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Easter 2016

10:30 AM

A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S VICTORY! SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Happy Easter! A warm, joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of Kings on this Resurrection Day!

For today's service, we are using the black hymnal.

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD. . .

GATHERING MUSIC (by Mt. Zion Brass Ensemble)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE BAND PRELUDE

Happy Day

by Hughes

**Happy Day, CCLI Song #4847027, CCLI license #3220582*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

P: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power in all the places of our lives!

L: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

P: This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life in all places of our lives!

***HYMN NO. 322** (UM Hymnal, see insert)

Up From the Grave

**Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

CELEBRATING OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST. . .

***CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: Emptier of tombs, on this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Dazzling God, bring us to life. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us for all the damage we have done - and fill us with resurrection joy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 242 (black hymnal, refrain, stanzas 1 & 4, refrain)

The Strife Is O'er

ALL SING: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Christ, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD. . .

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM

Awake! Arise! Go Forth!

by Price/Besig

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

EASTER MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 522 (black hymnal)

I Love to Tell the Story

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Romans 8: 31, 35, 37-39 NRSV)

L: What, then, shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

ALL: No, in all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESURRECTION PRAYERS

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

WE OFFER OURSELVES. . .

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Forever

by Johnson, et al

***Forever, CCLI song #7001228, CCLI license #3220582*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 245 (black hymnal, stanzas 1 & 3)

The Day of Resurrection

ALL SING: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION . . .

*INVITATION

L: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

P: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

L: Thankful is the song we sing!

P: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

L: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

P: For this day awakens in us long awaited new life.

L: This table is for all who wish to know the Risen Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love; you are creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in you... We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness, proclaiming with your people from every time and place:

P: Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

(The outer ring of communion cups contain grape juice, the inner rings contain wine.)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and to share your joy. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN NO. 233 (black hymnal)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD . . .

*COMMISSIONING

L: Do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this church building.

P: We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets, in all the pathways and byways of our lives.

L: Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar -

P: We know that Resurrection makes all things new!

L: Do not cling to the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit, but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:

P: Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

L: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Alleluia and amen!

*COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus

by Handel

Though it is tradition for audiences to stand during the Hallelujah Chorus, please do what is most comfortable for you. We are grateful for your presence and wish you a Happy Easter, whether you stand or sit!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Triumphal Chorus

by Guilmant

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

MT. ZION UCC WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE & THANK

Thank you to our Praise Band and Worship Choir for combining their talents and blessing us with music today.

Thank you to our Brass Band for blessing us with their musical talents today.

Praise Band:

- Cora Beyer
- Wyatt Cunningham
- Sydney Cooper
- Mason DeMers

Worship Choir:

- Carl Arnold
- Brenda Beyer
- Deborah Butcher
- David Firestone
- Nancy Kinard
- Joann Snyder
- Ellenor Arnold
- Braden Bicher
- Bonnie Dull
- Tom Green
- Michael Maletz
- Tom Bair
- Helen Burns
- Barb Everhart
- Matt Grimes
- Barb Neff

Brass Ensemble:

- George DeMers
- Missy Kiefer
- Kayla Swaltek
- Mike Ferree
- Olivia Marstellar

Thank you to Naylor Wine Cellars Inc., Stewartstown, PA for providing wine for this morning's communion.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Pastor Danielle by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Pastor Jeff by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor and gratitude for our two pastors by Don & Diane Strine.

Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Mason DeMers, John Schriver, Barb Stebbins, Dave Strine, Guy Wenck

Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull
Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

As you leave, please remember to pick up your Easter flowers placed in honor and in memory of loved ones, which are located throughout the sanctuary and in the narthex.

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¹ Prayer of Confession written by Thom Shuman, from *Fire and Bread: Resources from Easter Day to Trinity Sunday*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 27, 2016

Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

This weekly announcement sheet is included on Mt. Zion's website.

TODAY

~Easter Sunday

~Worship Services & Communion at 8 & 10:30 AM

~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

~Hospitality Table: enjoy light refreshments & fellowship time after each of the worship services

~Self Study Survey opens today

THIS WEEK

~Chop & Peel Mon. March 28th, 6-8 PM fellowship hall & kitchen

~Worship Choir Practice Wed. March 30th, 7:30-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM

~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

~Self Study Survey Assistance 9-10 AM, parlor

~Cooks on the Road to Ronald McDonald House following late worship

~Single's Lunch 12 PM, Outback Steak House

~Youth Group 6-8 PM kitchen & fellowship hall

Our Monthly Mission for March is the youth of the Lanai Union Church in Lanai City, Hawaii. This summer, UCC youth from all over the country will be converging on Orlando, Florida for the National Youth Event. The pastor at Lanai Union Church, Pastor Sarah Rentzel-Jones has reached out to us (and others) to help fund their youth's trip to the National Youth Event, as it is a financial hardship for many of the people in her congregation. Our youth have been tithing 10% of their fundraising efforts to the youth in Lanai, and the Mt. Zion Mission Core has extended this generosity, asking that our March monthly mission go towards the fundraising efforts to send several youth from Lanai to the National Youth Event. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to sharing your gifts with Lanai Union Church and Pastor Sarah!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering ~The UCC and Global Ministries are partnered to distribute your gifts to those who have been displaced due to natural disasters and to refugees who are forced to live in camps. Your gift to this mission will help them access food, medical attention, clean water and obtain education. We are accepting gifts for the remainder of this month. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to raise \$1,355.20 so far.

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of March, the food pantry is in need of paper products: tissues, toilet paper, napkins & paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect and deliver all of the donations on Tues. March 29th. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ Thank you to everyone who provided eggs and volunteered their time to make the annual Mt. Zion Easter Egg Hunt a huge success!

