7383@comcast.net

LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Fellowship of
Believers Reaching Out
That All Might Know
Christ as Lord.*

301 E. Maple Ave.
Langhorne PA 19047
(215) 757-4984
lumc-online.org

Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

John Lutz,
Senior Pastor
revjlutz@comcast.net