

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

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*Easter Sunday*

March 31, 2013  
8:00 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!"

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!**

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

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.**



**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food,  
we come to this table to know the risen Christ  
in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing  
and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your  
constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith  
in every generation who have given themselves to your  
will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent  
from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and  
resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church  
for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer  
ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire  
family of your faithful people everywhere:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory,  
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith,  
we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread,  
and blessed, and broke it,  
and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat: This is my body.”  
Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
gave it to the disciples and said:

“Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood  
of the covenant, which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.”

Let us say boldly what we believe:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.  
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table,  
that our eyes may be opened,  
and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst,  
in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven...** (*Use debts . . . debtors*)

#### THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all things are ready.

*The ushers will invite you to come forward for Communion.  
It is our custom to take the bread individually, and the cup  
together at the Pastor's signal. After receiving, the Pastor will  
dismiss you with a blessing. Use side aisles to return to your seat.  
Place cups in one of the baskets provided. We use wine, water, and  
white grape juice in our celebration of Holy Communion.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,  
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through  
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN 242

“The Strife is O’er”

BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Alleluia, Alleluia!"

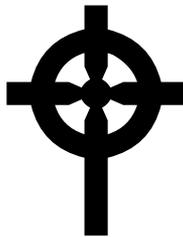
Wagner

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Victory"

Helman



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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 MESSAGE** will be brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson.

**OUR ORGANIST** is Kat Bowman.

**THE LECTOR** today is Wayne Freese

**THE USHERS** today are Albie and Dottie Raichle, Annamae Moore and Roy Barley

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Christin Love in loving memory of Barry Love

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

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## **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:** 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pastor Doug would like to know who might be interested in going to Harrisburg that day, so that a convoy can be arranged at the church. Please let him know of your interest as soon as possible. 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.

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