

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax Fair

ORGAN MEDITATION: Jesu, Dulcis Memoria
Robert Lee, Organ

Plainsong

INTROIT: Hymn No. 11:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? Valet will ich dir geben
Amanda Boyd, Leah Pye, and Suzanne Bowman, Sopranos; Robin
Sutherland and Jan Margerum, Mezzo-Sopranos; Rob Carlson and
Walker Fair, Tenors; John Hankins and Dennis Murphy, Basses

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 Gene March / 11:00 Joel Weible

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful;

People: let them exult before God;

Leader: let them be jubilant with joy.

ALL: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name.

☩ **HYMN NO. 144:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. It is in his name that we pray.

Silent Prayers

☩ *Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. In Jesus Christ, we are cleansed and forgiven of our sins.

People: Let us live in the new life of Christ! Alleluia! Amen.

☩ **RESPONSE**, Hymn No. 317:

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness [Stanza 2] Geneva

HYMN (11:00): Jesus Loves Me Bible Buddies may leave at this time

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

9:30 Hannah Thomas / 11:00 Todd Brown

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (page 118)

Through these words, may we hear the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 17:6-19 (page 111)

SERMON: "Transitioning"

Dr. Fair

☩ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. Amen.

☩ **RESPONSE**, Hymn No. 552: Give Thanks, O Christian People [Stanza 3]

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein:

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: With a Voice of Singing Kenneth Jennings
(9:30) Small Ensemble of Chancel Choir (11:00) Chancel Choir

‡ **DOXOLOGY**, Hymn No. 139: Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn
*To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.*

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‡ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

God of all, we bring these gifts to you from the bounty you give us. Use them, use us, to manifest your grace and your desire that we be one. In the name of Jesus Christ, our priest and intercessor, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

‡ **Hymn No.241:** Behold the Goodness of Our Lord Crimond

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led

us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn No. 580: Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Hymn No. 582:

Dying, You Destroyed Our Death

Memorial Acclamation

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Hear us as we pray together the prayer your Son taught us, saying, "**Our Father,**"

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Music:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French carol, 17th century

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, we praise you for our unity in this sacrament and for the promise of future unity that it brings. Help us live into your vision of peace by striving for it in the weeks ahead. We ask it in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

† ***HYMN NO. 479:*** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven Lauda Anima

† ***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION***

RESPONSE: Excerpt from With a Voice of Singing Kenneth Jennings

POSTLUDE: Bryn Calfarria William Owen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4, 2008

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Claire and Jim Gulick by their children, and with gratitude to God for the blessing of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Jay, Hope, Lizzie, Mary, Rob, Sam, Will, Zack, Elise, Oliver and Dylan.

GREETERS this morning for 11:00 are George Holmes and Grover Potts.

USHERS this morning for 9:30 are Jeannette Bond, Dennis Hall, Larry Sigler, and Bill Wade; ushers for 11:00 are Laura and Brad Devlin, John Elgin, Steve and Heather Harrell, Tom Howell, and Bill King.

SPECIAL THANKS to Suzanne Bowman, Amanda Boyd, Rob Carlson, Walker Fair, John Hankins, Robert Lee, Jan Margerum, Dennis Murphy, Leah Pye, and Robin Sutherland for blessing us in worship with their musical leadership this morning.

THE ISSUES CLASS invites you to join them each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in the dining hall.

May 4 – NO ISSUES CLASS.

May 11– Phyllis EagleTree, church member/photographer/writer, will speak about “Choices and Fulfillment” based on her book, *Roll the Wheel: The Abundant Life and Wisdom of Mae Phillips*.

May 18 – Years ago, Bill Burbank was given a book by Henry Mobley entitled *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by Arthur Herman. He will share the impact this book has had upon him, and this presentation will be of special interest to those who participated in the Choir’s trip to Scotland last year.

May 25 – Please join us for an “Issues Class Roundtable,” to discuss presentations you have enjoyed in the past and to participate in planning next fall’s schedule. Bring your ideas for speakers or topics for a series, and let us know of any speakers you would contact on our behalf. If you can’t make this session, email your suggestions to (lethridge@ackersonlegal.com.)

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of Ethel Howe, a member of Highland since February 14, 1965, who passed away on April 28. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Monday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please also remember all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

LIKE JACOB’S WELL, the history book of Highland Presbyterian Church written by Bill and Linda Raymond Ellison, has arrived! The book contains 280 pages, 160 historic photos and illustrations, and 50 color pictures of our 125th anniversary celebration. This is the story of our church, its people and their relationship with their world. Its stories include some surprising people with whom we worship every week. You can pick up your copy (or copies) in the Fellowship Hall today or in the church office during the week. Cost is only \$25.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#144 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!] was written by William Chatterton Dix and was published in 1867. The tune, HYFRYDOL, was composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard in 1831 for an advent text. The Communion hymn [#241 - Behold the Goodness of Our Lord] is a paraphrase of Psalm 133 that was written by Fred R. Anderson and published in 1986. The tune, CRIMOND, was composed by Jessie Seymour Irvine and named for a village in northeast Scotland where she wrote it while her father was pastor. The closing hymn [#479 - Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven] is an altered form of Henry Frances Lyte’s “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.” It was published in 1974 by the Ecumenical Women’s Center of Chicago Theological Seminary. The tune, LAUDA ANIMA, was composed by John Goss in 1869 for Lyte’s original text.

