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## *Service of Worship*

*February 22, 2015 at 11:00 am*

The First Sunday in the Season of Lent

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.

### *Prayer of Preparation*

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until we find our rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom. Amen.

### **Welcome**

#### **Choral Introit**

Bill Gaither

"I Am a Promise"

Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

### *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **Call to Worship**

Elder Ann Williams

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: O come let us sing to the Lord,

**People: And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

\* Processional Hymn No. 649

“Amazing Grace”

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Litany of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

**People: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty, from a calculating or sentimental mind, for going along with mean and ugly things,  
O God deliver us.**

Leader: From cowardice that dares not face truth, laziness content with half-truth, or arrogance that thinks we know it all,  
O God deliver us.

**People: For token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people, from confusing faith with good feeling or love with wanting to be loved,  
O God deliver us.**

Leader: For everything in us that may hide your light,

**People: O God, light of life, forgive us.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**First: All sing**

**Second: Men start, women and children start 1 measure later**

**\* Response** (John Bell)

5 Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

**Scriptural Pyramid: Psalm 46** Sine Nomine Choir

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Family Meditation**

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

**\* Hymn No. 158**

**"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"**

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

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

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 13: 47-49

*After the reading*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Dr. Faye Gary

"A Time for Reflection and Renewal"

**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

**Offertory**

Thomas Tallis

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**\* 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. 339**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

*Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Fugue in C Minor”



***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](http://www.fhcpresb.org), to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

*Congregational Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Robyn Hales, Ajah Hales and Jordan Dail in honor of Dorothy Hales; and by Joan Bacon in loving memory of her father, Richard Benson.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Don Clark, Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Connie Sekerak, Margaret and George Sentell, Katherine Sicking, Debbie Ungemach, Ray Weissbrod.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, 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**.

**Thank you** to today's ushers and to head usher Roger Heineman. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

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

**Attendance last week (including Pathways children): 179**

### *Announcements*

#### **TODAY**

#### ***Preaching Today***

Dr. Faye A. Gary was born and raised in a rural community in North Central Florida. She is the second of five children, all of whom worked on their family farm during their formative years. At her home church in Ocala, Florida, Dr. Gary was the Sunday School teacher for the senior class for more than two decades. She later became the Superintendent of her Sunday School. These roles provided her with additional opportunities to positively influence the lives of under-resourced youth in the surrounding communities. In addition, her four sons were her most ardent Sunday School supporters – and their required attendance helped.

Most of Dr. Gary's professional career has been spent as a faculty member in academic institutions such as the University of Florida, Gainesville, and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. She has also worked with Ministries of Health across the globe in the service of

improving the health and well-being of children and families. Her work is evident in Africa, Brazil, Ecuador, Japan, Australia ( Original Australians), and others.

Dr. Gary says that she is grateful to Pastor Lentz and the congregation for the opportunity to share this Sunday morning with you.

### ***Black History Month***

Today is the final Sunday of a fabulous series of Black History Month programs. Join us for a Soul Food Potluck lunch after worship. Dr. Gary will then lead a discussion of ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***. Come back at 7:30 for a **Celebration of African-American Music, Poetry, and Stories**, led by Caleb Wright and featuring Mother Willie Mae Wright, Peter Williams, and others.

### **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 lesson this week is from **Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25; and Mark 8: 31-38.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Adult Education, 9:30***

#### ***In Bodwell Hall (until March 8)***

Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book on Christian community, ***Life Together***, with Dr. John Lentz.

#### ***In South Hall (March 1)***

FHC's Greater Cleveland Congregations Core Team will present GCC's Feb. 3 recommendations to Mayor Jackson and the Department of Justice.

## ***Labre Project***

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Donations Needed***

Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland, the base for FHC's Labre Project, is in need of skillets, pots and pans (many of theirs have been lost in recent break-ins). If you have any to donate, please contact Jeff Smith (216-932-2932 or [jeffsmith2756@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsmith2756@gmail.com)).

### ***Care Group***

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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, Deacon leader	Alex Heston & Elizabeth Endicott-Heston
Kevin & Brittani Ball & family	David & Anne Hunter
Nancy Burcham	Paul Jennings
Bruce & Beverly Cameron	Charlie Kahn & Gale Poor
Paul Cary, Sue Yelanjian & family	Fred & Joann Lafferty
Jordan Dail	Patricia Ludwig
Kay Dunlap	Daryl Musick
Bill Finn & Rachel Martinez-Finn	Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer & family
Tim & Carol Gifford	Sampson Tedunjaiye, Victoria Sampson & family
Ajah Hales	Lee & Cathi Thomas
Robyn Hales	Beryl Williams
Judy Hammer	Bob & Ginny Young
Chris Henry	

## *Youth News*

### **Every Sunday**

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

### **Today**

- Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel immediately after worship.

