



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

April 28, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand)

Call to Worship

↑ Gathering Song #1: Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

↑ Gathering Song #2: Jesus Is The Answer

(Chorus:) Jesus is the answer, for the world today, above Him there's no other,
Jesus is the way.

If you have some questions in the corners of your mind,
Traces of discouragement, the peace you cannot find,
Reflections of your past, seem to face you every day,
But this one thing I do know, that Jesus is the way. *(Chorus)*

I know you've got mountains, that you think you cannot climb,
I know your skies are dark, you think the sun won't shine,
But in case you don't know, that the word of God is true,
Everything he's promised, He will do it for you. *(Chorus)*

↑ *All:* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑**Song of Praise:** God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky, the heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus:) God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy; the universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light. When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.
(Chorus)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *(Chorus)*

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(13:31-35)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love

one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (please be seated)

↑ **Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↑ Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Seeking the rightness that comes from you, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

↑ **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.

↑Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Your Grace Still Amazes Me

My faithful father, enduring friend. Your tender mercies like a river with no end. It overwhelms me, covers my sin. Each time I come into your presence, I stand in wonder once again.

(Chorus:) Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

Oh patient Savior, You make me whole. You are the Author and the Healer of my soul. What can I give you? Lord what can I say? I know there's no way to repay you, only to offer you my praise.

(Chorus:) Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

It's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger, it's higher... It's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger, it's higher, Than anything my eyes can see. Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

↑**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Jesus Messiah

He became sin, Who knew no sin. That we might become His Righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread. His blood, the wine. Broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Chuck Haack
Shirley & Tom Bishop
Nancy MacNaughton

Neale Dickinson
Family of Timothy Roberts
Christian Families in Pakistan

Virginia Burke
Eric Wilcken's family
Lonnie Johnson

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden:	Jack Martin	Junior Warden:	Bill Weatherford
Other Members:	Peter LeViness Ann James		Larry Kidd Wayne Conners
Register:	Marian Elam	Treasurer:	Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalciers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicer Names</u>	<u>Greeters/ Ushers</u>
28-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon, Bill Weatherford	Paul and Ann James
5-May	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libbie Clark
12-May	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
19-May	Peter LeViness	MJ Weatherford	Peter LeViness, MJ Weatherford	Paul and Ann James
26-May	Larry Kidd	Bill Weatherford	Susan Kidd, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Jun	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Ann James, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, May 5	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 9	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 10	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 12	Communion Service (Mothers Day)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 19	Communion Service – Potluck Luncheon	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Relay for Life - Remember, St. Francis will be sponsoring a team for the Relay for Life/Goochland this spring. The event will be held at the Goochland Elementary School track starting at 6:00 p.m. on June 7th continuing until 6:00 a.m. on June 8th. If you are interested in being on the team which will be walking or simply wish to donate/sponsor a walker please see Ann James or Libby Clark for more information. We will get one Team t-shirt for every \$100 donated in support of our team.

Financial Update—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2013			
1st Quarter	\$24,463.00	\$20,486.48	\$3,976.52
April	\$1,234.00	\$1,551.60	(\$317.60)
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2nd Quarter	\$1,234.00	\$1,551.60	(\$317.60)
2013 Year-To-Date	\$25,697.00	\$22,038.08	\$3,658.92
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$36,286.90	\$3,658.92

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