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A SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH
MAY 15, 2005

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Eternal God, Creator and giver of life, we seek Your special blessing upon these young people who today Affirm their Baptism in a worship service of Affirmation of their Christian faith. Help us to support them as we Affirm our Christian faith in You and in our renewed dedication to the work of love which you have called us to proclaim in the world through our faith active in Christ's love. Keep each one of our young people and each of us close to You and Your Church all the days of our lives. We pray in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Do This In Memory of Me
 by David Haas

Affirmation of Holy Baptism
A Moment of Prayerful Preparation

MUSIC

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit (Larson)
 Chancel Choir

Be Thou My Vision (Traditional Irish Melody)
 Brandon Strohminger, James Kempf, and Patrick Conway, trumpet

GATHERING

INVOCATION: (spoken)

We gather in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

STATEMENT (spoken)

Welcome to our worship service of Affirmation of Holy Baptism. As we Affirm our Christian faith today. We have faith in God and trust in the forgiveness of God which is ours through trusting the Promise of Jesus Christ. Please join us in Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Singing as we Affirm our Christian faith today. Please stand as we sing the song, *Enter the Journey*.

**** SONG** (sung by congregation)

Enter the Journey

Refrain

En - ter the jour - ney. Come to the song. By God
 you are cho-sen, by name you are called to fol - low the vi -
 sion, car - ry the cross. En - ter the jour - ney of
 faith as the fam - 'ly of God.

Verses

All Cantor

1. En - ter the jour - ney, the way may be long.
 2. En - ter the jour - ney, though lost and un - sure.
 3. En - ter the jour - ney, though dark is the way.
 4. En - ter the jour - ney, the old and the young.

All Cantor

1. En - ter the jour - ney, yet we are made strong.
 2. En - ter the jour - ney, God's peace will be yours.
 3. En - ter the jour - ney, do not be a - fraid,
 4. En - ter the jour - ney, the king - dom is won.

All

1. God's spir - it will guide us, God's gifts will un -
 2. And all who are thirst - ing be filled with God's
 3. for God's great com - pas - sion will give you new
 4. By faith now u - nit - ed, as ser - vants we

All to Refrain

1. fold. En - ter the jour - ney of hope!
 2. grace. En - ter the jour - ney of faith!
 3. sight. En - ter the jour - ney of light!
 4. come. En - ter the jour - ney of love!

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL (spoken by Pastor)

As you Affirm your Baptism,
I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the Christian faith of the whole Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.** (spoken by H2H class)

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH (spoken by Pastor)

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: **In faith, I turn to Christ Jesus.**

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith.

**** WE CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH** (spoken by Pastor)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask us all to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do. (spoken by H2H class and congregation)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, through water and the spirit you have made us your own. You forgave us all our sins and brought us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.

COMMITMENT (spoken by Pastor)

You have made public profession of your Christian faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.** (spoken by H2H class)

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Response: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.** (spoken by congregation)

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

PSALM (sung)

Spirit Wind

Text: Psalm 104, adapted
(Refrain)

Music: Scott Soper

Spir-it Wind, Breath of God, breathe new life in -
to the world. Spir - it Wind, Breath of God,
breathe new life in - to the world.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 37 (purple songbook)

Father, I Adore You

** GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

SHARING OUR FAITH (What Jesus means to me.)

DANIEL SCOTT BURRALL
DIAMOND DA'SHAE SMELSER
BRANDON CHARLES STROHMINGER
BENJAMIN LEE THIEMAN

** SONG 770 WOV (blue hymnal)

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

Pastor Prochaska

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who conquered death to give us eternal life and joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Confirmation Day

Diamond Smelser

MUSIC (sung)

Sanctuary

(John W. Thompson / Randy Scruggs)

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You
Lead me O Lord, Through temptation You refine me, From within. Fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit
And take all our sins away

Repeat verse 1
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SONG (sung)

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
Ben Thieman & Duane Tackis, guitar

(Peter Scholtes)

Chorus 1

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to
Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to
The Spirit who makes us one

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MEAL

**** PEACE** (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

Diamond, Danny, Brandon, and Ben each made a personal contribution to AIDS Resource Center Ohio (ARC OHIO). The class wanted to support the mission of this agency which is to provide quality services to people infected, affected and at risk of HIV/AIDS. If you would like to support this work with your own contribution, please check for additional information in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY

Ode to Joy

Danny Burrall, viola

(Beethoven; arr. for viola by Jonathon Robbins & Jeff Stutrud)

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

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 God thanks and praise.

