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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 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

7th 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 gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude

Variations on "America"

D. Johnson

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Emma Shumaker-Chupp

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them singing:

People: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 262**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

We Call on the Power of God

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

People: God in our thinking, God in our speaking.

Leader: We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:

People: God in our acting, God in our stillness.

Leader: We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

People: God in our waking, God in our sleeping.

Leader: We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

People: God in our meeting, God in our parting.

Silence

Leader: Out of love comes celebration.

People: And God's Kingdom is among us:

Leader: Where peace is the means of making us one,

People: Where truth does not stumble and justice is done.

Leader: In our compassion, making love known,

People: In our conviction, God's power shown,

Leader: This, this is what I command you,

People: Love one another.

■ ■ ■ *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.

The Anthem

O. Gibbons

“O Lord, Increase My Faith”

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

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:15-26 (p. 885)

After the reading:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn No. 366**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

“Spiritual Bios – The Overlooked”

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

arr. J. Bell

“Go Silent Friend”

Dedicated to the memory of those lives lost in battle

* **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. 554**

“Let All Things Now Living”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

C. Ives

Variations on “America”



The crucifer today is Alexis Smith.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Johanna Wilcott in memory of loved ones; and in loving memory of Dr. Richard B. Schenk by Rosaneil Schenk and their sons, Dr. Richard B. Schenk II and Christopher R. Schenk, and their families.

Prayer Concerns this Week

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

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.

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.

Strawberry Festival, June 5

Tickets for Boy Scout Troop 403's Strawberry Festival will be for sale in Fellowship Hall after worship today – the festival is June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at FHC.

Softball

Both teams split their doubleheaders last Sunday. Team A won 11-5 and lost 13-12 to St. Ann Parish. Dan Shaner had three triples and a double in the games. Kevin Steiner and Evan Tuttle each had 4 hits in, leading FHC Team B to a victory in their first game 16-5, over Church of the Saviour C. Team B then lost their first game of the year 6-2 to in the second game. There are no games today.

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 2: 1-21**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Wear red!

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.

Summer Choir

Starting in June and continuing through July, the Forest Hill Church Summer Choir will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room (under Fellowship Hall) for a half-hour rehearsal before the 10 a.m. service. No hot choir robes, and the music is easy! All ages are welcome, even babes in arms. Come sing in the Summer Choir and experience worship from “the other side.”

Social Groups and Circles

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)

We will gather for a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come – we need your input. Refreshments will be served.

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: We're going camping!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15. 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**.

Many thanks and accolades to the youth who served ice cream at the Ice Cream Social during the May Cabaret: Jordan Dail, Thomas Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Sarah Lentz and Seth Ungemach. Also, hats off to Sue Lafferty and Victoria Taylor for their help selling ice cream during the Big Give Festival. Without help from our youth and church members, many things would not take place. God bless and love to you all - Barb Cloud

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: May 24 - 31, 2009*

- Sunday, May 24:**
- IHN Hosting all week: 5 p.m. – 7 a.m.**
- 7 Easter**
- 8:30 Exploring Evangelism
- 10:15 Child care begins
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
- Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
- Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
- WORSHIP
- 12:15 Coffee hour
- MOB Camping/canoe trip
- 5:00 IHN Hosting begins

- Monday, May 25**
- Office closed: Memorial Day**
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

- Tuesday, May 26**
- 8:30 a.m.** InterAct Cleveland meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

- Wednesday, May 27**
- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 5:00 p.m. PWR meeting
- (Christ PC, Chesterland)

- Thursday, May 28**
- 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Comm. Mtg

- Friday, May 29**
- 9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg
- 11:00 a.m. Wedding of Brittani Ozinga and Kevin Ball

- Saturday, May 30**
- 7:00 p.m. Russian Poetry reading

- Sunday, May 31**
- Pentecost**
- BIG GIVE DAY**
- 10:15 Child care begins
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
- Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
- 12:15 Coffee hour
- 3:30 Softball: Team A vs First Baptist Church, Roxboro Middle School
- 6:00 Softball: Team B vs Fairmount PC, Forest Hill Park