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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 27, 2014 at 10:00 am

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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin;
hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship;
and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Thought for Preparation*

Emily Dickinson

Tell all the Truth but tell it slant –
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise
As Lightning to the Children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every one be blind –

Welcome

Prelude

Peru

“Glory to God”

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Rosanna Sprague

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Today, like the mustard seed, may the Gospel overwhelm us.

People: Today, like the treasure and the pearl of great value, may we risk everything to seek you, O Christ.

Leader: Today, like the fish in the net, may we discern what is to be retained and what is to be thrown away.

People: Today, we seek something new. May we have hearts to receive it.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn No. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rachel McDonald

We confess that we are still more comfortable with the way things are, than the new ways of life in your kingdom. Sometimes we still find ourselves believing that it is the powers of the world, which can protect and prosper us. When the rulers of the earth blatantly stand against the justice and peace of your kingdom, we are afraid of witnessing to the good news of your new world. Help us seek your kingdom, through forgiveness and grace.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

South Africa

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

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response**

Paul Vasile

“Glory to God”

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has
8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 12/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church response.

Anthem

Spanish Caribbean

“If You Only Had Faith”

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn No. 771**

“What Is the World Like”

*Prayer requests may be passed
to the ushers during this hymn*

Singing Directions #771

St. 1: Choir

St. 2: All

St. 3: Women / children

St. 4: Men

St. 5: All

“Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered”

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 and return the open pad to the beginning of the row.

Offertory

John Bell

“Celtic Journey Song”

Dedicated to the youth working in Kentucky this week

* Response

South African song

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais- es, all our
 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 prais- es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he
 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*
Commissioning of the Youth Mission Trip to Harlan, Ky.

* **Closing Hymn No. 691**

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

* **Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Henry Purcell

“Voluntary in C”

* *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! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

■ ■ ■ *Community Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Kate Monaghan in loving memory of her parents, Rose McKenna Monaghan and Patrick J. Monaghan; and by Lia Clement in loving memory of Judy Hubach.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Betty Farnfield, Margaret Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

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**.

The youth mission trip to Harlan County, KY leaves tomorrow morning. Please keep these young people and their advisors in your prayers this week: Anna Brock, Peter Cary, Edie Duncan, Grant Heineman, Sarah Lentz, Megan Muller-Girard, Hal Roosa, Iyabo Sampson, Trent Swain, Garrett Vandall, and Molly Webster; Mark Chupp, Sharon Shumaker, Jane Duncan and Kurt Haas, advisors.

This Month's Ushers

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.

Attendance last week: 152

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1-6 in the fall, meets today. Children should meet in Temple Square on the lower CE level.

Young Adult Group Brunch

The Young Adult Group will meet at 11:15 this morning to go to SOHO for lunch. Look for Charity McDonald if you'd like to join them!

Summer Choir

Today is the last appearance of the Summer Choir. Many thanks to all who have participated!

Labre / East Cleveland Hunger Project

The Labre group will meet at 4:40 today to go to East Cleveland. Please contact Jack Breisch (jbrei@hawken.edu) for more information.

Softball

Today we play St Ann's at 6 pm at Forest Hill Park Field #5.

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 from **Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship in the Courtyard

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for our 3rd Annual Outdoor Worship in the Courtyard and Community Dinner on Saturday, August 16 at 5 pm. You will hear how the Lord has worked in the lives of others, and you may be inspired to tell your own story! The worship will include music by the Wright Family Singers. The service will be followed by a cookout overseen by Morag Keefe. Look for Julie Wolfram Smith in Fellowship Hall after worship to see how you can help by donating food items for the dinner.

Screwtape Letters Book Discussion

Save the date! Sunday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm.

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:

Jenny Himmelman and Carol Leslie,
Deacon leaders

Kevin & Brittani Ball & family

Nancy Burcham

Bruce & Beverly Cameron

Paul Cary, Sue Yelanjian & family

Jordan Dail

Kay Dunlap

Bill Finn & Rachel Martinez-Finn

Tim & Carol Gifford

Ajah Hales

Robyn Hales

Judy Hammer

Chris Henry

David & Anne Hunter

Paul Jennings

Charlie Kahn & Gale Poor

Florence & Ronald Klein

Fred & Joann Lafferty

Patricia Ludwig

Daryl Musick

Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer & family

Marissa Sherman

Dwight & Margie Stauffer

Sampson Tedunjaiye, Victoria Sampson & family

Lee & Cathi Thomas

Beryl Williams

Bob & Ginny Young

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mission Trip meeting after worship for all participants and parents.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Next Sunday: Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21.



Today we celebrate the hiring of Dacia Prins as Director of Infants' and Children's Ministry.

Dacia is a graduate of Dort College (Sioux City, Iowa) with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Dacia has taught in church and school settings. She is

a talented story teller, organizer and teacher. Dacia is married to Dustin; they have three children, Troyton, Mallory and Makyndsie. Dacia likes to read and bake when she is can squeeze it in among parenting duties. She says "as Director of Children's Ministry, my vision is to cultivate personal relationships with Christ and to develop disciples of Christ who will go out and 'let their light shine before all people'(Matt. 5:16)."

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: July 27 - August 3, 2014*

Sunday, July 27

9:15 am Child care begins
9:00 am Adult Ed: Bible study
9:30 am Summer Choir
Continental Breakfast
10:00 am WORSHIP
Summer Pathways
11:15 am Coffee Hour
Young Adult Group to brunch
6:00 pm Softball vs St Ann's, FHP #5

Monday, July 28

Youth Mission Trip leaves for Harlan, KY

5:00 pm PWR Meeting: Lakewood PC
6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm Al Anon
7:15 pm Church Growth meeting
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, July 29

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
food distribution

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA

Thursday, July 31

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
distribution

Friday, August 1

9:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, August 3

9:15 am Child care begins
9:30 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am WORSHIP: Baptism of Soren
Scott Henderson; Communion
11:15 am Coffee Hour