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Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,

Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!

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Service of Worship

May 10, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude

“Capriccio”
Voices in Bronze

J. Allesandro

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

“Believe in God's Word”
Descant Choir; Will Burleigh, cantor

Maori song (New Zealand)

The Call to Worship

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Elder Barbara Hansen

*** The Processional Hymn No. 485**

“To God Be the Glory”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

A Psalm of Orientation (Psalm 139)

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

People: **You trace my journey and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

People: **Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

Leader: If I climb to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

People: **If I say, ‘surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,’**

Leader: darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

People: **Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.**

Leader: Look well whether there be any wickedness in us and lead us in the way that is everlasting.

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;

Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-40 (p. 892)

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 432**

“Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)”

The Descant Choir will sing it through once; all sing 2nd time

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Pathways children may leave following the hymn

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

“Spiritual Bios – Philip”

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offertory

Anne Wilson

“Praise Ye the Lord”

*** The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** The Closing Hymn No. 298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in C Major”



The crucifer today is Sarah Smith-Polderman.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers are given today by Don and Cathy ghiandoni in memory of their mothers, Sophia Ghiandoni and Betty Eileen Gentry; and by Dorothy Menn in loving memory of Edith Siebold.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Fran and Pat Drake	Rebecca Martin
Faith Armstrong	Marian Frederick	Aiesha Minor
William Bidelman	Charles Gilbert	Austin Schwaderer
Dick Bloomquist	Dorothy Hales	Debbie Ungemach
Allen Bloomquist	Jason Himmelsteib	Dennis Wedding
Ralph and Molly Dise	Carson Kent	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Carolyn Doggett	Jane Little	

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

Welcome to the newest member of the FHC family: Liam Cameron Hunter, son of Colleen and Christian Hunter and grandson of Jeff and Kathy Cameron, was born May 1, 2009.

This Month's Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith, Ayodele Solaru. Sam Manu, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Thank You

Many thanks to the faithful bell ringers who mark the end of their ringing season today. Their joyful "noise" and dedication to their art is greatly appreciated!

Softball

Each team again won both of their games. Team A defeated Church of the Savior A Team 10-3 and 8-2, led by John Obery's 7 hits. Team B defeated Hillcrest 15-0 and 15-9 to remain undefeated at 6-0. Both teams are off this week for Mothers Day.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests Here, May 24-31

Forest Hill Church will host one or more homeless families during the last week of May. Please sign up after church in Fellowship Hall on May 10 and May 17 to help with greeting, meals, activities, and overnight hosting. For information contact Julie Lustic, 216-371-2084, or any member of the Ministry of Justice & Mission.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Acts 10: 44-48**.

Big Give information

Information about Big Give projects may be found on the website and in the weekly email. Posters and flyers announcing your wares and services may be hung on the dividing wall in Fellowship Hall – look for the little Velcro dots, stick a few on your flyer, and stick 'em up! Be sure to include contact information for you, the seller/provider.

Big Give Postcards

If you take Big Give postcards to distribute, you must add 1st class postage (.27) in order to mail them. The printed postage is for bulk mail ONLY.

BIG GIVE Festival and Flea Market

Come to the Festival and Flea Market Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You'll find food (barbecue and baked goods), crafts, treasures, household goods, electronics and more. Proceeds benefit the Big Give project. There are still some tables available – contact the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education

9:30 in South Hall

May 17: We will evaluate this year's program.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation class will be received into membership next Sunday, May 17.

Recital

You are cordially invited to attend the senior recital of bass Caleb Wright, a bass in the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs (as well as 8 other school and community choirs). Mark your calendars for next Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Caleb, who just won 1st prize in the Wings Over Jordan competition, will sing classics, spirituals and ensembles with other singers from Heights High.

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Schedule

The summer schedule begins Sunday June 7. Worship will be at 10 a.m. from June 7 – September 6. Summer Pathways will meet every other week from June 7 – August 16, and the Summer Choir will sing every Sunday in June and July.

