

# *Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church*

*It is our mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt.28-19-20)*

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection & Communion – May 3, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

*Please be respectful of those worshiping around you!*

*If you must talk, please exit to the narthex!*

*Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad!*

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

***Silent Preparation for Worship***

***“Song”***

Min. Jennifer Geibel

***Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ***

The Acolytes

***Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events***

Pastor Carmen

*(Please stand)*

***\*Call to Worship (Psalm 103.1-5)***

Mr. Sam Columbus

L: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.*

**P: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits—who forgives all [our] iniquity, who heals all [our] diseases,***

L: *who redeems [our] life from the Pit, who crowns [us] with steadfast love and mercy,*

**All: *Who satisfies [us] with good as long as [we] live so that [our] youth is renewed like the eagle’s”***

***\*Song of Praise***

***“Joy to the World”***

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*(You may be seated)*

***\*Invocation***

Mr. Columbus

You have prepared this time for us to come, as the body of Your Son, and worship You in Spirit and in truth. Settle us now so that we can hear You, Holy Spirit, speak words of life, forgiveness, and love as we seek to be worthy servants of the Most High God. We are Your children, and Your Son, our Savior Jesus the Christ, has taught us to call on You as ***“Our Father...”***

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (*Psalm 123.1-2*)

Elder Eric Schramm

The Psalmist's words ring true for us today: "*To you I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy upon us.*" **In silence** let us lift our eyes to God and look for His mercy as we confess our sin...

**Kyrie**

**"Because He Lives" (v1)**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Job 5.17-19**

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children's Chat**

Pastor Carmen

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

**Offering Call** (*Exodus 25.1-2*)

Elder Schramm

God told Moses to say to His people: "Tell [them] to take for Me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for Me." God is talking to us too, so let us prepare, from a prompted heart, to give the Lord's offering!

**Offertory**

**"River in Judea"**

Chancel Choir

*(Please stand)*

**\*Doxology**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v1)**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Columbus

*(You may be seated)*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

**Hymn of Preparation**

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

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*(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)*

**New Testament**

**Luke 24.28-35**

Pastor Carmen

**The Sermon**

**"In the Familiar..."**

Pastor Carmen

*A Moment for Reflection “There’s Room at the Cross for You”* Min. Geibel  
*Prayers of the People* Pastor Carmen

TO CELEBRATE AT THE LORD’S TABLE...

*Welcome to the Lord’s Table*  
*Prayer of Consecration*  
*Distribution of the Elements*  
*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

*(Please stand)*  
*\*Hymn of Departure “Open My Eyes”* Page 324  
*\*Taking the Light of the Risen Christ into the World* The Acolytes  
*\*Charge & Benediction* Pastor Carmen  
*(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)*  
*\*Postlude “March”* Min Geibel

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**Welcome to Mt. Hope!** We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to come and worship with us as often as you can, and join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church and the hearts of His people are always open to you!

**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, and **Worship kits** are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex, and must be returned following worship.

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**A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**Today’s “Young Children in Worship” story** is “A Feast” led by Betty Ann Tis, and assisted by Jordan Chisnell and Corey Williams.

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Lou and Agnes Sanabor in memory of loved ones.

**Thanks to the Worship & Music Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Nominating Ministry.

**Birthday Wishes** to Debbie Dick (5.1), Pearl Frazier (5.5), Judy Schramm (5.7) and Ben Brandon (5.7).

**All Women of the Congregation** are invited to join in song for a very special anthem to be sung on *Mothers Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>*. Come to practice on *Thu. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7p* and again *Sunday morning at 10a*. Non choir members are especially welcome. Please see Min. of Music, Jennifer Geibel for further information.

**The Annual Flower** Sale will be held on *Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>* from *10a till 2p*. If you wish to **preorder**, please see Elder Doris Kuhn today in the Narthex after Worship to place your order.

**Reservations for the Annual Mother/Child Banquet** scheduled for *May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p* can be made beginning *TODAY*. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Entertainment will be provided by the Eastern Area Youth Chorale. Proceeds will support the purchase of an AED for the church. For more information see Deacon Melissa Kauffman.

