

“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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Dolores Chemey (8:00) & Ron Cookson (9:00), Worship Assistants

March 9, 2014

SCOUT SUNDAY

8:00 & 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another *(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)*

*Opening Hymn “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” 269

*Call to Worship [8:00]

Leader: Holy God, we embark on this Lenten journey grateful for Your presence along the way.

People: *Walk alongside us to call us to repentance, to woo us from our idols, to open our eyes to our neighbor in need, to guide us in the way of sacrifice.*

Leader: Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness.

People: *Pour out Your Spirit upon us that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. Amen.*

*A Litany for Scouting [9:00]

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.

People: WE THANK YOU, O GOD. AMEN

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Prayer of Preparation [unison]

Merciful God, You have surrounded us with abundant good and invited us to partake. Rather than respond with gratitude, we long for that which we do not have. We compare ourselves to others and want more, different, newer, shinier. We fail to discipline our desires, and instead glorify and indulge them. We want maturity without growing pains, character without effort, courage without testing, wisdom without difficulty. Lord, forgive our foolish ways. Grant us instead a longing for Your presence and a burning passion for Your truth. Above all else may we seek to know Your heart, to delight in Your presence and to desire Your ways and thoughts which are higher than ours. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn (8:00) “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” 142

Offertory Anthem (9:00)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Heavenly Father, You have offered us such abundance. We are so very blessed. Yet, we often think that we have so little. Some of us may even feel as though our gift is too small. Thank You for reminding us that even our mustard seed-sized gift may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, today we place before You all amounts of gifts – some quarters from children, some \$1 bills from adults, some larger bills and checks – knowing that You transform our scarcity into Your abundance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 (p. 2 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Grow Up”** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 140

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

*Benediction

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 Harry & Jennie Tamaccio, by Celia Petit and Fred & Melissa Woerner; and also In Loving Memory of Our Daughter, Karen Lynne Rodgers, by Dale & Carol Habel.

Morning Greeters today are Dot Gannon at the 8:00 service; and at the 9:00 service, Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick and Tom Romspert; and at the 9:00 service, Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts.

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 & 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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