

Service of Worship
Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

June 23, 2013

10:00 am

Gathering to Worship with Prayer and Singing

Opening Prayer

John Lentz

Singing:

“Come, O Come”

Come, O Come, and fill this temple, fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.

“Come into His Presence Singing, Al-le-lu-ia!”

(1) Come into his presence singing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

(2) Come into his presence singing, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!

(3) Praise the Lord together singing, Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

“Just As I Am”

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise, I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, hath broken ev'ry barrier down,
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Psalm 42 (read responsively)

Clover Beal

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night the Lord's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

Song:

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God.”

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and God’s righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia!

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, seek and ye shall find
Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia!

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-4
Matthew 25: 34-40

Sermon

Patrick Davis
*Founder and Exec Director,
Scars and Bars*

“The Great Disguise”

Song:

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of the People

Clover Beal

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”
Ralph Dise, guitar

Response:

“Halleluya!”

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. (4x)

Closing Song

“Soon and Very Soon We are Going to See the King”

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (3x)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King (3x)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King (3x)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King.



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

■■■ *Community Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given in honor of the 4th anniversary of Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak; and by Peggy Skelly in memory of loved ones.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Grant Acord, Connie Biddinger, Jennifer Blakeney, Virginia Colville, Joanne Dawson, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Jim Manista and family, Lissa McKinley, Kristen and Brian Otte, Robert Sacha, Charles Sawyer, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, Anne Taylor.

In Memoriam We Remember

Peter Manista

Who died June 16, 2013

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

This Month’s Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Guitar Ensemble

Many thanks to today's music leaders: Kurt Haas, Ralph Dise, John Lentz and Dave Bell.

Preaching Today

Patrick Davis is an international hip hop artist and speaker. His music and speaking tours inspire and impact thousands of people throughout the U.S., Australia, Amsterdam, Ireland and the U.K. At 16 years old, Patrick was arrested for armed robbery and kidnapping and faced 45 years in the penitentiary. While incarcerated awaiting trial, he received the news that his brother, Larry was murdered in downtown Cleveland. Instead of allowing this life-changing tragedy to crush him, it led him to discovering his purpose and redemption. Patrick is also the director and founder of ***Scars and Bars***, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering inmates, ex-felons and those on the fringes of society to live healthy, whole lives. He and his wife Jacqueline live in Cleveland Heights.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lessons this week are **2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education – Bible study, 9:00 in South Hall

This summer we will explore some of the great prayers and poetry of the Hebrew Scriptures. Many of us wonder how to pray, and are secretly unsure how prayer really works. Our study will dive into the rich, frank and sometimes downright surprising history of the ongoing dialogue between God and God's people. Bold, candid, impolite and persistent prayers will be the model of our study, as well as some of the beautiful poetry handed down to us from God's original chosen. Prepare to be surprised!

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir continues through June and July. There's a 25-minute rehearsal in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 am. The music is easy and dress is casual. All ages are welcome – families are encouraged to sit together, singing with non-singing members. Come enjoy participating in worship from "the other side"!

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1-6 in the fall, meets July 7 and July 21. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

Family Promise Host week, July 7-14

Forest Hill's next Family Promise host week begins July 7. Please contact Anne Smith (anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com) to volunteer to help with dinners, or Julie Lusic (jlusic@gmail.com) for all other volunteer opportunities. You may also sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship today.

One Book, One Church

This summer, FHC will read together the novel ***Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale***, by Ian Morgan Cron.

*What happens when the pastor of a megachurch loses his faith? Pastor Chase Falson has lost his faith in God, the Bible, evangelical Christianity, and his super-sized megachurch. When he falls apart, the church elders tell him to take a leave. Join Chase on his life-changing journey to Italy where, with a curious group of Franciscan friars, he struggles to resolve his crisis of faith by retracing the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, a saint whose simple way of loving Jesus changed the history of the world. The author weaves lessons from the life of Saint Francis to explore the life of a saint who 800 years ago breathed new life into disillusioned Christians and a Church on the brink of collapse. **Chasing Francis** is a hopeful and moving story with profound implications for those who yearn for a more vital relationship with God and the world. You will discover your own journey through the lessons of St. Francis.*

Copies of the book will be for sale after church at \$10/each. A book discussion opportunity will be set for later in the summer.

Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program

Are you interested in learning more about the Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program? Faith Leader is a 28-week small group spiritual formation experience that encourages a deepening relationship with God. Nearly 60 "beloved children of God" have participated and had the experience of enriching their lives and faith through this unique and often transforming program. We will begin our eighth group in the fall and invite anyone who is interested in learning more or being considered for the program to contact Rev. Clover Beal or Laurie Muller-Girard (216-752-7006).

Care Group

The Jordan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during June. 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:

Mary McMillan, Deacon Leader	Neil & Kathy Molyneaux
Debbie Adrine	Jon Newton
Betsy & Joe Andrews	Linda Rainey
Chessie Bleick	John & Kara Schellenberg & family
Dale & Elaine Dannefer	Jim & Pat Seeders
Sally Davis	Dalma Takacs
Ralph & Kathy Dise	Grace Uhle
Ron & Marcia Grant	Tori Weisberg & family
Roger & Consuelo Heineman & family	Pat & Ray Weissbrod
Dorothy Herd	Becky & Brian West & family
Carl Jenks	Marilyn Wilk
Ellen McChesney	Diana Woodbridge

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture:

Isaiah 61: 1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Matthew 25: 34-40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62.
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.

The summer schedule for the office and building is as follows:

- The office is open 8:30 – 5, Monday – Thursday
- The building is accessible until 9 pm, Monday – Thursday. If the doorbell does not get answered, please call the custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257
- Friday: The office is open until 3 pm; the building is accessible until 8 pm
- Saturday: The building is accessible 8 am – 1 pm
- Sunday: The building is accessible 7 am – 5 pm
- The office will be closed July 4-5.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Summer Child Care

The crib and nursery room is a wonderful place for our young children to come and be cared for while parents are in worship. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children. Throughout the summer months child care is available in the nursery for babies through 5 year olds from 9:45-11:30.

The nursery is staffed by a paid Child Care Provider with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping - the commitment is small, just one or two Sundays each quarter, and rewards are huge, babies to hold and of course a snack. You can also listen to the worship service! Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the summer months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.

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JULY 14, 2013 5-8 PM

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 AND MAIL TO THE FOREST HILL CHURCH OFFICE

■■■ *Calendar: June 23-30, 2013*

<p>Sunday, June 23 9:30 Child care begins Continental Breakfast 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 11:15 Coffee Hour 12:00 Forest Hill Park Clean-up 6:00 Softball vs Fairmount PC, FHP</p> <p>Monday, June 24 8:30 am Abundance Pantry Breakfast 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 26 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Session meeting</p> <p>Friday, June 28 9:30 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p>Sunday, June 30 9:30 Child care begins Continental Breakfast 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 11:15 Coffee Hour Positive Parenting class 11:30 Labre meeting 5:40 Labre Project 6:00 Softball</p>
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