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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
September 20, 2009 at 11:00 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*

To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping, bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

“Sonata in E Major: Allegro”
Michael Ferri, violin

J. S. Bach

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Ron Register

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need,

All: Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers,

All: Peace on each one who offers song.

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

All: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** The Processional Hymn**

“Uyai Mose/ Come, All You People”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of such wonder there is a shadow; we see brokenness and evil in the world. We feel the pull of competing claims on our lives that distract us and tire us. We don't offer our best. We have done things and said things that shame us. We are not at peace with our neighbor. Forgive us, Lord.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Pulkingham

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

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria, Gloria No. 576

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;

Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

The Anthem

"When God Is a Child"

A. Wilson

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

* Hymn No. 404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:30-37 (p. 821)

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

"Why, God, Why?"

Dr. John Lentz

* **The Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Affirmation of Faith PCUSA*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

A. Wilson

"Praise Ye the Lord"

* **The 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*

* **The Closing Hymn No. 555**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

P. Sarasate

"Allegro Molto Vivace"

Please remain seated



The crucifer today is Meg Lentz.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Barney Fuller and the Fuller family in loving memory of Robert W. Fuller; and by Kay and Bill Currie in memory of Col. Ralph O. Bennett (Tex).

Prayer Concerns this Week

Chris Bell and	Jason Himmelsteib	Aiesha Minor
Bob Conklin	Mary Jean Kent	Marilyn Oviatt
Fran and Pat Drake	Florence Klein	Debbie Ungemach
Marian Frederick	Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Dorothy Hales	Rebecca Martin	Marcie Weissner
	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.

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein. Roger Heineman, Head Usher.

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Today's Music

Today we are pleased to welcome guest violinist 14-year-old Michael Ferri. Michael was born in Italy and studies violin with Paul Kantor at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and has recently been selected by the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra to be the Alice B. Weeks Scholarship recipient for 2009. Michael is the winner of numerous violin competitions; he is home-schooled and lives in University Heights with his parents, Luigi and Vicki, and his sister Francesca.

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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Pathways

Pathways children will begin with Gathering Time in the chapel this morning at 11 a.m.

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 scripture this week is **James 5: 13-20**.

Health Care Reform: Is It A Matter Of Justice?

Several Heights area churches including Forest Hill are sponsoring a public forum on Health Care Reform on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3740 Mayfield Road in Cleveland Heights. Panelists will include Jeff Smith, COO of Timken Mercy Hospital in Canton, and others drawn mainly from local congregations. Join your friends and neighbors for an opportunity to ask questions you may still have about what would be essential for national public policy on health care.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

- Sept. 27 Living in a Sustainable Community
Paul Alsenas, Director, Cuyahoga Planning Commission
- Oct. 4 Scriptural Foundations for Eco-Justice – Tim Beal
- Oct. 11 Faith and Light: Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century – Dave Neff and Keith Logan
- Oct. 18 Health and Justice – Barb Baylor
- Oct. 25 Just Eating
Panel: Parker Bosley, retired chef/owner of Parker's Restaurant; Dr. Erin Holsten, Options Naturopathic Clinic; Clifford Miller, raises grass-fed beef

LOOKING AHEAD

Peacemaking Offering 2009

The annual Offering for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 4. It supports Christian efforts to "seek peace and pursue it" in world conflict zones and here at home. More information can be found on the Justice & Mission bulletin board in the hallway.

Worship in the Panyard!

You won't want to miss this, so save the date: Sunday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is the first of the **AWE** (Alternative Worship Experiences) services. The Akron University Steel Drum quintet will be the guest artists, and we'll be groovin' to a calypso, steel drum beat as we worship in a toe-tapping style. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs will join the pan players in music from Cuba, Argentina and the West Indies. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Exploring Membership

The next exploring membership class will be held Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about Forest Hill Church is welcome. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during September. 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:

Joy Stang, Deacon	Ginie Mast
Mark Chupp, Sharon Shumaker and family	Chuck McDonald
Lisa Chuppa	The Muller-Girard family
Robin Craig	Jeanette Nemcek
The Davis family	Vikki Nowak & Todd Webster
Bob and Joanne Dawson	John Prentice
Muriel and George Dean	Margaret and George Sentell
Val Flechtner	Franklin and Naana Soadwa
The Forsythe family	Chuck and Rosanna Sprague
Cathy and Don Ghiandoni	Anne Taylor
Allen and Zivile Khoury	The Ungemach family
The Koops family	LeAnn and Roy West
The Logan family	Peggy Yaeger

■■■ *FHC Youth*

All-MOB Kickoff: Today, 5-7 p.m. in the MOB Room.

Car wash: Sunday, September 27. Be here at 9:15. We'll start washing cars at 9:30.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22; Psalm 124; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50. 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 readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in September" page of the **TOWER**.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: September 20 - 27, 2009*

Sunday, September 20

- 9:30 Child care begins
 - Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 - Adult and Youth education
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
 - Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
 - Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
 - Pathways (gr. 1-5)
- WORSHIP
- 12:15 Coffee hour
 - Blood Pressure check
 - Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal
- 3:00 Guitar Society concert
- 5:00 All-MOB Kick-off
 - FaithLeader class
- 5:30 Evangelism Committee mtg

Monday, September 21

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
 - Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, September 23

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 10:00 a.m. TOWER collators
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga class
- 7:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire rehearsal
 - Session meeting
 - Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)

Thursday, September 24

- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg
- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Jeanne Freed

Saturday, September 26

- 11:30 a.m. Fashion Show auditions
- 6:00 p.m. Newcomers' Party (Smiths')

Sunday, September 27

- 8:15 Nominating Committee mtg
- 9:30 Child care begins
 - Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 - Adult and Youth education
 - MOB Car Wash
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
 - Continental Breakfast
 - Cherub Choir
- 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
 - Children in Worship (older 4s, k):
 - Parents invited

WORSHIP

- 11:15 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
- 12:15 Coffee hour
- 3:00 Apollo's Fire rehearsal
- 5:00 FaithLeader class
- 5:30 Evangelism Committee mtg

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."