

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2012

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "Russian Easter"

Rimsky-Korsakov

Invocation

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God feeds us; God clothes us; God wraps loving arms around us.

**People: Our God is the perfect, loving parent.**

Leader: We disappoint God time and again, and yet, God forgives us.

**People: Our God is the perfect, loving parent.**

Leader: We do not always believe that God knows what's best. We go our own ways, turn away from God, think we can do it on our own. God understands us, picks us up when we fall.

**People: Our God is the perfect, loving parent. Let us give thanks for this unconditional love we receive from the parent, even though we don't always deserve it.**

\*Hymn: #469 "Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, you care for us in large and small ways, in ways we know and in ways we can't imagine. We do not always accept your care, your advice. We turn away from you, doing what we want, doing what you have told us not to do. We are lost without your guidance, unhappy. Please forgive us, dear God, showing us the mercy you always do and that we surely don't deserve. Turn our hearts and minds back to the road you have given us, the one that leads to peace and calm. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Borning Cry" (words are in Leacock Sings p. 20) setting David Kellman

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls

Sermon: **OUR NURTURING GOD**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139: 1-18 (p. 545)

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE: Linda Erikson

SOLO: She Comes Sailing on the Wind by Gordon Light sung by Karen Homsher

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hosea 11:3-4 (p.794)

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE: Jennifer McElhaney

HYMN: 442 "The Church's One Foundation"

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: John 15: 9-17 (p. 103)

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE: Marie Brackbill

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Alyssa Nicole Carney, daughter of Sean and Maureen Carney

Garrett Joseph Carney, son of Sean and Maureen Carney

Delilah Grace Diem, daughter of Michael and Rebekah Diem

Sara Elizabeth Lichty, daughter of Matthew and Michele Lichty

Clair Caldwell Hamilton

Anthony Allen Lutz

Nicole Lynn Wenger

\*Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Jesus Loves Me"

Raymond Haan

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #280 "Amazing Grace"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Cathedral Fanfare"

Gordon Young

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

**WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Tom & Vicki Burkins  
10:30 – Johanna Gingher and Deb Beane

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Jim Hess and Pat Ide  
Given by Gerry & Jessie

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Ryan & Angela Ridings Graybill  
Madison Paige & Bailey Grace  
780A Georgetown Road  
Paradise, PA 17562

In the hospital: Peter Conway, Lancaster General, Room 6609

\*Affirmation of Faith:

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: 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.**

**TODAY: Happy Mother’s Day**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

**MONDAY:**

6:30 p.m. Softball – Leacock vs. Bird-in-Hand - #2

**WEDNESDAY:**

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Sue Funk

10:30 - Bob and Margy Hershey

11:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singles Group

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week’s offering total was \$3,781.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$52,240.82

| <u>Sunday School Elective-- Winter Quarter--9:20AM each Sunday—Up-Coming</u><br>Sunday School Adult Elective Topics |                 |                     |                        |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Elective</u>   | <u>Location</u> | <u>May 13</u>       | <u>May 20</u>          |
| Bible Study Discussion  | Library         | Diagnosis and Cure  | Righteousness by Faith |
| Current Issues Discussion   | Fellowship Hall | God’s Creation/Food | God’s Creation/Food    |

**FOOD BANK IN NEED:** The heavy demand on the Paradise Area Food Bank has made it necessary to ask our members to collect food at this time. The items for our congregation are instant rice, canned tuna and chicken, canned stew and chili, and soups. Please place your donations, throughout the month of May, in the “Food Bank” box in the Narthex. We thank you, in faith, for your generosity. If you would prefer to make cash gifts, which are also needed, please contact Karen Homsher. (Checks may be made out to Paradise Area Food Bank.)

**May is Trustee Special Offering month.** In a continued effort, we are still trying to raise funds for the Narthex flooring project. Please give as you can to help us reach this goal. Building Fund Offering envelopes will be available in the pews thru the month of May. Many thanks from all the Trustees.

**Movers and Shakers will start back up on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Find Out Who Your Neighbors Are!**

Don't forget to map yourself on the caring family map on the bulletin board behind the Sunday school classrooms. Take a look at who lives near you.