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*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship

July 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Lord, please perfect in my heart (the place where you grow courage) the love – of you, of others, and of self – that casts out all fear.

Welcome

The Prelude

“Adagio in A b Major”

L. van Beethoven

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Jennifer Blakeney

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out love on us,

People: we join our voices in praise, as our fears are left behind.

Leader: We gather with these people, those who seek to follow Jesus,

People: so we might walk the paths of service hand in hand.

Leader: We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,

People: so that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.

Leader: Let us worship God!

The Opening Hymn No. 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Reconciliation

Rev. Clover Beal

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ghana

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

The Assurance of Pardon

* **Gloria**

Found on the cards in the pew rack

J. Utterback

The Anthem

“All You Works of God”

M. Haugen

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

The Scripture Lessons

1 John 4: 9-19
Phil 2: 12-13

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **Hymn No. 234**

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon

“What Are You Afraid Of?”

Eric Muller-Girard

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offertory

“Deep River”
Caleb Wright, bass

spiritual

* **The Response**

“O, Who Will Build the Church Now?”

Found on the cards in the pew rack

Kenya – Swahili song

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

* **The Closing Hymn No. 326**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

“Rondo in C”

W. A. Mozart



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Ruth Brickel in loving memory of her parents, Gene and Henry Killian; and by Tom and Beth Zych in honor of their sons, Tom and Ian Zych.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following members:

Bill Burcham, Nora Duncan, Florence and Ron Klein, Merdine T. Morris, Rosaneil Schenk, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Polly Cohen, Molly and Ralph Dise, Marilyn Gifford, Carson and Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month’s **TOWER**.

This Month’s Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to ***Connections Corner*** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Today's Preacher

Please welcome Eric Muller-Girard, the second in this summer's Lay Preaching series. Eric and his wife Laurie joined FHC in 1996; Eric was elected an Elder in 2004. He is a Spiritual Director, having trained at the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University. Eric and Laurie's two daughters, Megan and Katie, both sing in Sine Nomine Choir.

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1 – 6 in the fall, meets this morning in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

Updated Photo Directory

An updated version of the photo directory is now ready to be picked up in the foyer near Fellowship Hall. The photos are not new (and are not very clear), but all the information is current as of July 15. One directory per family, please.

Softball

Softball Playoffs are here! The B team starts their tournament this afternoon with a 3 p.m. game against Grace Lutheran. The A Team starts their play at 4:15 p.m. Both teams will continue to play throughout the day until they are eliminated. All games are at Forest Hill Park. Come out and support the run to four championships in a row!

The end of the season softball cookout for past, present and future players and their families will be at the Hideks' on Sunday, August 15th at 4 p.m. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert. RSVP to jason.hidek@att.net.

Thanks to the Summer Choir

Many thanks to all who have sung in the Summer Choir the last two months. Today is the last Sunday for the choir; in August, small groups will lead the worship music.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lessons this week is **Luke 12: 13-21**.

City of Borders

Attend a free showing of the award-winning documentary film ***City of Borders*** and meet one of the "actors," Boody Quaran, as he discusses his struggles to live in Israel as a gay man. The movie will be shown at the MetroHealth Medical Center Auditorium, (2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland) today at 2:15. You may park in visitor parking garage for a minimal fee.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters and The Group (*singles and couples, 40s-70s*)

The Group and Pacesetters will watch the Lake County Captains play the Dayton Dragons on Saturday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. As an added bonus there are post-game fireworks. Please contact Jane and Chuck Ishler (chasish@yahoo.com or 216/382-7590) to reserve your spot with a payment of \$9 per person due by Sunday, July 25. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game. All are welcome!

Meet the Candidates

On Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m., NOAH will sponsor a **Meet the Candidates Night** at FHC. All are welcome to hear the candidates for County Executive and District 10 County Council introduce themselves and make brief statements about their positions and their vision for the county government.

Report from the General Assembly

On Sunday, August 15 from 11:00 – 12:00 Emily Wollaeger, FHC's Young Adult Delegate to the General Assembly, will talk about her experience at this summer's GA.

The Exterior Renovation Project Report

The Exterior Renovation Project is on budget and will be substantially completed by the end of August. Painting, roofing and window restoration are well under way. The first two new windows were installed this past week.

Financial summary

Pledge payments received to-date: \$280,000
 Funds paid to contractor to-date: \$240,000
 Funds to be paid within 60 days: \$328,000
 Funds needed within 60 days: \$288,000
 Any shortage will be borrowed from the bank.

Dave Hunter, Project Manager

Care Group

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during July. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

Daryl Musick, Deacon leader	Fred and Joanne Lafferty
Kevin and Brittani Ball and family	Carol Leslie
Marie Bourgeois	Patricia Ludwig
Nancy Burcham	Emelia McGuire
Bruce and Beverly Cameron	Merdine T. Morris
Paul Cary and Sue Yelanjian and family	Karen Murray
Gretchen and Jeff Deluca and family	Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn
Rose and Robert Eaton	Arlene and Jack Quinn
Marilyn Gifford	Donald Shaner
Robyn Hales and Jordan Dail	Dwight and Margie Stauffer
Judy Hammer	Lee and Cathi Thomas
Chris Henry	Johanna Wilcott
David and Anne Hunter	Beryl Williams
Diana and Martin Johannessen and family	Lauren, Dylan and Nancy Wyss
Florence and Ronald Klein	Bob and Ginny Young

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Calendar: July 25 – August 1, 2010

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Summer Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Child care begins
 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP
 Summer Pathways
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 3:00 p.m. Softball: B vs Grace Luth., FHP
 4:15 p.m. Softball: A vs TBD, FHP

Monday, July 26

5:00 p.m. PWR Meeting: First PC, Elyria
 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (AI Anon)
 7:00 p.m. AI Anon
 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Wednesday, July 28

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

Friday, July 30

9:30 a.m. AI Anon

Sunday, August 1

9:15 a.m. Child care begins
 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Communion
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

1 John 4:9-19 (*The Message*)

This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about -- not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and His love becomes complete in us -- perfect love!

This is how we know we are living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: he's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continued to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we are free of worry on Judgment Day --our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life -- fear of death, fear of judgment -- is one not yet fully formed in love.

We, though, are going to love -- love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first.

Philippians 2.12-13 (NRSV)

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.