**A Trustee Work Day** is scheduled for *Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>*. Rain date for outside work will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Work to be done includes painting wall in JK Hall, replacing fuses in kitchen light, water in doorway of kitchen, painting and installing handicapped parking signs, repair front pew, repair flood lights in front of church, bush out front, visitor parking signs, paint choir door, water damage at back hallway, repair wall in Choir loft. If you can volunteer for one or more of these specific jobs or would like to add to them please see Trustee Heather Racchini who will be in the *Narthex with a sign up sheet*.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual **Mt. Hope Pirates Sky Blast Game** on Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> for \$8. A tailgate will take place prior to the game at the PNC parking lot (\$5-adults; \$3-children 10 & under. **Only 5 tickets remain!** Please see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets!

The date of the **2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic** is Mon. June 15<sup>th</sup> at the River Forest Country Club. Tournament fees: \$85 per person; \$340 per foursome. There will be a sit-down steak dinner following the tournament. Dinner is available for \$25 for those wishing to join us following the golf tournament. For more info, please contact Hamner Williams.

The date for NEXT year's Marriage Retreat has been set for March 12-14, 2010. Please make a note of it on your calendar. For more information contact Elder Bill Tis.

Continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the church every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, so that we can help "feed the hungry" as Jesus commanded every day of the year!  
-Pastor Carmen

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2009 is in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. *Dates available* are May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>—one arrangement. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

Our worship services are recorded and are available on our web site: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*. Thank you!  
Elder Eric Schramm ([schrammes@comcast.net](mailto:schrammes@comcast.net)).

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Friday evening, May 8th**, Dr. Bonnie Thurston will join Dr. John Makransky, as they share their reflections on the practice of meditation in the Christian and Buddhist traditions. Bonnie is a pastor, teacher, author, and frequent speaker in our region. John is a teacher, author, and a lama in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. The event will take place from 7:00 – 9:00 pm on the campus of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. See: <http://www.pts.edu/UserFiles/File/continuing/Reflections%20Brochure.pdf>. You may register by calling the Continuing Education Department at 412-441-3304 x2196.

**Cici's will donate 15%** of the profits of all sales on the first Monday of every month to benefit local food banks. Please mention the food bank promotion in order for the donation to take place.

**Hebron Presbyterian Church** (Frankstown Rd.) is holding a New to You Sale: Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup> (7-9p), and Thu. May 21<sup>st</sup> (10a-2p) in the Barclay Bldg. There is always something for everyone!

There is a basket in the narthex to collect toiletry items for the Men's and Women's Shelter! Thank you for your continued support!

The Penn Hills Assoc. needs food! Thank you!!

**\*\* For additional member information such as phone numbers, e-mail or addresses please contact the church office.**

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Tue.	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	<u>Youth Word Study</u>	Pastor's Office
Wed.	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u>	MP Rm
		630p	<u>The Evening Word Study</u>	MP Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
		7:30p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Sat.	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	10a-2p	Flower Sale	MP Rm
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Sun.	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Reception of New Members	Sanctuary
Mon.	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Adult & Youth Leaders Meeting	MP Rm
		7p	Trustees Mtg.	
Tue.	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
		730p	Women's Retreat Planning Meeting	Pastor's Office
Wed.	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
		630p	The Evening Word Study	MP Rm
Sat.	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	??	Trustee Work Day	All Over!
Sun.	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	12n	Blood Pressure Sunday	

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Mon.	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p	Mother & Child Banquet	JK Hall
Sat.	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	??	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot
<b><u>Sun.</u></b>	<b><u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>10a</u></b>	<b><u>Celebration of Pentecost</u></b>	<b><u>Sanctuary</u></b>
Mon.	Jun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	??	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Country Club

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**Our vision for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission is that, by praying without ceasing, God will enable us to: develop relevant studies of God's Word; go out & reach out to our neighbors in the spirit of service & Christ-like hospitality; model the blessings that come when we cheerfully give our tithes & offerings; celebrate often our life together in Christ, and; worship & give thanks to God as we witness our children & their families loving & serving God & His people!**

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**Please pray for, call, and send a card to our sick & shut-in members:**

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Nan Currington, Arlene Davis, Darlene Dempsey, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Gene Martinelli, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

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