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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
May 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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, I offer myself to Thee – to build me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!
Alcoholics Anonymous

Welcome

The Prelude

“Chorale in E Major”

J. Brahms

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Peg Weissbrod

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That your way, O Lord, may be known upon earth; your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

Leader: May God continue to bless us, let all the ends of the earth revere God.

People: Let us worship God!

from Psalm 67

* **The Processional Hymn No. 458**

“Earth and All Stars”

“Mothering God”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

From the cowardice that dare not face new truth, from the laziness that is contented with half truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, Good Lord, deliver us. Amen.

Kenyan prayer

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Bell

■ ■ ■ *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;

Youth begin 2 measures after that.

The Anthem

“Benediction”

Jed Koops

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

Minute for Mission

“Faith Leader”

Todd Webster

The Scripture Lesson

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Acts 16:6-15

*** Hymn**

“Mothering God”

Please see p. 4

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon

“A Change of Direction”

Dr. John Lentz

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

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Jaired Birks, bass

*** 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. 354**

“Guide My Feet”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

W. Walton

“Crown Imperial March”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Don and Cathy Ghiandoni in memory of their mothers, Sophia Ghiandoni and Betty Eileen Gentry; and by Jane Frederick in honor of her mother, Marian Frederick.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Polly Cohen	Elizabeth Kosnik	Frank Spisak
Molly & Ralph Dise	Mary Lewis	Debbie Ungemach
Betty Farnfield	Connie May	Dennis Wedding
Marion Flanigan	Maxine Myers	Patti Wisnieski
Marian Frederick	Jay Middleton	Betty Woodruff
Jason Himmelsteib	Alan Peterson	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

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith. 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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to **Connections Corner** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Lectio Divina:

Interested in increasing your prayer life? Hearing what the Bible is saying to you in your life? A Lectio Divina group will meet in the Chapel from 5:30 – 6:30 on Sundays through May 23. Call Jennifer Blakeney for more information (216-481-9844)

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 **Acts 16: 16-34**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Where is God . . .

May 16 How Are We Treating Each Other?

May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

Ice Cream Social

Want to satisfy your sweet tooth and help the Senior High Triennium trip at the same time? Come to the Ice Cream Social next Sunday, May 16, right after church. Tickets are \$3 each with a family maximum of \$10. Sticky faces, anyone?

LOOKING AHEAD

Abundance Acres

Thanks to all who gave their time and energy to Abundance Acres Dig Day last Saturday! With your help, the garden is off to a great start! We will soon divide into "tending teams" for regular garden maintenance. If you are interested in joining a tending team and haven't already contacted Laura Steiner, please do so as soon as possible at lauramsteiner@yahoo.com or 216-870-0119

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

Mary Ball, Deacon leader	Bob & Pat Jeffreys
Doris Allen	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal	Jane Little
Dave & Chris Bell	Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski
Colleen Bloom and family	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jean and Scott Duncan	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Bob & Peggy Seher
Kris & Bill Fay	Elizabeth Shaw
Shirley Gallagher	Jeff & Anne Smith
Hazel Grant	Elaine Tapié
Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle	Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger
Heather & Jon House	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

This week's volunteers: Mary Hill, Doris Allen (Greeters)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers will have a luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant on Friday, May 14. Gather at the restaurant at 11:30 for a 12:00 lunch. The cost is \$22 per person; make reservations with Nancy Grube (440-461-4693) by Monday, May 10.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle invites the women of the church to a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 at the home of Carolyn Vrtunski (24050 Hazelmere, Shaker Hts.). Dinner will be followed by a Bible study led by Rev. Clover Beal. Please contact Carolyn for more information (carolynvrtunski@yahoo.com or 216-752-7131).

■■■ ***FHC Youth***

Sine Nomine Choir will have their last rehearsal of the year today after worship.

MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High will meet on May 21 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Senior Highs will meet on Sundays May 16 and May 23 from 5 – 7 p.m.

■■■ ***The Lessons***

Next Sunday: Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 21:22-22:5; John 14: 23-29. 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church's Facebook page, the ***Upcoming Sundays*** page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the "Sundays in May" page of the ***TOWER***.

Acts 16:6-15

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Calendar: May 9 – 16, 2010

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Child care begins

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir

10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
Pathways to Promise Land

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir

5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

Monday, May 10

6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection

7:00 p.m. Al Anon
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

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

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

7:30 p.m. Reaching Hts. mtg

Wednesday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

6:00 p.m. Yoga

7:00 p.m. Ministries worship

7:15 p.m. Ministries meet

Thursday, May 13

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
FH Swim Club

Friday, May 14

7 a.m. TOWER deadline

9:30 a.m. Al Anon

12:30 p.m. Hilltoppers luncheon (Maggiano's)

Saturday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Men's Group

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning mtg

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Child care begins

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir

10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity

10:30 a.m. Sine Nomine Choir
Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
Pathways to Promise Land

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour
Ice Cream Social

3:30 p.m. Softball:
'B' team vs Hillcrest UMC, RMS

5:00 p.m. MOB: Senior High

5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

6:00 p.m. Softball:
'A' Team vs St Ann Parish, FHP

Faith Leader Program

A 28-week curriculum specifically designed for the cultivation and development of lay leaders in the body of Christ.

The purpose of the Faith Leader program is to help lay persons who are seeking to grow in their Christian faith to *identify* his or her spiritual gifts, *cultivate* spiritual practices, *provide* a framework for discernment, *equip* participants with a Personal Plan for Ministry.

The gift of the Faith Leader program is a deeper connection with God, self, and others.

The group is limited to 10 participants.

The next series will begin in September 2010 and end in May 2011
If you are interested, please contact the Leadership Development Team:
Elder Peg Weissbrod (pwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net, 216-291-2586
or Rev. Clover Beal (pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org, 216-321-2660)

Ice Cream Social



COME JOIN US!

Sunday May 16, 2010

12:30pm—3:00pm

**Forest Hill Church Presbyterian
3031 Monticello Blvd
Cleveland Heights, Ohio**

Individual Tickets \$3.00

Family of (4) or more \$10.00

