

# Order of Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 6, 2008

Eleven O'clock, A.M

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson    Liturgist: Samantha Drohan  
Organist & Choir Director: Beverly Antis

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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN  
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THE PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign  
Our Lord Is Risen from the Dead*

John Ferguson  
J. G. Walther

THE CHORAL INTROIT

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

R. Vaughan Williams

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 118    *The Day of Resurrection!*    LANCASHIRE

\*THE LITANY OF ADORATION

Liturgist: Deep is God's love;

People: **Wide is God's care.**

Liturgist: God's joy flows through the valleys;

People: **God's peace rests on the mountaintops.**

Liturgist: How longsuffering is God's patience!

People: **How lasting is the kindness of our Lord!**

Liturgist: Holy is our God, and worthy of praise.

People: **Mighty is our God! We glorify His Holy Name and join  
our voices together in adoration and praise.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Source and Protector of all, you promise to care for us fully, and invite us to cast all our care upon you. Yet we continue to worry, betraying our lack of faith in your good and sure promises. Forgive us for our worries and our doubts. Release us from the fears and the guilts that imprison us. Hear us now as we confess our sins to you and relinquish them into your hands, by your mighty Spirit. Help us to trust in the power of your holy love and your amazing grace, both in life and in death, and in the life to come. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: ...Friends, once again, let us hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen & Amen.**

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\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(A Contemporary Creed)*

**We believe in God,  
creator and lover of the earth,  
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ, herald of hope,  
God's laughter in the face of despair.  
Plunged into death and hell,  
he broke free the captives  
and is leading the way to a land of promise  
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who plants the seeds of truth,  
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,  
and empowers us to confront and transform  
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.  
In that day all will be consummated  
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven.  
In that day those who have passed through  
the world's deep sorrow  
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,  
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the inbreaking of that day on this day,  
we work and pray:  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

\*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Donald Fishel

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *(Pew Bible p. 113)*

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

*At the Lamb's High Feast*

arr. John Ferguson

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious king,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes the sword,  
Israel's host triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!*



COMMUNION HYMN 516

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

O QUANTA QUALIA

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Friends, this is the joyful feast of the whole people of God! Believers will come from east and west, and from north and south, to sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human  
form. . . Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE RECEIVING OF THE SACRAMENT (come forward)

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

\*THE UNISON PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**O God, who called us from death to life, we thank you for this meal and praise you for your saving love in Jesus Christ, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. With the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 121

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*May The Road Rise Up To Meet You*

Robert Lau

\*THE TIME OF SILENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,  
who loved us and graciously gave us eternal encouragement  
and good hope,  
now encourage our hearts and strengthen us  
in every good deed and word.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go in Peace and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

*Postlude in E Major*

Johann Kuhnau

\*Those who are able please stand.

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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour is Shari Swanson, in gratitude and thanks for all the prayers and for the generous financial support of the church family extended to her father, Rogelio, in the Philippines, now undergoing treatments for lung cancer. At the suggestion of Shari's mother, Fe, she has prepared a favorite Filipino dish for us to enjoy today: *Leche plan*, or milk custard with caramelized sugar. Assisting Shari with the fellowship hour are a few of the Molly Maids.

**GREETINGS TO ALL this day who have come to worship.**

**We want to get to know you, especially if you are a visitor!**

Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace. Following the worship, everyone is invited to share a time of coffee, tea and fellowship downstairs in the Assembly Room. (exit at the rear of the sanctuary, go down the stairs and past the Library to the entrance near the Sallman painting of Christ knocking at the door.)

**YOU WERE GREETED TODAY** by Romaine MacDonald.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Bob & Joan Moore's 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 10<sup>th</sup> by their Loving Family.

## *In The Life of Our Church*

### *Prayer Concerns:*

Enid Dunmire . . . . . At home recuperating from successful shoulder surgery last Friday at West Penn Hospital

Doug VanDeusen . . . . . At home now

Mary Lee Marten . . . . . Now completely healed following her eye surgery and free to travel! Thanks be to God!

Marion Campbell . . . . . At home, receiving constant care

Karen Swanson . . . . . At home, recovering from recent surgeries

Betty Butler . . . . . At home, making much progress with her new knee

Grace Sechler . . . . . At home, improving from recent hip replacement

Dr. Thomas Stover . . . . . Mary Lee's brother in Euless, TX, recently diagnosed with cancer

Bill Wilson. . . . . At St. John's Specialty Care Center in Mars, PA

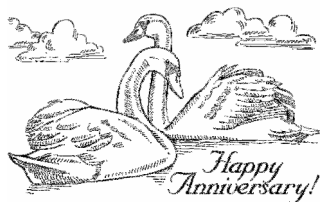
Bob and Joan Moore . . . . . In the nursing home (Concordia at Rebecca)

Mary Elizabeth Goehring . . . . . In the nursing home (Concordia)

Julie and Bud Bruno . . . . . For improved strength and health (at home)

Ray Welling . . . . . Health concerns

*Celebrating Birthdays:*    *April 7* - Lois Reefer  
  *April 7* - Lisa Schlicht McPeak  
  *April 8* - Shayne Hoehn  
  *April 11* - Steven Hamilton  
  *April 12* - Martha Keasey



*Congratulations to Bob and Joan Moore who are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>!*

### **HOME AGAIN!**

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well-wishes during my hospital stay. I am home now and anxious to resume my normal routine. I am feeling much better and hope to be back at church to see all of you sometime soon. Thank you again for your friendship, caring concern and words of encouragement.



