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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 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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*

From a busy week we gather in this place to offer you praise. May our daily dramas be interpreted by your divine story of grace and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In preparation for this service, review your week. What was a highlight? Where was a disappointment? Lift them up to God in thanksgiving.

Welcome

*** The Gathering Song**

“Behold, Behold”

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Barb Cloud

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness,

People: and enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.

All: O God, the angels of heaven proclaim your glory without ceasing. Help us as we serve you in your house, that in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we may sing to you with our whole heart: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** The Opening Song**

“Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O Lord, for not accepting that our lives and our story have merit. We focus on what we have done wrong, where we have failed or what we could have done differently. But we have failed to say “thank you” for our experiences, both good and bad, that make us who we are, that make us wise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Brazil

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

The Assurance of Pardon

* **Glory Be to the Father, No. 577**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen. (repeat)**

The Anthem

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
Hannah Smith, soloist

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

* **Song**

“There Is a Line of Women”
See insert

The Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
“Gladys’ Story”

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offertory

W. Hawkins

“I’m Goin’ Up a Yonder”

* **The Response**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his son. (2x)
And now, let the weak say “I am strong;”
let the poor say “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x)
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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

* **The Closing Hymn**

“Go Make a Difference”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

Improvisation



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in loving memory of her parents and grandparents, by Sandy Schultz; and by the Khoury family in memory of Brian.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Fran and Pat Drake	Mary Jean Kent	Austin Schwaderer
Marian Frederick	Jane Little	Debbie Ungemach
Dorothy Hales	Rebecca Martin	Dennis Wedding
Jason Himmelsteib	Aiesha Minor	Marcie Weissner
Chuck Ishler	Marilyn Oviatt	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

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.

In Memoriam We Remember

Lamont Hansen

Who died August 7, 2009

and

Laurence Schwartz

Who died July 31, 2009

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

This Month's Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith, 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

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Today's Music

Many thanks to this morning's music leaders: second grader Hannah Smith; and the men's ensemble: Jack Lentz, Jaired Birks, Kurt Haas, Jed Koops, Paul Jennings, Willie Dycks, Carl Jenks, Linn Obery and Jordan Dail. Next Sunday, Amanda Powell, global music specialist, will lead songs from around the world.

THIS WEEK

Interfaith Hospitality Families

IHN families will be at Forest Hill Church **August 16 through August 23**. If you have any great ideas to share or questions, please call Julie Lusic at 216-371-2084 or send an email to jlusic@gmail.com. Thanks to all who volunteered to help this week!

TOWER Deadline

The deadline for the September **TOWER** is Monday, August 17. The **TOWER** will be mailed the week of August 24.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for Dr. Hugh Leslie, who died July 18, 2009, will be held at FHC on Tuesday, August 18 at 7 p.m.

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **John 6: 56-69**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Adult Education

Our summer Adult Education classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. in South Hall. We will study and discuss the biblical text that will be preached that day in worship. Bring your minds, hearts and spirits for this community bible study.

Summer Book Discussion

All are invited to join a discussion of **The Shack** on Sunday, August 23 at 11:30. Bring lunch; beverages will be provided.

LOOKING AHEAD

Back to School

When you first read this, "Back to School" was pretty far from your thoughts – or those of the students of Boulevard Elementary School in Cleveland Heights. But now as we are just a few weeks from the opening of school, please consider buying some school supplies to assure that all the kids at our neighborhood schoolhouse will start the year well-equipped. We'll be collecting these in Fellowship Hall during August. A more specific list of items needed will be posted on the Justice & Mission kiosk and can be found here as well:

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| back packs | glue sticks | folders |
| flash cards | rulers | basic set of colored pencils |
| rulers | 3 ring notebooks | crayons |
| scissors-kid size | notebook paper | glue |
| big pink erasers | fat and thin markers | pencils |

Care Group

The Deacons are 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:

Doris Allen	Monika Juodisius	Dele Solaru
Jennifer Blakeney	Janet Kickel	Joy Stang
Ed Briskey	Karen Loughridge	Mark Waring
Nancy Burcham	Cindy Newton	Marilyn Wilk
Cathy Ghiandoni		

Next Sunday's CARE Group volunteers: Janet Kickel (Continental Breakfast); Nancy Burcham (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Marilyn Wilk, Mark Waring (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69. 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 lectionary reading for each Sunday is included in the "Sundays in August" page of the *TOWER*.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Remember:

The summer schedule continues through September 6

The Festival of New Beginnings is September 13

Billie Little reports that her parents, **Verna and Bill Bidelman**, greatly appreciate the cards and letters that have arrived wishing them well as they settle in to their new residence in Tennessee. She reports that both Verna and Bill are well, and that Verna is able to spend most afternoons at the Littles' home before she returns to the nearby skilled nursing facility where she lives. Billie hopes you will understand that they are not able to reply to the letters.

The Bidelmans may be reached at the home of Billie and Joe Little:
910 East Burton, Murfreesboro TN 37130

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: Aug. 16 - 23, 2009*

Sunday, August 16

IHN hosting all week, 5 pm – 7 am

8:15 Nominating Committee

9:00 Summer Bible Study

9:30 Child care begins
Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP

Summer Pathways

Children's story time

11:15 Coffee hour
Blood Pressure check

Monday, August 17

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. Memorial Service for
Hugh J Leslie
Reception following

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks (Wellington's)

Friday, August 21

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

Sunday, August 23

9:00 Summer Bible Study

9:30 Child care begins
Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP: Communion

11:15 Coffee hour

11:30 Book Discussion: *The Shack*

6:00 Youth Core Team meeting

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."