

Service of Worship

October 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

World Communion

Peacemaking Sunday

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*

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”
Matt Dudack, steel drums

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Leader: The world belongs to God.

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

* **The Processional Hymn No. 300**

“Down to Earth, as a Dove”

Chris Henry

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Create in us room to move, O Lord, for we feel constricted. Breathe into us, O Lord, for we are depleted of spirit. Heal us, O Lord, for we hurt. Forgive us, O Lord, for we are weighed down.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

India

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

The 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.*

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

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (p. 970)

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

“Anointed”

The Ritual of Friendship

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

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

P. Basler

“Gloria (Missa Kenya)”

* **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.

■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

J. Bell

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

The Communion of the People

Music During Communion

J. Bell

“Agnus Dei”

A Communion Response

from the Iona Community

Leader: In the midst of hunger and war,

People: We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

Leader: In the midst of oppression and tyranny,

People: We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair,

People: We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

Leader: In the midst of hatred and death,

People: We celebrate the promise of love and life.

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay,

People: We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

Leader: In the midst of death on every side,

People: We celebrate the promise of the living Christ. AMEN.

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

* **The Closing Hymn No. 514**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

Drum Circle



The crucifer today is Caty Himmelman.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Carol and Leighton Scott in loving memory of their parents and their son Will, and by Chessie Bleick in honor of family and friends.

Prayer Concerns this Week

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

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 Sunday’s helpers: Jim Manista (Continental Breakfast); Derry and Kathy Stauffer (Coffee Hour); Carol Scott (Greeting Cards); Ruth and Arthur Brickel and Lucy Conde (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

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

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 Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked "Hunger" will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we distribute the money to local hunger centers.

Thoughtful Christianity

The first session of Dr. Lentz's "Thoughtful Christianity" class is tonight at 5 p.m. in South Hall. All are welcome to join this thoughtful approach to our faith tradition.

Worship in the Panyard!

It's **tonight** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is the first of our **AWE** services (Alternative Worship Experiences). The University of Akron Steel Drum quintet will be the guest artists, and we'll worship in Caribbean style – a first for FHC. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs will sing, Pastor John Lentz is preaching, and Morag Keefe is serving up some Caribbean delicacy for our enjoyment. Invite friends!

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! This week's lesson is **Hebrews 4: 12-16**.

Exploring Membership

The next exploring membership class will be held this 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. New members will be received on October 18.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

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, farmer who raises grass-fed beef

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

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*

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.

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:

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| 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 | |

■■■ *FHC Youth*

Today: Sr Highs will meet at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6: Mid High Bible study in Lindsey's office, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 11: Parent meeting – please stay for lunch after church.

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 **by October 11.**

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31. 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.**

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Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

■■■ Calendar: October 4 – 11, 2009

Sunday, October 4

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Peacemaking Sunday

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: Communion

Pathways (gr. 1-5)

12:15 Coffee hour

Sine Nomine Choir

Teacher Training

2:00 Cleveland Cello Society concert

5:00 FaithLeader class

Thoughtful Christianity class

MOB: Sr High

7:30 AWE: Worship in the Panyard

Akron Steel Drum Quintet

8:30 Reception

Monday, October 5

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 p.m. Mid High Bible study

7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36

Church Growth mtg

(at Diana Woodbridge's)

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

6:00 p.m. Yoga class

7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)

Thursday, October 8

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Forest Hill Swim Club mtg.

Friday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Exploring Membership class

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MOB: Parents' Meeting & lunch

Dedication of Nursery

5:00 FaithLeader class

Thoughtful Christianity class



Worship in the Panyard!

Tonight - 7:30 p.m.

**Featuring
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as well as
the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs**

Delicious Caribbean food afterwards

**Wear bright Caribbean colors and share the
AWE (Alternative Worship Experience)**