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Scott, 3380 Rumson Rd., for a pot luck supper and herb-planting. Please contact Carol if you would like to order herbs (216-932-0313).

The Group (singles and couples 50 – 70ish)

The Group will go see the Lake County Captains play on Saturday, June 13 at 7:05 p.m. Ticket orders are due May 24 – contact Jane or Chuck Ishler (216-382-7590).

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers' annual dinner is on Friday, May 22. We begin with appetizers at the Grubes' at 5:30 and will come to the church at 7:00 for dinner and entertainment. The cost is \$18 per person. Please call Margaret Sentell by May 17 for reservations (330-528-6171).

Care Group

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

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| Nancy Burcham, Deacon leader | Florence and Ronald Klein |
| Kevin Ball and Brittani Ozinga | Hugh Leslie |
| William and Verna Bidelman | Carol Leslie |
| Marie Bourgeois | Patricia Ludwig |
| Bruce and Beverly Cameron | Emelia McGuire |
| Paul Cary and Sue Yelanjian and family | Karen Murray |
| Polly Cohen | C. W. Olson |
| Gretchen and Jeff Deluca and family | Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn |
| Rose and Robert Eaton | Arlene and Jack Quinn |
| Bill Eberhard and family | Tim, Chelsea and Leslie Richards |
| Marilyn Gifford | Donald Shaner |
| Robyn Hales and Jordan Dail | Dwight and Margie Stauffer |
| Judy Hammer | Lee and Cathi Thomas |
| Chris Henry | Johanna Wilcott |
| David and Anne Hunter | Beryl Williams |
| Diana and Martin Johannessen and family | Lauren, Dylan and Nancy Wyss |
| | Bob and Ginny Young |

■■■ **FHC Youth**

Today: **Sine Nomine Choir** will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship.

This week: RSVP for the camping trip by Wednesday, May 13!

Sr. High Bible study, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Phoenix

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m.

Youth Sunday Rehearsal: Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

■■■ **The Lessons**

Next Sunday: Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in May" page of the **TOWER**.

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■■■ *Calendar: May 10 - 17, 2009*

Sunday, May 10

5 Easter

Sr High Plant Sale

9:30 Child care begins

Adult and Youth Education

Confirmation class

Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)

10:15 Descant Choir activity

10:30 Chancel Choir

Continental Breakfast

11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)

Children in Worship (older 4s, k)

WORSHIP

11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5

12:15 Coffee hour

Sine Nomine Choir

Monday, May 11

TOWER deadline

7:00 p.m. Church Growth committee mtg

Faith Leader mtg

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Boy Scout Trp #403

Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Tuesday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

MOB: Mid High Bible study

Adult Ed. mtg

7:30 p.m. Reaching Hts meeting

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

5:45 p.m. Confirmation & Elders: Dinner

6:00 p.m. Trustee committees

7:00 p.m. All ministries worship

Sr. High Bible study

Classical Guitar Society

7:15 p.m. Ministries meet

Thursday, May 14

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Forest Hill Swim Club mtg

Friday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Al-Anon mtg

5:00 p.m. Big Give Child Care

Saturday, May 16

BIG GIVE FESTIVAL 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Confirmation retreat

FHSC: CPR Training

10:00 a.m. Youth Service rehearsal

Sunday, May 17

6 Easter

8:30 Nominating Comm.

9:30 Child care begins

Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)

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Continental Breakfast

11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)

Children in Worship (older 4s, k)

WORSHIP: Confirmation

12:15 Coffee hour

Blood Pressure check

MOB: Lunch & games

4:00 Caleb Wright: Senior Recital

6:00 Softball:

Team A vs St Ann at FHP

Team B vs Church of the Saviour C at
MMS

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Big Give Festival is next Saturday

May 16, 9 - 3

Information to sellers will be sent out later
this week

Look on the wall in Fellowship Hall for
information about

Food

Crafts

Music

Services

And other things

That are being offered