

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH...**Welcome! We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to the *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table to the right of the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 9:30 service, we hope you will stay for Coffee Hour which is held in Room 120 located through the doors left of the Choir loft, and left down the hall to the end.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** are trained to help in times of stress. They will listen, refer when necessary and, most importantly, pray with you. For more information about Stephen Ministry call 973-228-0310 Ext. 235.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A LARGE PRINT BIBLE, BULLETIN OR HYMNAL** one of the ushers will be glad to assist you. After the service, please return the hymnal or Bible to an usher.

**EACH WEEK YOU** will find audio cassettes of the 9:30AM Worship Service immediately after the service at the back of the church along with CD's of recent services. Keep the tape or CD for your own use, pass it on to your friends and neighbors or return them for re-use by other people. Printed copies of the sermon will be available during the week on the wall of the church office in the main lobby of the Education building

**THE RED ROSE ON THE COMMUNION** table celebrates the birth of...  
...Daniel Neal to Beth and Thomas Haselbach on April 1, 2007. He is the grandson of Elizabeth Resch and great-grandson of Edward Lender.

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING**, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of...  
...our parents by Marcia and Jack Gesell.  
...Rose DeCarlo by Rosemary Holland.  
...Sara Hussey on her Birthday from the Youth Choir and Advisors.

**YOUR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently* hospitalized **or** who continue to need our prayers and support:  
...Jack Nathans, Fran Schneider, Barbara Lee, Bonnie Smith, Don Hults.

The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.

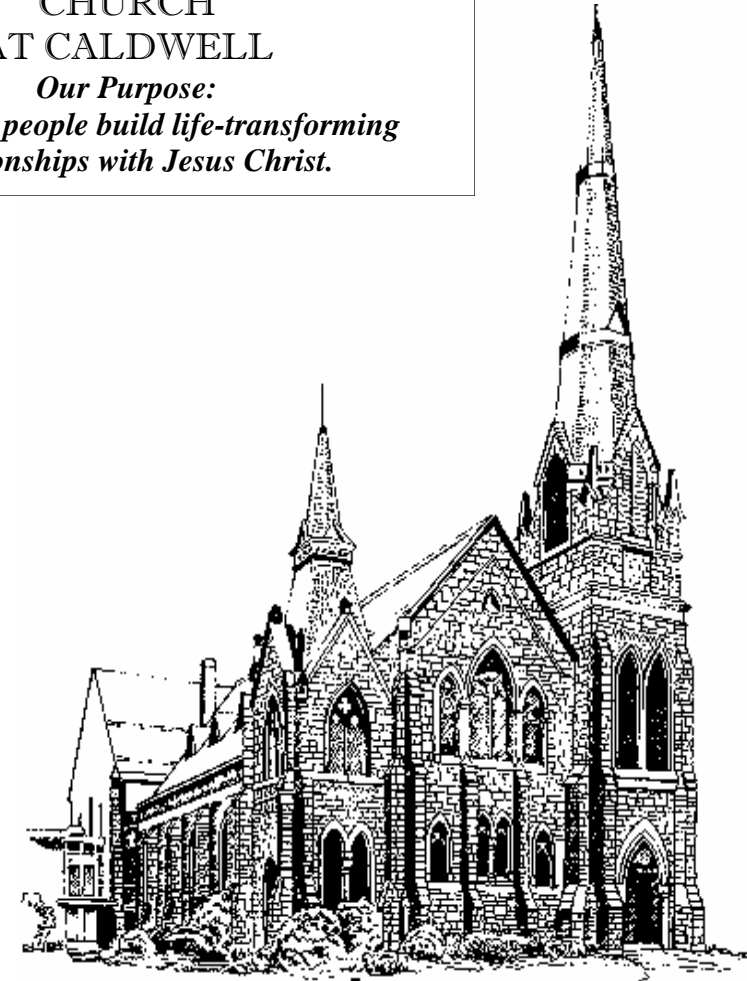
**OUR MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO GREET YOU...**  
...Barbara Piercy will be greeting at the Westville Ave. door.



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To help all people build life-transforming  
relationships with Jesus Christ.***



**April 15, 2007  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Nine-thirty and Eleven o'clock**

**Thought for the day...** His disciples said to him, "When will the kingdom come?"  
"It will not come by watching for it. It will not be said, 'Look, here!' or 'Look, there!'  
Rather, the Father's kingdom is spread out upon the earth, and people don't see it."

*The Gospel of Thomas, v. 113*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING

*Our worship begins with the Prelude.*

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" arr. John Carter  
Holly Coppens, Piano

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Elder Wallace Brixner  
Chairperson of the Worship Committee

LEADER: Look! God is coming with the clouds; every eye will see,  
**ALL: Even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth shall wail.**

LEADER: So it is to be. I am the Alpha and Omega,  
**ALL: Who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty!** *Revelation 1:4-8*  
LEADER: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 111 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" Gelobt sei Gott  
*Lighting the candles today at the 9:30 service is Acolyte Lydia Nathans and at the 11:00 service is Acolyte Peter Shultz.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Almighty God, we acknowledge that we belong to you, and that you hold the key of death and life. Yet we have sought to preserve old ways of living, rather than embracing the new life you have given us. We have disbelieved your good news, even when its signs are all around us. Forgive our refusal to trust you. Set us free by your Spirit from the fear that binds us in unbelief. Fill us with new life in Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SONG OF PRAISE NO. 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Easter Hymn  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!  
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*Members, friends and visitors*, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** *The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Urban Promise 5th Grade Sunday School Class

## THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31 page 108

ANTHEM "No Rocks A-cryin'" Rollo Dilworth  
Chancel Choir

SERMON "The Faith of Doubting Thomas" Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy

\*HYMN NO. 108 "Christ is Alive!" Truro

COMMISSIONING OF D'IBERVILLE VOLUNTEERS AT 11:00 Mr. Dave Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER The Hymnal, page 16

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel  
Alison Cirenza, Soloist (1685-1759)

\*GIVING THANKS TO GOD NO. 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Easter Hymn  
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

\*PRAYER DEDICATING THE OFFERING

## SENDING

\*HYMN NO. 2114 "At the Font We Start Our Journey" Lauda anima  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4