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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 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Celebration of Communion

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*

Almighty God, at Pentecost you filled your disciples with joy and boldness. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

A Choral Reading for Pentecost
Reed Simon, violinist

arr. D. Clapp

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

* **The Processional Hymn No. 258**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Litany for Pentecost

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: O Holy Spirit, who at the beginning of creation moved over the face of the waters,

People: **Create us anew with your life-giving power.**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, who on the day of Pentecost put fire into the lives of the early disciples,

People: **Set us aflame to show forth the Risen Christ.**

Leader: We need you, O Spirit of God, to move among us, for we are a people who sometimes forget that we are yours.

People: **Spirit of God, move among us.**

Leader: We need to be called back to our life in Christ and our discipleship in his name.

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: That we might dream dreams and see visions, and work to make them real.

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: That we might work to transform the world in which we live.

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: That we might rejoice in the diversity of our life together.

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: That we might experience anew the joy of discovery, the wonder of creation, the excitement of spontaneity,

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: That we might be the Church.

People: Spirit of God, move among us.

Leader: Spirit of God renew us.

People: Spirit of God, inspire us.

Leader: Spirit of God, enflame us.

People: Spirit of God, empower us.

Leader: Spirit of God, unite us.

People: Spirit of God, support us.

Leader: Spirit of God, strengthen us.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us and possess us.

■ ■ ■ *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 2: 1-21 (p. 885)

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

"The Big Receive"

The Ritual of Friendship

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

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

B. Chilcott

"Gloria to God in the Highest" (sung in Latin)

*** 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.

■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

L. Roberts

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

The Communion of the People

Music During Communion

C. Marohnic

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

Beth Zych, soloist

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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

*** The Closing Hymn No. 398**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

Hymn No. 299

“Amen Chorus” (sing as you depart!)



The crucifer today is Amanda Mervine.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers today are given by Nancy and Bill Burcham in memory of Beth Burcham (Bill’s wife) and Dave Halkerston (Nancy’s husband); and in honor of Bill and Verna Bidelman by their daughters Barbara, Billie and Linda.

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.

Welcome Our Guest Musician

We also welcome Reed Simon and his dancing violin to FHC today. In addition to his musical talents, Reed is also an accomplished painter. His wife, soprano Sandra Simon, has sung here several times.

Hug a Choir Member!

This morning marks the end of the Chancel Choir’s singing season. We thank all the singers for their incredible dedication to the choir and to the church.

Softball Today

3:30 Team A vs First Baptist Church, Roxboro Middle School
6:00 Team B vs Fairmount PC, Forest Hill Park

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! This week’s scripture is **John 3: 1-17.**

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Schedule

The summer schedule begins Sunday June 7. Worship will be at 10 a.m. from June 7 – September 6. Summer Pathways and children’s story time will meet every other week from June 7 – August 16, and the Summer Choir will sing every Sunday in June and July. This year’s Christian Education teachers as well as high school and college graduates will be recognized next Sunday.

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.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

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 Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during June. 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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| Mark Waring, Deacon | Elizabeth Kosnik |
| Jon Adams and Pam Conover and family | Karen and Clyde Loughridge |
| Katie & Chris Batcheller | Dorothy Menn |
| Dick Bloomquist | Bethany and Joe Pinzone and family |
| Clarence and Eloise Boyd | Ron Register and family |
| Kay and Bill Currie | Jean Reinhold |
| Carolyn Doggett | Baldwin Sawyer |
| Peter and Kathryn Eloff | Rosaneil Schenk |
| Louise Fuller | Mollie and Dick Secor |
| Sharon Hansen | Millie Skeivis |
| Jenny Himmelman and family | Carolyn Vrtunski |
| Joan Kandare | Mark and Julie Waring and family |
| Morag and Tom Keefe | Blanche Winston |
| | Beth and Tom Zych and family |

Many thanks to the Calvary CARE Group for their work in May.

Adele Social Justice Project

Young adults (ages 22-40) are encouraged to attend a weekend immersion at Our Lady of Lourdes retreat house in East Cleveland June 12-14, 2009. We’ll explore social justice themes related to NE Ohio, serve at non-profits around the community, and celebrate Spanish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Be a part of our mission to "Build Community for the Common Good"! This is a Marianist sponsored event. For more information or to register for the weekend, visit www.msjc.net/AdeleSocialJustice or email Amy at amydematteo@yahoo.com.

Missing from the Library

New Interpreters’ Bible commentaries, vols. 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12.

Please return these important resource books!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17. 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 June” page of the **TOWER**.

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