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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

August 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Welcome
Prelude**

"Prelude in D Minor"

J. S. Bach

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Creator of the world, eternal God,

People: We have come from many places for a little while.

Leader: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

People: We have come with all our differences seeking community and oneness in your Spirit.

Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,

People: We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.

Leader: So here, in this shelter place, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

People: In your name, Three-in-One God, pattern of community. Amen.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Dr. John Lentz

O God our Maker and Defender:

Storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. When we are frightened, we retreat. We cease investing our energies and resources, because we do not feel able to make a difference. Comfort and encourage us, God of power. Remind us that, by your grace,

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness; and life is stronger than death.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

plainsong

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

*** Assurance of Pardon**

*** Rejoice, Hallelu** (responsorial)

India

Anthem

Samuel Wesley

“Si Iniquitates Observaveris”

If you, Lord, were to mark iniquities, who, O Lord, shall stand?

For with you is forgiveness, and because of your law, I stood by you, Lord.

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

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6: 1-10

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 419**

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Ms. Sophie Beal

“Comprehend with Their Hearts”

Prayers of the People

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

arr. John Leavitt

“Deep River”

*** Response**

South African song

Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (2x)

Christ now sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt;

Strong in faith, free of doubt; Tell to all the joyful Good News.

Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (2x)

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

South Africa

“Sizohambe Naye”

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Dietrich Buxtehude

“Prelude in G Minor”

* Please stand if you are able



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Community Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Sandy Schultz in memory of Iva Alice and Lewis Alonzo Murray, Mae Marie and Ronald Lewis; and by the Khoury family in memory of Brian.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ben and Pat Beltzer, Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Virginia Colville, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Colin Kickel, Katie Kickel, Ron and Florence Klein, Kate Monaghan, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach, Johanna Wilcott.

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

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn.

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

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 133

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

In Today's Worship

We welcome Sophie Beal as today's preacher. Sophie and her family (who may be familiar to you) have been members of Forest Hill Church for 12 years. Sophie will be a senior at Mount Holyoke College, majoring in Religious Studies with a minor in Journalism, Media and Public Discourse. Over the course of her last three summers, Sophie worked with the Cleveland Museum of Art on a comparative religion research project, with Interfaith Worker Justice as a summer labor rights organizer and, most recently, with Auburn Media and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations. This is Sophie's first time preaching.

Many thanks to today's music leaders: Jed Koops, Mist'a Craig, Carl Jenks, and Jaired Birks.

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 **John 6: 51-58**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Rome Pilgrimage, March 8-16, 2013

A few spots remain – sign up SOON! See website for details, or contact Pastor Clover Beal.

One Church, One Book

Take This Bread, by Sara Miles, BYO lunch and discussion – August 26, 2012.

FHC in Shaker Heights

FHC members and friends (adults only) currently residing in Shaker Heights are invited to Eric and Laurie Muller-Girard's (3352 Norwood Dr.) for dinner and fellowship on August 25, 2012. Grilled chicken and/or hotdogs and hamburgers, as well as non-alcoholic beverages, will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert and BYOB.

RSVP to Clover Beal (216-321-2660, pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org) or the Muller-Girards (216-752-7006, multimg@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to attend, for more information, and to tell us what you'll bring..

Back to School

It's almost back to school time (really!). Once again, we're supporting the students, staff and families of Boulevard Elementary School by collecting the following school supplies:

- No. 2 pencils
- Elmer's white glue
- Glue sticks (no glitter)
- Pointed tip children's scissors
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Box of 24 crayons (not Rose Art)
- Large primary crayons (not Rose Art)
- New underwear, boys and girls, in package
- New or gently used sweatpants for boys and girls, kids' XS - XL
- 2-pocket portfolios
- Pencil sharpeners with covers
- Wide-rule notebook paper
- 70-pg wide-rule spiral notebooks
- Highlighters
- Backpacks

Adult Education in October

How do religion, faith and politics fit together? Adult Education will explore this topic as we head into another contentious election. We have scheduled four Sundays in October for discussions **after** worship. If you are interested in helping plan this exciting and provocative series, please contact Chris Henry (cehenry@ameritech.net) or Clover Beal (pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org).

Care Group

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during August. 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	Florence and Ronald Klein
Kevin and Brittani Ball	Fred and Joanne Lafferty
Nancy Burcham	Carol Leslie
Bruce and Beverly Cameron	Patricia Ludwig
Paul Cary, Sue Yelanjian and family	Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn
Kay Dunlap	Arlene and Jack Quinn
Jen and Andrew Fu and family	Jeremy Ryman and Dianr Moyer
Robyn Hales	Dwight and Margie Stauffer
Judy Hammer	Lee and Cathi Thomas
Chris Henry	Beryl Williams
David and Anne Hunter	Lauren Wyss
Paul Jennings	Bob and Ginny Young
Diana and Martin Johanessen	

■■■ *Youth News*

Today: Youth Sunday practice after worship

Thursday: Converge pool party, FHSC, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Next Sunday: Youth Sunday: We'll lead worship in Fellowship Hall

Beach Day – meet at Brainard Park in Lyndhurst at 1 pm to carpool to Mentor Headlands beach

■■■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1-10

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58. 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 August" page of the **TOWER**.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: August 12 - 19, 2012*

<p>Sunday, August 12 9:30 Continental Breakfast Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Coffee hour Youth: Youth Sunday practice</p> <p>Monday, August 13 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Wednesday, August 15 12:30 pm Bullshevicks (Wellington's)</p>	<p>Thursday, August 16 6:30 pm Youth: Converge pool party</p> <p>Friday, August 17 7:00 am TOWER deadline</p> <p>Saturday, August 18 7:00 pm The Group to Cain Park dance performance</p> <p>Sunday, August 19 9:30 Continental Breakfast Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP: Youth Sunday 11:15 Coffee hour 1:00 Youth: Meet to carpool to Mentor Headlands</p>
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Save These Dates!

- August 18 The Group: Ground Works Dance Ensemble
at Cain Park (see Dick Secor for details)
- August 19 Youth Sunday (worship in Fellowship Hall)
- August 22 Session Meeting
- August 25 FHC in Shaker: Gathering (at Muller-Girards')
- August 26 One Church – One Book (after worship)
- September 2 Jean Reinhold, preacher
- September 6 Chancel Choir potluck and first rehearsal
- September 7 Hilltoppers: Picnic lunch (at FHC)
- September 9 Regular Program Schedule begins
- September 30 Fall Festival