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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
October 11, 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*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

“Anthem”

P. Halley

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Chuck Smith

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.

Leader: Open our nostrils to the smells of the earth.

People: Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.

Leader: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

People: Open our hearts to your lovingkindness.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** The Processional Hymn No. 272**

“God of the Sparrow”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Eternal God, Creator of all that lives and moves and has being, we give you thanks for the world you have made. We thank you for the beauty of the earth and for the variety of creatures that dwell upon it.

Forgive us when we trample your creation.

Forgive us when we misuse resources, thoughtless of the next generation.

Forgive us when we do not celebrate all that you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Merbecke

■ ■ ■ *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

Puerto Rican song

“Le Lo Le Lo Lay Lo”

Sine Nomine Choir; Carl Jenks, cantor

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

The Scripture Lessons

Job 12:7-10 (p. 400)

Psalms 104:24-30 (p. 483)

Romans 8:19-21(p. 919)

After the readings

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon

Elder Dave Neff

“Creatures, Creation, Creator”

The Prayers of the People

Dr. Lentz

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

S. Garcia

“Sing Allelu (Alabare)”

*** 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. 267**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

Dedication of the Nursery

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

D. Wood

“Prelude on Nursery Songs”



The crucifer today is Thomas Taylor.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ron, Marcia and Hazel Grant in loving memory of Art Grant and Louise and Bob Boylan; and by Patricia Ludwig in loving memory of her husband Cliff, and other loved ones.

In Memoriam We Remember

Roy S. West

who died October 4, 2009

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

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bob Conklin	Florence Klein	Marilyn Oviatt
Fran and Pat Drake	Barb Lind	Debbie Ungemach
Marian Frederick	Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Dorothy Hales	Rebecca Martin	Marcie Weissner
Jason Himmelsteib	Connie May	Myrtle Weissbrod (Ray Weissbrod's mother)
Mary Jean Kent	Aiesha Minor	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

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Bill Currie, Kay Currie, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

The ushers are assisted today by members of Boy Scout Troop #403 and Cub Scout Pack #36.

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Pathways

Pathways children will meet in the Chapel at 11 a.m. 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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Welcome Scouts!

Please welcome members of Boy Scout Troop #403 and Cub Scout Pack #36, who are being recognized during today's service.

Peacemaking offering

The Ministry of Justice & Mission has decided to allocate 25% of the 2009 Peacemaking Offering for Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a ministry to the Palestinian community of Bethlehem that is run by The International Center of Bethlehem. Forest Hill's pilgrims visited the center during their pilgrimage to the Holy Land last February. Donations can be made using the special pew envelopes. For more information, see:

http://www.brightstarsbethlehem.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=96

Nursery Dedication

Please join us after worship today to visit our renovated crib and nursery rooms. Noah's Ark led the theme as the nursery was transformed and updated this past summer using environmentally friendly products. This project is in memory of Thelma Proudfit who loved children and wanted them to grow in their faith:

“...a little child shall lead them.”

Isaiah 11:6

Bell Ringer Needed

Interested in ringing in the handbell choir? There is one opening. Please contact Anne Wilson for more information (216-870-2729 or annew@fhcpresb.org).

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 **Hebrews 5: 1-10.**

Fall Work Day

The Fall Work Day is scheduled for October 17 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come join us for an hour or for the morning! RSVP to the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Oct 18: “Don't Put a Period on Health Care: God is Still Speaking”

Ms. Barbara T. Baylor, MPH

Minister for Health Care Justice

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries

Oct 25: Just Eating

Panel: Parker Bosley, retired chef/owner of Parker's Restaurant; Dr. Erin Holsten, Options Naturopathic Clinic; Clifford Miller, farmer who raises grass-fed beef

LOOKING AHEAD

Art and Music Night: Art Around the World

Come to the first Art and Music Night of the year on Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. Led by global song specialist Amanda Powell and tour guide Anne Wilson (CMA Docent), we'll take a whirlwind tour of all seven continents, sampling art and music from each locale (yes, even Antarctica!). It's free, with coffee and cookies to boot.

