

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 10, 2009

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Please sign welcome folders

Nursery care available in Education Building

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn: #464** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***Prayer of Adoration**

***The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of apostles and prophets, of loving mothers and faithful fathers, your promises to us are great and sure. We come before you acknowledging your holy majesty, demonstrated to us in your creation and revealed to us fully in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him we have come to know the depth, breadth, and height of your love. Such love summons us to respond in love; yet, we confess, we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we forgiven others as you have forgiven us. By your Holy Spirit, soften the hardness of our hearts, and empower us to glorify you with heartfelt worship and humble service, for the sake of Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #579 “Gloria Patri”**

**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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Page: NT 241

Anthem: "Through the Eyes of a Child"
The Choir
Flute, Amy Shimmin-Pike

Grier/Everson

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

Page: NT 109

A Scripture Conversation

A Lesson from the Book of Acts:
Acts 8:26-40

Page: NT 127

Sermon *"Love's Inclusivity"*

***Hymn #473** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***An Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec 2**

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

**God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology (#592)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Our Preacher This Morning

Rev. Lois Robinson Lehman is a recently retired Presbyterian minister who lives in New Castle with her husband, the minister of New Castle United Methodist church. They are the owners of 3 English Springer Spaniels and a cat named “Empress” because she rules the roost. Rev. Lehman was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area and was ordained in National Capital Presbytery. She has served churches in Maryland, Delaware, California, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Childcare

Child Care for infants is available. Please see an usher for directions. Children ages 2 and above may exit after the Scripture Conversation for **Someplace Else** (a lesson and activities in the CE Building) or remain in worship. Children of any age are always welcome in worship.

Worship Assistance

Please see an usher to receive hearing assistance, a large print bulletin or bible, or a personal seat cushion.

Prayer List:

Nursing Home and Hospital

The Arbors at New Castle:

32 Buena Vista Dr, New Castle, DE 19720
phone: 302-326-4121

Arline Olds

Cokesbury Village:

726 Loveville Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707;
Attn: Rm 1026 phone: 302-235-6017

Isabel Klein

Prayers for:

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:
Monty & Ellie Gerhart
In Memory of our Parents



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Gladys Starling Gordon
1907-2006
Vera E. Coleman
1917-2005

This morning, our Ushers are:
Steve Martin, Cynthia Robbins & Katie Martin

Someplace Else (Children's Bible Study and Activities):
Yueming Guo & Amy Selheimer

Worship Leader:
Pat Taylor



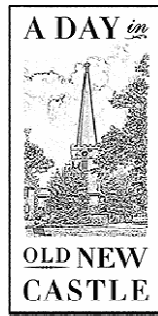
Free Concert with Joe Holt

New Castle Presbyterian Church is proud to present Joe Holt in concert on Sunday, May 17th at 5:00p.m. Joe will perform a program of familiar hymns and songs along with Jazz and popular standards and entertaining demonstrations of musical improvisation.

Joe is an improvisational pianist, with a unique and diverse musical background. A graduate of Glassboro State College (NJ) in the 1980's and a student of Yoheved Kaplinsky, he has built his musical expression on this classical foundation, with a commitment to his own improvisational performance. At hundreds of events each year, Joe performs primarily as a soloist, but has also performed with his own trio, and established jazz groups both in the Mid-Atlantic region and throughout the US in concerts and jazz festivals. In addition, Joe is a board certified music therapist (MT-BC), serving seniors in dozens of communities in PA, NJ, DE and MD. He has also served in the roles of musical director and producer (for theatre, performing artists, and in the recording studio) and in music ministry (most recently as Worship Arts Director for the Chestertown (MD) Church of the Nazarene, from 2003-2006).

Joe is active in recording, appearing on over 20 albums, 6 of which are on his own label. He also performs weekly for "Joe Holt's Notes on the Radio" – heard (locally) on WKDI 840am, and through his website. For more information, including a schedule of piano concerts and performances, Joes' on-line instruction program, and his video performance diary: visit www.joeholtsnotes.com. Joe lives with his wife, Carol and family in Chestertown, MD.

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 17th and enjoy the many talents of Joe Holt. Bring a dessert or some sandwiches to share.



Volunteers Needed – Day in Old New Castle

Volunteers are needed to offer tours of the Meeting House, CE Building and Manse on May 16 during Day in Old New Castle. See the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.



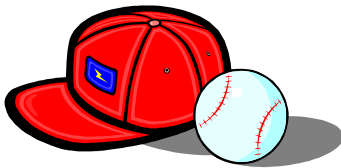
Bell Choir Members Needed

Minerva Lermond would like to add some more members to both of our bell choirs. She is willing to teach anyone who would like to join. Rehearsals are on Thursday evening 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Every one is welcome. The bell choir music adds so much to our worship service and the more ringers you have, the better the sound! Please consider joining one or both of our groups. We have a lot of fun "making a joyful noise unto the Lord." Contact Minerva if you are interested.

An Evening of Family Fun!

Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game!

Fireworks after the game!!



Thursday, June 25th 7:05 game time

Name _____

Number of tickets needed _____

(tickets are \$9.00 each - cash or checks made out to Amy Selheimer)

****Money due to Amy Selheimer by May 24****

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	5/10	11:00am 12:00pm	Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour
Monday	5/11	7:00pm	Meals on Wheels Deacons
Tuesday	5/12		Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	5/13	1:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Meals on Wheels Bible Study Worship Committee Mtg Choir
Thursday	5/14	5:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Meals on Wheels Literacy Volunteer Colonial Chimers Al-Anon Meeting Celebration Ringers
Friday	5/15	3:00pm	Meals on Wheels Setup Day in Old New Castle
Saturday	5/16	8am-7pm	Day in Old New Castle
SUNDAY	5/17	9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm 12:30pm 5:00pm	Adult Bible Study Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour Youth Fellowship Jazz Vespers