Did you know... that it is approximately \$850 to send one participant to the National Youth Event? This money goes towards their flight, housing, meals, and all activities. We thank you for the generosity you have shown and we look forward to your continued support for our upcoming fundraisers. We do not take your gifts for granted and we know what a faithful, loving, and supportive congregation we have. **THANK YOU!**

Did you see the Youth Group's Wall of Money? In a continued effort to raise money for the National Youth Event, the youth group has put up their "Wall of Money"... the concept is simple and easy! There are 104 envelopes- each envelope has a dollar amount written on the outside ranging from \$1 to \$104. To donate, simply take the envelope with the amount of money you wish to donate off the wall, place cash or check for that amount of money in the envelope and you're done! That money will go towards the cost of our youth attending National Youth Event, as well as a tithe to the youth of the Lanai Union Church. Thank you for your ongoing help! We are truly grateful!

Easter Hospitality Table ~ Thanks to many generous donations, we have various cookies, breads, pastries, etc. available to share after each worship service today. We hope you enjoy this time of fellowship with one another!

Chop & Peel/Soup Kitchen ~ Chop & Peel will be tomorrow, Mon. March 28th at 6 PM. We hope that you can join us! Thank you to everyone who donated food items. We appreciate all of the support given to this ministry! Shalom, Nancy Sleeper

Attention 2016 Graduates: Whether you are graduating from high school or college, we want to hear from you so that your Mt. Zion family can join in congratulating you during a worship service. Simply notify the office via a note on the secretary's desk, phone: 717-755-6117, or email: mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net by May 1, 2016.

Want to go to Summer Camp?? Hartman Center has released the 2016 summer camp schedule! There are programs/camps for kindergarten through 12th grade as well as intergenerational camps for families! There are 3 day and full week options. This is a meaningful and fun way to spend a few days. Mt. Zion offers scholarships to all Mt. Zion attendees of camp at Hartman Center to help defray costs. Information is available in the side narthex.

WOW Kids—WOW (Worship Our Way) Kids is a program for the younger children of our congregation to participate in during the 10:30 worship service. After the children's message,

the kids go downstairs for a lesson and snack. There is no sign up process – simply bring your child and we'll do the rest!

Self Study Process~ Self Study Surveys are available today! There is a paper in the bulletin that details the process. If you are not completing the survey online, there are paper copies available for you to use, and they are on a table in the narthex. There is a box to put your completed survey in when you are finished. Information will be kept secure and confidential. If you have signed up to receive your survey via email, you should be receiving it later today. We have support sessions on April 3rd from 9-10 AM, April 6th from 10:30-11:30 AM, & April 10th from 9-10 AM. Church computers will be available to use during those sessions. Please contact Ken Dunbar of Dani Devine if you have any questions. Ken Dunbar: 717-683-0047, Dani Devine: 717-309-2715.

JWalker Worship Bags Now Available! The bags are now ready and available for all older children in worship (grades 3-6). The bags offer a unique prompt each week that relates to the scripture and lessons for the day in worship. We hope that they will become a favorite for our JWalkers to use during worship! If you have any questions, please contact Kristen.

Messy Church ~ We will meet on Fri., April 1st from 6-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall & sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for this evening of storytelling, music, dancing, crafts, games & general messiness! While all are welcome, please know that this service gears its activities and worship experience specifically towards the needs of children and their families - so a sense of humor, love of children, and comfort with organized chaos is a must!

Cooks on the Road will travel to Ronald McDonald House next Sun. April 3rd following late worship. Please contact Jim Shiffer if you have any questions.

DODGE BALL! Chapel Church in Red Lion has invited us to join them for an evening of dodge ball on Sat. April 9th. Doors open at 5:30 (food is available for sale), play is from 6-9, price is \$5 per player. For participants under 18, a signed parental waiver is required during registration. Forms are in the side narthex, along with a sign-up sheet. Any questions, please contact Robin Schriver or Stacey Roache at: rschriver@block.com or sroache@wellspan.org.

Please consider sponsoring either an altar flower arrangement or our weekly bulletins. It's a great way to send a special message, remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday or event. You are encouraged to take a few minutes upon sign up to complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Flower arrangements cost \$14.75 & bulletins cost \$15.00. Thank You!

The Church Office has **Weis and Giant gift cards** available in \$10, \$25, and \$50 denominations. A portion of every card purchased benefits Bell Socialization! Checks should be made out to Mt. Zion U.C.C.

Mt. Zion is Streaming! The 8 AM service is posted on the Mt. Zion website at: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with both a live feed (during the actual service) and past services for some of the last few Sundays. The streaming works to PCs,

tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net.

Cards of encouragement and well wishes can be mailed to Zachary Shiffer at: 4140 Abbey Lane, York, PA 17402.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
Feb. 28, 2016	173 members + 15 guests	\$3,038.00	\$1,900.19	\$4,938.19	\$4,352.04
March 6, 2016	167 members + 18 guests	\$2,471.00	\$1,866.44	\$4,337.44	\$4,352.04
March 13, 2016	140 members +12 guests	\$1,814.00	\$1,866.44	\$3,680.44	\$4,352.04
March 20, 2016	202 members + 13 guests	\$2,686.00	\$1,866.44	\$4,552.44	\$4,352.04

Special needs prayer chain - please call the church office at 755-6117.

Hospitalized: Zachary Shiffer

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler

Recuperating: Dick Fisher, Dan Kinard, Weldon Spangler, Paula Beever

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy Ensminger, Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder, Don & Diane Strine

8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Mason DeMers, John Schriver, Barb Stebbins, Dave Strine, Guy Wenck

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