Volunteers Needed

Want to be a part of a unique volunteer opportunity for the church? We're helping to staff the phones of WCPN for their next Pledge Drive, Friday October 23rd, from 3:30 to 7 pm. Parking is free and we can carpool and meet to go out for dinner if there's enough interest. Contact Christina Hidek for more information or to sign up.

PW Annual Retreat

The Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be held at FHC on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The title of the event is "Food: Harvesting our Physical and Spiritual Needs." To register, please call Nancy Sabo (440-992-4632). The cost is \$8.

Biblical Literacy

Join us for a 3-week series

Mondays: October 19, 26, November 2

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at FHC

CWRU professor of religion and Forest Hill member Timothy Beal will lead a series of three conversations based on his new book, *Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know*, which offers a fun no-experience-necessary reading experience with the Bible's "greatest hits," those stories that have had the most influence on art, literature and politics in western culture, past and present. Tim's work has benefitted from classes he's taught at Forest Hill. He hopes the book will be ideal for study groups, as well as religious and non-religious readers of all kinds. So join us, and be among the first to test it out! *Free and open to the public*

Care Group

The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during October. 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:

Dele Solaru, Deacon

Jim Manista

Erin & Bill Armstrong

Jane Melbourne

Mary Ball

Pat & Hal Musick

Doris Brandt

Richard Obermans

Ruth & Arthur Brickel

Marilyn Oviatt

Lucy Conde

Karen Parker

Traci Ext

Carol & Leighton Scott

Monita & Antoinette Franklin

Peggy Skelly

Chris & Daniel Fuller

The Solaru family

Carol & Tim Gifford and family

Marjorie Thomas

The Himes family

Anne Wilson

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer & Derry Stauffer

Robert and Julie Ann Yoe

The Jesberger family

The Zito family

Dan & Barb Mace

This week's volunteers: Jack and Shelley Jesberger (Continental Breakfast); Mary Ball (Coffee Hour); Jane Melbourne (Greeting Cards); Dick Obermann and Marjorie Thomas (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retires singles and couples)

Hilltoppers will gather on Friday, October 15 to have lunch at Rock Bottom Brewery, followed by a Lolly the Trolley tour of Cleveland. Please call Joanne Bielek (216 321-6304) or Emma Jane Gibbs (440-646-9717) **by Sunday October 11** for reservations.

The Group (singles and couples, 50 – 70)

The Group will enjoy fall colors, covered bridges and wineries in Ashtabula County on Saturday, October 17. Meet at Marko Winery at 1:30; we'll end with dinner around 7 p.m. Talk to Cathy Ghiandoni or Barb Hansen **this morning** for reservations and directions.

■■■ *FHC Youth*

TODAY, October 11: Parent meeting – please stay after church for a meeting and light refreshments..

Saturday, October 17: Hayride at Mill Stream Run Reservation, 5 – 10 p.m. Other FHC members are invited too! Contact Lindsey Burdette-Lowe (216-440-2303 or lindseyb@fhcpresb.org) for information and reservations **TODAY**.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Job 38: 1-7; Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 46-52. 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 October” page of the *TOWER*.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: October 11 - 18, 2009*

Sunday, October 11

- 8:15 Nominating Comm.
- 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)
WORSHIP
Pathways (gr. 1-5)
- 12:15 Coffee hour
MOB: Parents' Meeting & lunch
Dedication of Nursery
- 5:00 FaithLeader class
Thoughtful Christianity class

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

- 6:00 p.m. Fashion Show rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Mid High Bible study
- 7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, October 14

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga class
Trustee committees
- 7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)
All Ministries worship
- 7:15 p.m. Ministry meetings

Thursday, October 15

- 6:00 p.m. Fashion Show rehearsal
- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg
- 11:30 a.m. Hilltoppers:
meet for lunch and tour of Cleveland

Saturday, October 17

- 12:00 p.m. Fashion Show rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Hayride at Mill Stream Run
Reservation

Sunday, October 18

- 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)
WORSHIP:
Reception of New Members and
Baptism of Jackson House
- 11:15 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
- 12:15 Coffee hour
Blood Pressure check
Sine Nomine Choir
- 5:00 FaithLeader class
Thoughtful Christianity class
MOB: Sr High

Job 12:7-10

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Psalm 104: 24 – 30

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Romans 8:19-21

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.