

Pastor – Rev. Dr. W. David Thomas  
Lay Reader – Mr. Michael Lewis  
Guest Organist – Mrs. Betty Leach

Associate Pastor – Mr. Aaron Goodro  
Organist – Mrs. Judy Hunter  
Asst. Music Dir. – Mr. Andrew Gaydos

Guest Pastor - Rev. Terry Shanahan  
October 9, 2011

## A Faith That Faces Fear John 20: 19-31

### PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*please stand if able

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                   “Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn # 2

\*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

\*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. Hymn #620

ANTHEM                               Special Music – Mary Bliven  
  “Great Light of the World”

SCRIPTURE READING       Acts 5: 27-32 and Psalm 118: 14-24

HYMN                                 “God Is So Good” Hymn # 616

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY                         Special Music – Mary Bliven  
  “El Shaddai”

\*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 Hymn #623

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    “He Touched Me” Hymn # 314

SCRIPTURE READING       **John 20: 19-31** page 1686

MESSAGE                         **“A Faith that Faces Fear”**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE       “The Solid Rock” Hymn # 315

BENEDICTION

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever. Grant us peace, perfect peace. Courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.”

**To Re-enter the Meeting House** during the worship service, please use the front doors when weather permits.

### I. Fear

- a. *Comes* in many forms
- b. *Leads* to poor decisions
- c. *Keeps* us in bondage
- d. *Prevents* us from doing great things for God

### II. Release from Fear

- a. Comes through *Faith in God*
- b. Comes through *belief in His son*
- c. Comes through *belief in Christ's Resurrection Power*
- d. Comes through *reliance on the Holy Spirit*

### III. Victory Comes

- a. By *not relying* on our own strength
- b. By *obeying* God not man
- c. By *realizing* the Holy Spirit is with you
- d. By *realizing victory* is in Jesus, not ourselves

## Questions for reflection or small group discussion

Jesus' most common command was "*do not be afraid*".

- What fears are holding you back from being an effective disciple of Christ?
- What might you accomplish for the Kingdom if you weren't acting out of fear?
- The disciples not only risked, but gave their lives for the sake of Christ. What are you willing to risk for Him?
- Decide to do one thing for Christ this week that moves you out of your comfort zone and helps overcome your fears.

## Be Part of First Community!

The Book of Acts provides us with a great example of the Christian Community learning about Christ, living out their Faith and Fellowshiping together. In other words, Discipleship. The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring First Community as a mid week event for the Body at FCC to have a similar opportunity. Here are some details:

- What: An opportunity for mid week Discipleship and Fellowship
- Who: All age groups. Friends welcome. This is a great way to invite someone that may not be comfortable in a traditional Sunday Service setting.
- Where: Newton Campus
- When: Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30PM starting Oct. 19 (yes this is a week later than previously communicated)
- Cost: Study Guides and Pioneer Club workbooks are approximately \$10. Scholarships are available.

A list of the offerings is noted below. Please indicate your interest so that we can plan accordingly. We still have some volunteer positions available. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Pioneer Club (Ages late 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) \_\_\_ Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior High \_\_\_\_\_
- Foundations Video (Core Truths of Christian Faith) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sacred Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children less than 2 years old that require Nursery please indicate that here \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am interested in volunteering \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this in the offering plate or contact Mick McNulty for more information. 347-1248, [mickmcnulty@comcast.net](mailto:mickmcnulty@comcast.net)



## **BONE MARROW DRIVE**

**On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**between 10 AM & 2 PM**

**at the**

## **Kingston Town Hall**

**Friends of Joe Prestipino**

**will be holding a Bone Marrow Drive. Someone out there is a match for Joe or one of the many others waiting for a life saving donation. It may be you! If you are between the ages of 18 & 60 please come, it only takes a couple of minutes, and only consists of a cheek swab.**

**Please spread the word, tell your friends and neighbors, send out an e-mail to everyone in your address book, post it on your facebook page, have everyone you tell pass it on to someone else.**

**Together let us pray and find a match of Joe.**

**Thank-you**

**Paul Canfield for Friends of Joe Prestipino**

(603)378-9130 Or [paulcanfield@comcast.net](mailto:paulcanfield@comcast.net)

If you have additional questions or are not able to make the date of this drive you can log onto [www.BeTheMatch.org](http://www.BeTheMatch.org) and register there.