

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 23, 2008

Easter Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: "Easter Triumph" Carl Wilhelm Kern

WESTMINSTER CHIMES & HOUR STRYKE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing

CHORAL INTROIT: "Who Do You Weep?" Michael Barrett

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus Christ, we greet you. You have come, not to answer our questions, but to share your presence.

People: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus Christ, you greet us. Life has triumphed over the power of death.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

Minister: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Obedying the words of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism, God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

PRESENTATION

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Samuel Vance Ward, child of Heather Ward and R. Scott Ward, grandson of Gwen Hodavance, Robert Samuel

Hodavance, and Gayle Ward, nephew of Warren Arthur Hodavance, to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Minister: Do you desire your child to be baptized?

Family: We do.

Minister: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to him?

Family: We do.

Elder: Will we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture him by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to become a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us with love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Family: We do.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Family: We do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Family: We will, with God's help.

Minister: With the whole church, let us all confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 109 “Christ Is Risen”

ARGENTINA

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Gayle Ward & Gwen Hodavance

CHORAL ANTHEM: “The Day of Resurrection”

Gilbert Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 28: 1 – 10

(N.T., p. 33)

SERMON: “Easter Passion”

* HYMN OF FAITH NO. 122

“Thine Is The Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison):

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious”

Camil van Hulse

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 592 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE SCATTER IN GOD'S NAME

* THE CLOSING HYMN: "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel
*(The congregation is invited to participate in this Easter tradition.
Music is available on the front center pew.)*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: "Toccatà in G Minor" William Walond

* Those who are able please stand.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

March 23, 2008

Dottie Andersson for her husband Lennart's well-being
Missy Fennimore as she cares for her mother battling cancer
Howard Hanna welcomes our prayers as he recovers from a stroke
Doris Myers for her improved health
Dianne Pierce as she prepares for surgery
Jen Smith as she prepares for surgery
"Doc" Stevens continues to recover from his surgery

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 118*

THE FLOWERS: EASTER -- HE IS RISEN!

CAMPANOLOGISTS: Beth and Steve Fenwick

USHERS: Denise Shoemaker, Rob Shoemaker, Evi Mahairas

GREETERS: Julia Grove

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship & Sacraments Committee

CHANCEL FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR: Cheryl and Chris Snyder

NURSERY: Gina Larson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES are available from the Ushers.

TRINITY HAS NURSERY CARE for young children, birth to 3 years of age. If you would like your child to be there during the worship service please speak to an usher.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 115

YOUTH NEWS -. HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

March 23: No Crossroads today. Enjoy your Easter Sunday evening with your family.

March 28-30: High School Retreat in Ocean City Maryland

No Sunday School

Youth Sunday Preparation 6:30-7:30pm

April 6: Youth Sunday!

Things that we are looking to get for the youth room:

Furniture to replace old sofas	Paint Trays
Book Shelves	Office Materials
Mini Refrigerator (or full-sized)	Pool Sticks
Paint	Random Things
Paint Brushes	Etc

If you have any of these things or know anyone who is trying to get rid of these things contact Taylor at church or call him on his cell, (717)682-8018.

TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP is taking a two week break. We will gather again on **April 1** to conclude our discussion of Flannery O'Connor: Spiritual Writings

ADULT EDUCATION: We continue a new DVD series "Serious Answers to Hard Questions" Sunday March 30. The series is presented in "stand alone" fashion if you find it necessary to miss a Sunday morning. The next class will feature questions about the Resurrection. Please join us as we look at some of the issues facing Christians today.

PRAYING THE PSALMS – with Catherine every other Friday at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy. Next meeting is **April 4**.

THE CHANCEL FLOWER arrangements we enjoy every Sunday morning certainly enhance our worship service and bring beauty to the Sanctuary. Members of our own church do these beautiful arrangements. To contribute a vase of flowers is a great way to remember loved ones, to celebrate birthdays, wedding anniversaries, retirement, or an occasion that is important to you. There are several Sundays in the future when no one has signed-up to be a contributor of flowers. The open dates are the beginning of May, the middle of June and July and the end of December. Each arrangement cost \$22.00. If you are interested in contributing to the worship service in this lovely way, please call **SALLY McKay---610-647-3332. Thank You.**

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has started the annual search for members willing to serve on Session and the Board of Deacons. Serving on Session or the Board of Deacons not only provides an opportunity for each member to contribute their special God-given talents to the mission of Trinity but also experience the glorious personal reward of service. All members are welcome to submit their names for consideration. No prior experience is necessary. If the Spirit is moving you, please let us know. You may contact the church office or a member of the Nominating Committee for more information or to express your interest.

The Committee: Hugh Chekemian, Chair, Steve Belliveau, Steve Fenwick, Amy Keenan, Bob Owen

ACME GIFT CARDS for March are in and available through the church office.

TRINITY ON TV : Thanks to Rosanne & Chad Morris, Trinity is on TV. Comcast Cable Channel 2, Tredyffrin Township's cable station. When? ***Sundays at 8:30 A.M.; Mondays at 8:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.; Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.; Saturdays at 8:30 P.M.*** Invite friends to watch & then come experience Trinity live!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: WE HOPE THE CHILDREN – ALSO PARENTS – ARE FILLING THEIR FISH BANKS WITH COINS THAT WILL BE SENT AROUND THE WORLD WHERE THE INHABITANTS ARE VERY NEEDY. PLEASE REMIND YOUR FAMILY TO SHARE THEIR LOVE WITH THESE FOLKS, MOST OF WHOM ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE. THE FISH BANKS SHOULD BE RETURNED ON EASTER SUNDAY, OR SOON AFTER. THANK YOU FOR TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

EASTER EGG HUNT According to tradition, the Christian Education Committee is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the morning worship service March 23.

DEACONS ENVELOPES: One of many services the Deacons provide is to help those who experience short term financial need. In order to aid others, we need help from the congregation. Please use the Deacons envelopes which are located in the back of the pew to contribute to the Deacon's fund for those you are in need. Thanks!

WANTED: GLASSES AND CASES FOR HONDURAS: We need reading glasses, sunglasses and cases for our Honduras medical clinics. Surprisingly, cases for glasses are very hard to find. If you have any old glasses we will make good use of them. We will use the cases for the inexpensive reading glasses and sunglasses we supply to our friends in Honduras. The prescription glasses you give us will be given to the Lion's Club which regrinds them to a needed prescription.

You can make many people happy by donating your old glasses together with the cases.

Thank you.....**THANK YOU.....*THANK YOU***

New Member Class for all who want to know more about Trinity

... begins Sunday, March 30, 2008 & continues through April 20

... from 11:45 A.M. until 12:45P.M.

... bring your lunch & Karen Parsons will lead discussions of the history of being Presbyterian, how we organize our life together, what we believe, and how to get involved in the life of Trinity.

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Wilkins, Ph.D.

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