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The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2009

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.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

—Acts 4: 32-35

VOLUNTARY From a Judean Hillside *David Paxton*
Fred Gaul, organist

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jim Roberts*

*HYMN OF PRAISE 106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *Claire Butler*

*RESPONSE Be Unto Your Name *DeShazo and Sadler*
(See insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Barbara Hopta*

Lord, You bring us out from the tombs in which we have been buried:
From the tomb of apathy, You bring us to action.
From the tomb of guilt, You bring us to a fresh start.
From the tomb of uncaring, You bring us to compassion.
From the tomb of self-focus, You bring us to generosity.
From the tomb of fear, You bring us to faith.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Barbara Hopta*

We rise to new life in Christ
as we walk with freedom and confidence.
We rise to new life in Christ
as we refuse to compromise with the truth.
We rise to new life in Christ
as talents are used to promote justice and inclusiveness.
We rise to new life in Christ
as we take the lifestyle of Jesus as our example.
God's peace is ours; God's pardon sets us free!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP *Jim Roberts*

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) *Barbara Hopta*

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

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

Barbara Hopta

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

Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

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

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Claire Butler

Source of life, who raised Christ from the dead, all that we have reflects Your eternal love. As those in the infant church in Jerusalem brought gifts for those in need, so we too bring offerings as a sign of our commitment and concern. Accept them as our testimony to Christ's resurrection, and cause them to be distributed so that others may live. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00) Eden's Song arr. Mark Schweizer

*A memory of Eden stirs and walks within the warmth of spring.
It whispers every hope God has to Life Eternal, listening.
Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey. Unfurl by faith and not by sight,
to touch the light of lengthening day that calls thee forth to green delight.
The season of new growth begins. Embrace the promise we all share.
Lift every voice and celebrate the Living God Who's always there.*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 19-31, Pew Bible, NT. p. 115 Jim Roberts

SERMON EASTER IMPLICATIONS: The Resurrection of the Body Jim Roberts

*CONCLUDING HYMN III Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Jim Roberts

*HYMN OF PARTING HYMN 118 v. 1

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory!*

*VOLUNTARY All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Robert J. Hughes
Fred Gaul, organist

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

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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; Donna Noland, Heather Peterson, Helen Liu, Susie Marcus, Jordan
: Koontz, Susan Watkins, Beverly Campbell
: *Elder Visitation:* Sandy Zando, Dill Battle, Margaret Bolt, Dee Campbell
: *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today remind us that Mr. and Mrs. Newton Thomas, Jr. have given a
: contribution to the hunger fund for the glory of God and in loving memory of L. Newton Thomas III.
: *Greeters today are:* Alice and Mike Abernethy, Janice Lessley, Beverly Peters
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: **PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.**
: **THANK YOU!**
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