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MEN’S BREAKFAST meets every Thursday morning at 7:00. (Reservations are only needed for the first Thursday of each month.) Please join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship with your friends.

THE GOSPEL CHOIR rehearses this afternoon from 4-5 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir will lead worship on Sunday, May 18. Please contact Frank Heller at 451-2910, ext 239 or fahiii@aol.com to participate or for more information.

RED ALERT -- PENTECOST IS COMING NEXT SUNDAY -- WEAR SOMETHING RED! Everyone is encouraged to wear something red as we celebrate the birthday of the church!!!

OUR CHILDREN'S CLASSES will lead worship in the 9:30 service on May 18; during that service, we will thank all our wonderful SS teachers. Following worship, everyone is invited to come to our end-of-Sunday-School family picnic at Tyler Park at 12:15 p.m. Bring a snack to share and outdoor toys. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. (Rain plan: eat and play at church!)

SUMMER SCHEDULE – We will begin our summer schedule of one worship service, at 10:30 a.m., on May 25. There is no Sunday School on that day. Summer Sunday School for all ages begins on June 1. Combined ages of classes will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Walker-Nevin Building. Rotating volunteers are needed each Sunday. Please consider volunteering at least once a month to help with our summer children's classes; contact Melissa Head for more information, 451-2910, ext. 225 or melissa@hpc-lou.org.

OUR NEXT WORK DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 10, from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed for both inside and outside areas (please bring gloves and yard and garden tools if you plan to work outside). Additional work days will be held the second Saturday of every month. If you can help, please come and join us!

PRESBYTERIAN UNION, a monthly discussion group sponsored by Second and Highland Presbyterian Churches, invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 a.m., at Vincenzo's (105 S. 5th Street, The Courtyard Room). Lunch (buffet, salad and entree, dessert and iced tea) costs \$12 (includes gratuity). The speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes, Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. His topic is "The Unattended Rituals of Our Daily Lives." If you plan to attend, please notify Ann or Ivan Schell by Monday, May 5, either by phone (894-8440) or email (adschell@bellsouth.net).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Rainforest Adventure." The Adventure can be enjoyed by potty-trained 3's through 5th graders, and registration forms are now available through the church office or on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are asked to contact Ann Holmes, 452-1444, or Shannon Brunner, 896-6073.

MUSIC AND MEDITATIONS, "a fresh, exciting jazz and multi-media encounter," will be held at (1722) Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH will have a Service Blitz this summer on Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6. We will spend the first two days doing service projects for New Directions Housing Corp and the Neighborhood House. Then on Friday, we will have a day for fun and play at Holiday World. We need adult drivers and chaperones for these three days. Please contact Lisa Thompson, 426-3061, to volunteer.

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER HALL OF FAME Induction Ceremony and Awards Celebration will be held Thursday, May 15, in the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House. This year's theme, "Revitalizing Our Neighborhoods – One Partner at a Time," will pay tribute to the partnerships and programs that are bringing new life to the communities of Smoketown, Shelby Park and Phoenix Hill. An individual ticket to the event is \$75, and \$750 for a table of 10. To reserve, please contact Marland Cole, 584-0201, ext. 102, or Sonja Gidney 584-0201, ext. 110 or email development@pcclouisville.com.

HCM HAS BEEN AWARDED two weekly season tickets to the 37th Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club, Tuesday-Sunday, September 16-21. Each weekly season ticket allows access to the grounds all six days of the event, a copy of the official Ryder Cup journal, as well as off-site parking and shuttle service to the event. All monies raised will go to support the services of HCM, and the silent auction bidding starts at \$900. If interested in bidding on these two tickets, please email hcmexecu@hotmail.com, or call 451-3695. The deadline for bidding is May 15.

GOLF SCRAMBLE AT CEDAR RIDGE, May 12, to support Camp Hope, a free camp for children of military families. The scramble will be held at Oldham County Golf and Country Club at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is \$65 per golfer. To sign up, call 267-5848, ext. 103. The camp will be free of charge for any child of the military who wishes to attend, and sponsorships would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to sponsor a child, the cost is \$350. Questions, contact Andrew Hartmans at Cedar Ridge, 267-5848, or email infocedarridgecamp@gmail.com.