**** PROPER PREFACE** (spoken by the Pastor)

It is indeed right and good... join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

** **COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, holy and living One... we sing the mystery of our faith.

☐ Christ has died. Christ
is ris - en. Christ will come,
Christ will come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit... now and forever.

☐ A - men, A - men,
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men,
*A - men.
A - men!

** **LORD'S PRAYER** (congregation holds hands.)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (sung as communion assistants come forward) (congregation seated)

Cantor/Choir All
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Cantor/Choir All
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

** **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as you once revealed yourself to your disciples. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's cupped hands. A chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. If you would like apple juice instead of wine, gesture to the innermost circle of glasses, which contain the juice. After you receive Holy Communion you may return to your seat to continue prayer and meditation or to join in singing the Communion hymns. God bless you.

COMMUNION SONGS

111 (purple songbook)
129 (purple songbook)
130 (purple songbook)

*One Bread, One Body
Spirit of the Living God
Spirit Song*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The people before you have been instructed in the Christian faith and now desire to make public the Affirmation of their baptism. Please stand as I read you names:

DANIEL SCOTT BURRALL

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. Psalm 138:1-3 (NRSV)

DIAMOND DA'SHAE SMELSER

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NRSV)

BRANDON CHARLES STROHMINGER

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. Psalm 31:1-2 (NRSV)

BENJAMIN LEE THIEMAN

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of God. Psalm 48:1 (NRSV)

A WORD ABOUT THE PLACING OF THE STOLE

PLACING THE STOLE (Stole placed by the parents)

LIGHTING THE INDIVIDUAL CANDLE

SHARING THE CHOSEN BIBLE VERSE

DANIEL SCOTT BURRALL
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BENJAMIN LEE THIEMAN

RECEIVING THE BLESSING (Confirmand kneels)

"The Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in _____ the gift of His Holy Spirit; to your strengthening in faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life." **Amen.**

CHARGE TO THOSE AFFIRMING THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH

SONG 132 (purple songbook)

Step by Step

LITANY

O Holy Spirit, you have enlightened the minds of these young people with knowledge of the Gospel.
Continue to enlighten them so that they may grow in their understanding of God's word.
O Holy Spirit, you have strengthened the faith of these young people day by day.
Continue to strengthen them so that they may be able to resist Satan's evil ways.
O Holy Spirit, you have gathered these young people together in this place.
Continue to encourage these young people to gather together in God's house to worship and to praise.
O Holy Spirit, you have called them to live a life of discipleship.
Continue to call them forth to love and serve the Lord.
O Holy Spirit, you have led these young people forward in their faith.
Continue to lead them on until the day when they will shine like stars in the kingdom of light.
Amen.

SENDING

THE BLESSING (spoken - Pastor)

Christ be with you.
Christ beside you.
Christ before you.
Christ behind you.
Christ above you.
Christ below you.
Christ within you.
Christ to win you.
Christ to comfort and sustain you.
Go in peace, the Lord is with you.

STATEMENT (spoken)

As we leave this service of worship, it is important for us to keep our hope alive in Christ and live our hope, in the unity of faith with gusto and joy in everyday life. We go into God's future as a people who are committed to follow the work God has chosen for us. We want to remain faithful to Christ our Lord as we live in hope.

SONG 90 (purple songbook)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

POSTLUDE

GREETING OF OUR CONFIRMANDS

Please greet our H2H class in the Narthex and join in the celebration. We thank members of the H2H class and leaders for providing and serving our cake and refreshments.

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

HOSPITALIZED

Carol Brayton, at Kettering Memorial

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Hazel Reel	Judy, who will have surgery on Tuesday
Ruth Lackey	Lynn
Darren	Ellie
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Reese
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Marsha, who has breast cancer
Sharon, who has cancer	Mary Cilley, Paula Bennett's mother
Randy Wright & his family	Miranda
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Marshall
Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack	Becky, Marshall, & Hannah Anderson on the birth of Ethan Marshall on May 5
Betty, who has cancer	Pastor Kay Glaesner, brother of Bea Graham, news of cancer free
Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy	Loni
Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack	Beth
Becky, who has a brain tumor	Bob Hoffman
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Grace
Mary Jo Coleman, who died 4/25	Marjorie, surgery on Thursday
Howard, who has cancer	Reva
Stacey	Sophenia
	The family of Paul Nicholas Mays on his baptism Saturday, May 7

May 15, 2005 – The Day of Pentecost
Prayers Received May 8, 2005 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com