

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013
10 a.m.

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Kauffman
St. Peter's Bell Choir

COMING OF THE LIGHT

*Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.
During the service, the people will make the responses
in the **bold print**.*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Hear the Music! Jesus Is A-Risen!"

Senior Choir
Angerman/Graham

GATHERING

Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth.

For God has comforted the people.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN 233

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Easter morning takes us by surprise, with heaven's light revealing our doubts and sins. Let us now humbly turn to our forgiving God with the prayer of confession:

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we humbly and gratefully come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt, so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

Hear the Good News. In the name of Jesus, all things are made new. Our sins are forgiven. Doubt no more, for Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Praise be to God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

"Morning Has Broken"

McChesney
St Peter's Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S TALK

Children may bring their offering as they come forward for this time with the Pastor. There is no Sunday School today, so following the Children's Talk, the children will return to their seats in the pews.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of all life, and conqueror of death, we thank you for your Holy Scripture that calls on us to believe and hope in your wonderful, even miraculous ways. **Amen.**

A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:1-18

Pew Bibles, Page 114

EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

HYMN 198

“Lift High the Cross”

After the Hymn, please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Using “debts .. debtors.”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Crown Him Lord This Easter Day"

Besig

Mackenzie Wookey, trumpet

PRESENTATION

All may stand as the offering is presented and remain standing for the prayer and hymn and blessing that follow.

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the Resurrection promise, we offer our gifts to the work of the church, proclaiming the Good News of a loving Savior for all the world. Accept our gifts, we pray, for the sake of all who seek new life and life eternal. Amen.

HYMN 242

“The Strife Is O’er”

BENEDICTION

After the Blessing, all may be seated until the postlude begins.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Wagner
Senior Choir

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*

Widor



News and Notes for March 31, 2013

Welcome to our St. Peter’s Church family. If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the tan card found in the pews and place it in the collection plate. Prayer list requests may also be written on the tan cards and placed in the offering plate.

TODAY’S WORSHIP

THE LECTOR today is Eric Johnson

THE USHERS today are Doug and Laura Yeakle

THE ACOLYTES today are Ella, Owen and Tate Yeakle

THE SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS are The Helping Hands of St. Peters

FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS a rocker and changing table are available for your use next to the lower level rest rooms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, UPDATES

THANK YOU: We would like to thank Kat Bowman, the Senior Choir, the Bell Choir, and Mackenzie Wookey for adding to the joy of Easter with their music this morning.

CHILI COOK-OFF: April 20th at 5:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall above the piano if you are interested in competing with your chili or if you are able to bring items needed for the cook-off such as drinks, bowls, spoons, napkins, table cloths etc. See Christin Love with any other questions.

HEIFER PROJECT GIFT FAIR: Heifer Project Gift Fair will be held after Church Sunday May 5. Contributions of baked goods are needed and can be dropped off on Saturday morning May 4 at Fellowship Hall. Heifer Project fights hunger and poverty around the world and in the United States and changes people's lives. Your contributions are a big help. See you at the Heifer Project Fair Sunday May 5, 2013 right after church.

TRIP TO HARRISBURG: On Monday, April 15th Pastor Doug will be traveling to Harrisburg to offer the opening prayer for the legislative session of the Pennsylvania State Senate. Members of the congregation are invited to attend to sit in the gallery and to be recognized. The invitation comes from State Senator Andrew Dinniman, who joined us for our Bicentennial celebration in October.

Please let Pastor Doug know of your interest as soon as possible so that the convoy from the church can be arranged.

Included that day will be a visit to the Welcome Center and a tour of the Capitol.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY: The Deacons are looking to put together a directory of people from the Church who own businesses and would like to be included in our Business Directory. Our goal is to provide our members with trustworthy businesses as well as give business to those who own them. Please see Ken Taylor if you are interested in having your name and business in this Business Directory.

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS NEEDED: We are currently in need of Social Hour hosts for April, May and June. Please take a look at the sign-up poster found in Fellowship Hall.

WAYNE'S MISSION: Mirror Mirror on the wall, are there any extra at all? Wayne's Mission is looking for one or more mirrors.

Church Staff

Rev. Doug Hanson, *Pastor*

Kat Bowman, *Music Director and Organist*

Annamae Moore, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*

Jill Cook, *Church Secretary*

Deborah Wetty, *Nursery Attendant*

Debbie Wolk, *Bookkeeper*

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