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Service of Worship

April 15, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday in the Season of Easter

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*

Christ, You have risen in our lives; You have risen from the dead. You show us the path of life, to live for others, to do Your work in our world, to build Your kingdom. Continue to inspire in us the joy of the Resurrection and to share the Good News with the world in word and deed. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, from Heaven Above"
Lynn Balaze, guest organist

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Diana Woodbridge

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?
People: **Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**
Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.
People: **Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**
Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.
People: **We are Christ's body; we are Christ's feet.**
Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?
People: **We are in the world to be the body of Christ.**
Leader: Let us share the Good News! Let us worship God!

* **Processional Hymn No. 143**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

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

Words of Assurance

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Leader: Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.

People: Victory is ours through Jesus who loved us. Amen.

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

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

Scripture Lesson

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 367**

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Sermon

"What's Next?"

Kristen Otte

Prayers of the People

Rev. Clover Beal

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.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

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

*** Closing Hymn No. 371**

"Lift High the Cross"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude*

C. S. Lang

"Tuba Tune in D Major"

Lynn Balaze, guest organist

Acts 4: 1-20



■■■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given in memory of Lois J. Leslie by the Leslie/Richards family; and to the glory of God, by Dene Young.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Dick Bloomquist, Ruth Brickel, Bill Burdick, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Ron and Florence Klein, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Ron Register, Elaine Tapié, Grace Uhle, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

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.

Today's Preacher

Kristen Otte is FHC's Director of Youth Ministries. She also coaches basketball at Laurel School. Her book, ***When Light Hits the Path***, tells her story of discovering God's presence through the joy and pain of life; it is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle versions. You may also purchase a copy directly through Kristen. Learn more about her writing at www.kristenotte.com.

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY ***Welcome Visitors!***

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.

Guest Organist

Many thanks to our guest organist, Lynn Balaze. Lynn is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the mother of two delightful toddler daughters. Anne Wilson is worshipping at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco this morning. She is the organist for the Cleveland Orchestra's west coast tour.

THIS WEEK ***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Luke 24: 36b-48**.

Spring Service Day

A Spring Service day has been planned by the Ministry of Justice & Mission for Saturday, April 21 from 8:30-12. Join a team learning about FHC's food pantry and Abundance Acres, and work in the garden; or join folks at Family Promise's Christopher House in Rocky River to do a bit of spring cleaning, yard work, and painting, as well as preparing the house for guests who will be arriving the next day. Both options are kid, youth, and family friendly! Please contact Laura Steiner (lauramsteiner@yahoo.com or 216-870-0019) if you'd like to participate. *See p. 10 for a related announcement.*

NEXT SUNDAY ***Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall*** ***Spring Series: Faith in Real Time***

April 22

"Environmental Choices at Home" by Brett and Annette Himes
The FHC Green Team will highlight this FHC family's choice to install a solar electric system in their Shaker home. The 4,100 watt roof mounted solar array produces so much electricity during sunny days that the extra electricity flows out onto the grid spinning their meter backwards. Come hear more about their bold choice!

April 29

"You Spoke; We Listened: The Discernment Task Force's Study Results" with Jeff Smith and Melody Obery, co-chairs of the Task Force, along with the other members.
The task force team will present the results of the congregational study of the thoughts, feelings and visions for the future of our congregation. Come and hear how the Holy Spirit is moving among the members of Forest Hill Church.

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity
Sunday evenings at 5 pm, beginning April 22

Join Dr. Lentz and Clayton Minder (chair of the Stewardship Ministry) as they lead a congregational study of the curriculum written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Together we will have a courageous conversation about money – how it can be a source of great good, but also a source of all-encompassing misery. The program will be held Sunday evening from 5 – 7 pm, April 22 – May 27. The cost is \$10 (for a book, and to help defray the cost of the DVD curriculum). Contact the office by April 12 to reserve your place.

Worship Next Sunday

Our monthly series of arts-enhanced liturgies continues on Sunday, April 22 as we celebrate the spirituality of the visual arts. We need your help that morning – we’d like everyone to bring a small (or large) bouquet of garden flowers for the communion table. You’ll be able to take them home afterwards. Just think how glorious the table will look, turned into a literal garden!