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*Calendar: February 22 – March 1, 2015*

**Sunday, February 22: 1 Lent**

8:30 Nominating Committee mtg  
 9:00 Child care begins  
 9:30 Adult and Youth Education  
     Confirmation  
     Descant Choir  
 10:15 Descant Choir activity  
 10:30 Continental Breakfast  
     Chancel Choir  
 11:00 WORSHIP  
     Children in Worship class  
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land  
 12:15 Soul Food Potluck and  
     Book Discussion:  
         Dr. Faye Gary, leader  
     Sine Nomine Choir  
 4:40 Labre Project  
 5:00 Living in the Spirit class  
 7:30 An Evening of Song

**Monday, February 23**

8:45 am Tai Chi  
 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
 7:00 pm Al Anon  
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group  
     Boy Scout Troop #403

**Tuesday, February 24**

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

**Wednesday, February 25**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA  
 7:00 pm Session meeting  
     Softball commissioners' mtg

**Thursday, February 26**

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Friday, February 27**

10:00 am Al Anon meeting  
 6:30 pm In-home Lenten dinners

**Saturday, February 28**

9:00 am CEIRS class  
     Deacons' retreat (Kemp Jaycox's)  
 6:30 pm In-home Lenten Dinners

**Sunday, March 1: 2 Lent**

9:00 Child care begins  
 9:30 Adult and Youth Education  
     Confirmation  
     Descant Choir  
 10:15 Descant Choir activity  
 10:30 Continental Breakfast  
     Chancel Choir  
 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion  
     Children in Worship class  
     *Pathways children will attend worship  
         with their families*  
 12:15 Coffee hour  
     Petitions for the People  
 5:00 Living in the Spirit class  
 7:30 Service of Compline

## **About your monthly newsletters -- the *TOWER***

Several years ago we offered you the opportunity to read the TOWER online, as it is posted on the website each month. Many of you requested to no longer receive a printed copy. We were pleased to be able to reduce the mailing cost each month. If you would like to resume receiving a printed copy, please call or email the church office.

If you now receive a printed copy and would be just as happy reading it online, please let us know that as well.

Each month the finished **TOWERs** are put out the Sunday they are ready, in the hopes that many of you would pick up your copy. When we stamp them on Monday, we often notice names of people who were in church the day before. How about remembering to look for your **TOWER** and save us the .69 it costs to mail it?

Thank you, from the Monday office staff and volunteer.

**To access the TOWER on line:  
Go to [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Scroll down to “Monthly Newsletter” on the right  
Click and read!**

**Field Trip! Everyone's Invited (but seats are limited)!**

We have a trip to Detroit coming up on Saturday, April 25. We will visit the First Congregational Church and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (check the internet for details on both of these historical sites).

The estimated cost is \$40 -- this includes bus fare and admissions, and could vary according to the number of people on the trip. Scholarships are available. Seats are limited. Sign up by March 20!

Contact Barb Cloud (faithleader52@yahoo.com or 216-321-9112)  
or Anne Smith (anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com or 216-932-2932)

*Sharing Stories: The Spiritual Practice of Testimony*

**Lenten Dinner Groups Return**

Building deep relationships is at the core of Christian community. Every aspect of Christian mission begins with personal relationships. We have to practice telling our faith stories, giving testimony to how God is working in our lives, and listening to others.

Following the pattern set last year, this Lent will provide opportunities for all to participate in a small dinner group hosted at the home of a FHC member. Each participant will be in the same dinner group each of the two evenings:

Friday, Feb. 27 and Friday, March 13 **or**

Saturday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 14

All will be encouraged in a safe way to share a bit of their life journey.

Please let Clover or John know of your interest in either hosting a dinner group of 8-10 persons or being part of a dinner group. Last year over 80 people participated. Our goal is 100 for this year!

Should be fun: good fun and drink, fellowship, sharing. You will meet new people, feel more connected to our church family, and grow in your comfort in speaking about matters of faith.

**Yes! I/We would like to be part of the In-Home Small Group Dinners**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark which pair of evenings would be best for you.**

**If you can attend both, check both.**

Friday, Feb. 27 and Friday, March 13 OR

Saturday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 14

Contact the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)) to register OR place this reservation in the collection tray.

## *The Lessons*

### **Matthew 13: 47-49**

“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.”

**Next Sunday: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38.** 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.

### ***On the cover***

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