*Sincerely, Doug Van Deusen*

COVENANT CHURCH  
SPRING CONCERT

*Featuring*

Michael Desnoyers, Tenor  
Matt Aلدorfer, Trombone

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**



*Plan to make a day of it! Seekers Adult Class at 9:45 am (with refreshments), Worship at 11:00 am, followed by*

**At 12:15 pm -- A SALAD LUNCHEON** preceding the concert, in the Assembly Room during Fellowship Hour. A Suggested donation of \$5 each will be used to benefit the Tracey Jo Schlicht Trust Fund (see below) for her cancer treatment.

**And at 1:30 pm -- THE CONCERT !**

Many persons linked in one way or another to  
*Tracey Jo Schlicht*  
have been praying for her  
and supporting Tracey and her family  
in a very courageous fight  
against advanced ovarian cancer.

Tracey's monthly COBRA Health Insurance  
Premiums of \$1,300 have been a great burden,  
as well as many other associated costs.

The proceeds from the April 20 Salad Luncheon  
will be given entirely to the Trust Fund,  
but personal donations are also welcomed  
and may be mailed to Amy Beiler,  
311 Country Club Rd., Butler PA 16002

**Covenant Cupboard Item for April:**  
peanut butter or jelly



*Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway.*

## *Update from Amber Hobaugh*

You remember Amber... she is the energetic and mission-minded granddaughter of Donna Hobaugh who traveled last year to Kenya. Currently, Amber is very involved with Happy Life Children's Home which began in Kenya in January 2002 under the direction of Pastor Peter Ndungu. This home for abandoned babies in Kenya developed in the fall of 2000 as a vision of Rev. Jim Powell, the Associate Pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church in New Castle, DE, and Steve Kamau, a Kenyan who was a member of Heritage Church at the time.

In a recent letter, Amber writes: "I wanted to contact you because I am planning to attend the 4th annual banquet held in Delaware on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church. The founder of the orphanage (Pastor Jim Powell) is holding this banquet to raise money for Happy Life which is expanding to accommodate more children! Please pass the word to the Covenant congregation that if they wished to donate to the "buy a brick" fund (see information on reverse side), I can take those donations with me when I leave next weekend."

You can reach Amber at her home address by Friday, April 11, or give donations to "Grandma Hobaugh."

**Amber's address is:**

187 Portman Rd, Butler, Pa 16002

**Amber's phone is:** 724-822-7304

**Amber's Email is:** ambies61984@yahoo.com

In closing, Amber writes, "I'll be sending a letter to update you on the changes that have occurred since I visited you last. Keep me in your prayers as I travel next weekend to support Happy Life!

*God Bless!*

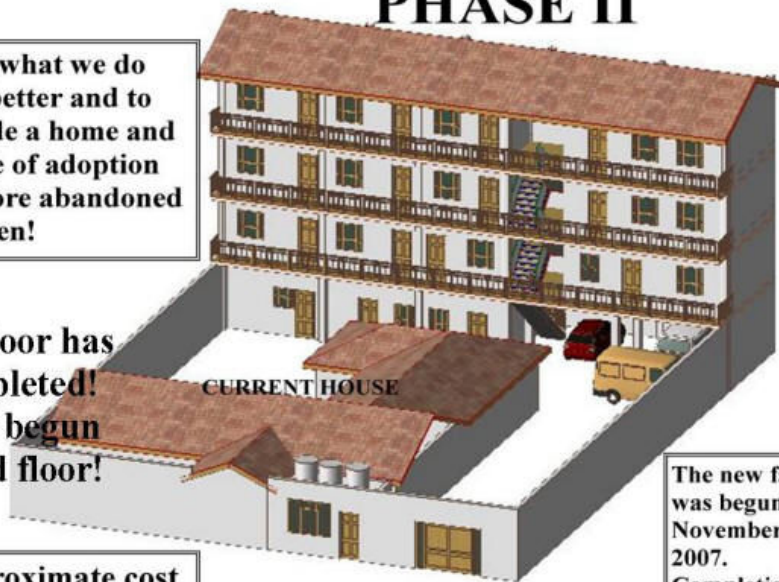
*Amber Hobaugh*

# Funding the vision one Brick at a time!

## PHASE II

To do what we do even better and to provide a home and a hope of adoption for more abandoned children!

The 1st Floor has been completed!  
Work has begun on the 2nd floor!



Approximate cost  
**\$76,000**

**\$53,000 needed for completion!**

The new facility was begun November of 2007. Completion goal is Winter of 09.

- ◆ An infirmary for the sick
- ◆ Dining Hall and Kitchen
- ◆ Room for 30 more children

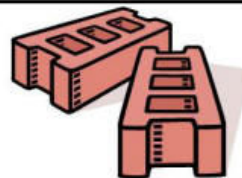
- \*Rooms for live-in staff
- \*Administrative Rooms
- \*Guest rooms for volunteers

- \*Storage Space
- \*Meeting Room

## Buy some bricks!

**\$25 A Brick! \$3,500 a room!**

\*Buy Bricks at the Banquet or send funds to:  
HLCH 140 airport Rd, New Castle DE, 19720



**140 Bricks per room!**  
**240 Bricks for the Wall!**



*“Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders build in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the  
city, the watchmen stand guard in  
vain!” Psalm 127:1*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

**April 6, 2008**

*It was a strange and wondrous war,  
When death and Life did battle.  
With royal might did Life prevail,  
Made death His knave and chattle.  
The sacred Book foretold it all:  
How death by death should come to fall.  
Now death is laughed to scorn.*

--English translation of a Latin Easter hymn  
(*Finita sunt jam proelia*) first published by  
the Jesuit Fathers at Cologne in 1695

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