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The Celebration of Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter Celebration of High School Seniors

May 9, 2010

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.
All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.
The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:9-15

VOLUNTARY

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Robert J. Hughes

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

As the Deer
(See insert)

Martin Nystrom

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

*RESPONSE

Find Us Faithful

Jon Mohr

O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful.
— May the fire of our de - vo - tion light their way.
— May the foot-prints that we leave lead them to be - lieve and the
lives we live in - spire them to o - bey.
— O may all who come be - hind us find us faith - ful.

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ANTHEM (11:00)

A Place in the Choir

Bill Staines

*All God's critters got a place in the choir. Some sing low, some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, and some just clap their hands, or paws or fins or claws or anything they got now.*

*Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melody with the high notes ringing.
The hoot owl hollers over everything and the jay bird disagrees (no I don't, yes I do...)*

*The dogs and the cats they take up the middle while the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs and the old coyote howls.*

*Listen to the bass. It's the one on the bottom where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big ta-do and the old cow just goes MOOO!*

*It's a simple song of living sung everywhere by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtle dove.*

The Cherub Choir
Debbie Eads, director; Toni Clendenin, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

Almighty God, forgive our pretensions to righteousness through rigid beliefs and rules that restrict and divide rather than help people grow. Forgive the arrogance that puts others down and presumes our superiority. Forgive our wayward pursuit of selfish pleasure and our unfaithfulness to You and one another. We regret the burdens others must bear because of us, and with repentant hearts we ask forgiveness, through Christ our Savior.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

LOGOS Training

Bryson McCain

COMMISSIONING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (11:00)

Claire Butler

Leader: God, we commend these beloved disciples to You in this exciting transition.

People: **We commission these seniors to do Your good works.**

Leader: Thank You for the gifts they have offered to this church through the years.

People: **We commission these seniors to do Your good works.**

Leader: Lord of all transitions in life, we ask that our young adults be reminded of their supportive connections to the Church.

People: **We commission these seniors to do Your good works.**

Leader: Help these seniors to love the Lord with all their heart, soul and might, and to love their neighbor as themselves.

People: **We commission these seniors to do Your good works.**

Leader: As some of them depart from our company,
we pray they will remain in faithful pursuit of Your watchful care,
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Claire Butler

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mary Odin

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Sanctuary Prayer

Franklin Ritter

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

Gracious God, we bring our offerings so that Your truth may prevail and Your love may flourish among us, so that we may bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. Bless what we bring to that end. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the Light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-9, Pew Bible, NT, p. 96

Jim Roberts

SERMON

An Act of Grace

Jim Roberts

*CONCLUDING HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 540

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*VOLUNTARY

Awake! The Dawn Appears!
Fred Gaul, organist

Steven Scott

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• *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please

• accompany children.

• *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114; Jackie Berthold, Blair Johe, Helen Liu, June Mills, Kristen Harrison and Jack & Sherry Harrison

• *Elder Visitation:* Sharon Heidt, Phil Hereford, Jack Hoblitzell, Steve Hopta

• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today are given by Roberta Allison for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Robert Larew and Al Allison and by Jane Smith and Joan Steven in loving memory of Dale and Ethel Calhoun and in honor of their daughters, Kim Smith and Janet Steven.

• *Greeters today are:* Neva Jo and Willis Adams, Barbara Gessner, Ruth Pitchford

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