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Jericho Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during April. 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:

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| Carol Phillips, Deacon Leader | Elizabeth Farnfield |
| Janet Banis | Tom & Paula Harvey |
| Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner | Alec & Nancy Jamieson |
| Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius & family | Eunice Manu |
| Jack & Mary Ann Breisch | Carol Phillips & family |
| Robert & Wendy Brock & family | Sampson Tedunjaiye &
Victoria Sampson & family |
| David & Kate Burleigh & family | Jean Seeley |
| Joseph & Janet Dauer | Chuck & Lora Smith & family |
| Larry Dorod | JT & Sarah Tan & family |
| Marj Drollinger | Ann Tutton |
| John Dugard | Liz Wollaeger & family |
| Bev Gairing | |

Today’s CARE Group volunteers: Carol Phillips, Continental Breakfast; David and Kate Burleigh, Greeters; Chuck and Lora Smith, Coffee Hour; Betty Clark, Greeting Cards; Carol Phillips, flower delivery.

Softball Time!

Spring is here and that can only mean one thing – Softball! Forest Hill Church softball returns to defend their 5 consecutive championships in the Heights Church softball league. All current players, please pay the \$50 dues to Scott Lafferty. Any new members or visitors wishing to join, please contact Scott Lafferty (swlaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-449-2361) or Jason Hidek (440-264-3296 or jason.hidek@att.net).

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Converge!, 7 pm at First Baptist Church

This Week: Senior High Retreat, April 20-22

Next Sunday: Sine Nomine Choir, 12:15

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48. 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church’s Facebook page, the **Upcoming Sundays** page of our website

(<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the “Sundays in April” page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: April 15 - 22, 2012*

<p>Sunday, April 15 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee hour 5:00 Faith Leader 7:00 Youth: Converge! at First Baptist Church</p> <p>Monday, April 16 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troup #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 17 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 7:30 pm Reaching Hts mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, April 18 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 10:00 am TOWER collators 12:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club: Lunch and meeting 12:30 pm Bullshevicks (Wellington's)</p>	<p>Thursday, April 19 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, April 20 9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, April 21 8:00 am Men's Group 8:30 am Day of Service</p> <p>Sunday, April 22 8:00 Nominating Comm. 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP: AEL – Visual Arts Children in Worship Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee hour Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 Faith Leader Enough! Conversation about Money</p>
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Spring Cleaning for Jesus!

Are you cleaning your own house to get ready for spring? Realizing you have a lot more than you need? If so, please consider donating gently used or new items to help Family Promise guests feel comfortable during their stay in the program and as they start out in their own home!

The following items are needed for the hosting weeks at Christopher House (where we will be doing our Spring Service Day): curtains, hangers, mattress covers (twin size), ice cube trays, smoke detectors, alarm clocks, trash cans, soap dispensers, iron, light bulbs.

These items are needed to give to families when they start in their own homes: paper towels, toilet paper, mops, brooms, dust pans, pots, pans, dishes, silverware, dish towels, bath towels, laundry/bath/dish soap, detergent, and small kitchen appliances.

Please leave your donations on the stage in the Fellowship Hall in the boxes marked "Family Promise Donations," or contact Laura Steiner at lauramsteiner@yahoo.com to make other arrangements for delivery. If possible, please give these items by Friday April 20 - but ongoing collection will occur through the spring. Families also need furniture, and arrangements can be made for pickup of large items - contact Gina Morris, Family Promise Housing Specialist at 216-337-0742.



Acts 4: 1-20

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

In the Works for October 2012...

Even though spring has just sprung and summer is yet to be, it's not too early to start thinking about autumn and a trip being planned October 13-14 to Washington D.C.

The genesis of this trip arose from the discussion following the Courageous Conversations on Race held at Forest Hill last summer. Many wanted to journey to the key sites of the civil rights movement and to discover and celebrate the history and places of importance to all Americans: Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Selma, Jackson, Washington D.C.

While the thought of doing a week-long trip to see all the cities and sights is exciting to contemplate, it is a big trip to coordinate. Therefore, a weekend visit to the nation's capital to see the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial seemed a better first attempt at on-going domestic pilgrimages.

In addition to spending time at the monument we will also visit the African-American Civil War Museum, the exhibit of African-American history and culture at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, and other sites of importance. We may worship Sunday morning on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial which is where Dr. King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.

This journey will be more than a tour. It is a journey of on-going transformation as we become a more hospitable, inclusive and diverse church family. We will have time to reflect upon our experiences and how traveling the road of the past will help shape our future at Forest Hill Church.

Plans are in the works for a bus [or buses], hotels rooms, a tour guide and meals. This trip is being coordinated by Barb Cloud and Anne Smith. Anne and Barb will have an information table in Fellowship Hall after worship on May 20. Please come for updates on this exciting adventure, and sign up for the Washington D.C you may or may not have seen before.

Anne Smith

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