

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

Celebrating our life together in Christ!

6th Sunday of Resurrection / The Celebration of Holy Communion -- May 4, 2008

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.

Also, please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Elder Bill Tis

Prelude

Min. Aaron Wheeler

Silent Meditation

“While staying with them, He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father.” (Acts 1.4a)

****Call to Worship (Psalm 90.1-2,16-17)***

Mr. Christopher Rogers

L: “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

P: Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to [our] children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!” Amen!

****Hymn of Praise***

“This Is My Father’s World”

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****Invocation***

Mr. Rogers

For meeting us in this sacred place, we welcome this time of praise and worship! Clear our mind and focus our heart to worship You in spirit and in truth. Speak to us, speak through us words of new life, encouragement, healing, forgiveness, and love. And then enable us to leave here willing to

proclaim that Jesus is our Christ, the Son of the Living God, who died for us all and rose for us all, and will return for us all, for it is in His name that we offer this prayer, O Lord, for You are “**Our Father...**”
(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession *(Ezekiel 18.30)*

Elder Tis

“I will judge you...all of you according to your ways,’ says the Lord God. ‘Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.’” With humble, repentant hearts, let us confess, **in silence**, our transgressions in order that we may live and not be ruined. Let us pray...

Kyrie

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (v1)

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Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-20

Rev. Victor Jochen

The Children’s Chat

Elder Tis

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children’s Worship. If this is your child’s first time, please accompany them.)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

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(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

New Testament

John 14:15-24

Rev. Jochen

Sermon

“The Essence of Christianity”

Rev. Jochen

***Hymn of Invitation to Discipleship**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

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(You may be seated.)

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

Rev. Victor Jochen, Celebrant

*Welcome to the Table
The Words of the Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Exodus 35.21-22*)

Elder Tis

“And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord’s offering ...they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought...an offering...to the Lord.” Let us prepare to do likewise!

Offertory

“Reach Out and Touch”

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

“Glory Be to the Father”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Rogers

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

***Hymn of Departure** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Jochen

***Benediction Response**

“Go with Us, Lord”

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***Postlude**

Min. Wheeler

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in the world!

Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope! We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Also a cry room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience. ***Worship kits*** are available in the Kids' Korner of the Narthex for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.

We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Rev. Victor Jochen, Associate Pastor at Faith Community Church; Chaplain, LifeCare Hospitals of Pittsburgh – Main Campus, Wilkinsburg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Young Children in Worship story today is “A Feast,” led by Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Randy and RJ Geibel.

Pulpit flowers are given by: Mark, Debbie, and Shannon Dillman in loving memory of Vernon Dillman.

Thanks to the Stewardship and Finance Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship time for next Sunday will be provided by the *Men's Softball Team*.

Crestfield Camp & Conference Center is hosting three ***Retreats for Senior Adults***, facilitated by Rebecca Cole-Turner, Ph.D.: May 6-7 (\$65 per person); July 22-24 (\$125 per person); September 23-24 (\$65 per person)! Come and take a journey of the heart...a pilgrimage along the Celtic Christian spiritual way, exploring the roots and expressions of this vibrant spirituality. Retreat include worship, inspirational workshops, hymn singing, crafts, hayrides,

s'mores, double occupancy lodging in Scott Lodge, and all programming costs and meals. Transportation will be provided from central locations. Please checkout the website for more info: www.crestfield.net!

Flower Committee Annual Flower Sale, May 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Order your flowers now or stop at the church on May 10. You may pick up a flyer in the Narthex; someone from the Flower Committee will be in the Narthex to assist you with your order. The deadline for pre-orders is today. We have the same great plants from Bridges Greenhouse as last year. The proceeds from this flower sale are used to purchase plants, shrubs, mulch, etc. to maintain our church gardens and outdoor areas. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

For Pentecost, May 11, we will again be decorating the sanctuary with red geraniums which will then be planted in the church gardens. Donations would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the geraniums. Doris Kuhn will be in the Narthex after worship to accept donations. Thank you.

Mt. Hope Woman/Child(ren) Banquet sponsored by the Deacons – May 15, 2008: – Arrive 6:00 p.m. – Dinner 6:30 p.m. – Entertainment 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There seems to be some confusion about this banquet. This is not a mother/daughter dinner. It is open to all Mt. Hope women and children of all ages – male or female. We are asking the **adult** males of the church to volunteer as servers and clean-up crew because we are hoping the younger males will be attending the dinner with their moms or other women of the church. Come and enjoy a fun and enjoyable evening. Tickets are for sale in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Thank you – The Deacons.

The **2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic**, (an annual fund raiser for our youth programs) is **Monday, June 16th** at the **River Forest Country Club**. Tournament fees are \$85 per person or \$340 per foursome. A sit down Steak Dinner will follow the tournament for \$25. We are putting together approximately 10

themed gift baskets (*Race for the Cure; Night at the Movies; Picnic; Pamper Yourself; Car Care; Men's Golf; Wine & Cheese; Games; Chocolate; Tool Box; Gourmet Foods*) to use as prizes and we would like your help by donating a few items to a basket, putting together a complete basket or, if you have other ideas for baskets, we would love to hear your suggestions. Please contact Megan Ochendowski with your ideas and donations: [412-374-8724](tel:412-374-8724) or email: Megan@mrboots.com. Thank you for your support!

The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game is Thurs., August 14, which is also sky blast night! We have purchased 60 tickets in Section 331, at a cost of \$9.00/each. A tailgate will be planned; details and cost will be given later. If you are interested, see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets with payment.

We are now recording the church service to CD. If you want a copy of the service, please contact the office. The cost is \$1.50.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may buy one or two arrangements, or two can share the flower arrangements.

Men and Women Shelters. There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.)!

Penn Hills Service Association: Gas prices are up so food prices are up and donations to the Penn Hills Service Association Food Bank are down. When you shop for cereal, dry goods, boxed meals, etc., please consider buying one for yourself and one for a needy family. Thank you – the Mission Team.

Please call the office with any announcements that you would like placed in the following week(s) bulletins or email mthope@mthope-church.org All bulletin information must be in the office **by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Columbus family, following the death of Bruce's mother, Marie, last week.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK, SHUT-IN, NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Dorothy Knight Recuperating at home: 613 Idaho Drive, Verona 15147

If you know of persons who are **sick, hospitalized, in a nursing home, or shut-in,** please call the church office and let us know!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 5 th	6:30p	Session Ministries Meeting	M-P Rm
Tues.	May 6 th	6:30p	Men's Softball	Trinity Field
Wed.	May 7 th	10:00a	Morning Word	M-P Rm
		6:30p	Worship & Music Meeting	Conf. Rm
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri.	May 9 th	10:00a	Y-Srs.	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 10 th	10:00a	Flower Sale	M-P Rm
		2:00p	Gamblers' Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	May 11 th	11:99a	<i>Pentecost/Mother's Day Celebration</i>	

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon.	May 12	7:00p	Trustees' Meeting	M-P Rm
Wed.	May 14	10:00a	Morning Word	M-P Rm
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thurs.	May 15	6:00p	Woman/Child(ren) Banquet	JK Hall
		7:00p	Chancel C choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 16	6:30p	Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 17	2:00p	Gamblers' Anonymous	JK Hall
