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Service of Worship
April 29, 2012 at 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery for babies & young children in our Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

O Christ, the master carpenter, who at the last, through wood and nails, purchased our whole salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand. We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

arr. Donald Allured

"Cantad al Señor"
Voices in Bronze

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder David Bell

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

All: The earth, sea and sky are yours.

Leader: Your presence is all around us,

All: Every atom is full of your energy.

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

All: With her we yearn for justice to be done.

Leader: For creation to be freed from bondage,

All: For the hungry to be fed,

Leader: For captives to be released,

All: For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 434**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are left wanting to say “I’m sorry.” Sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for forgetting the poor and the broken, for failing to cherish creation. Give us new life, O God, to change, and enable us to change that we may live.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Will Burleigh

■ ■ ■ *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.

Anthem

Mitzi Scott

“All is Well”

Descant Choir

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

*** Hymn No. 432**

“Canto de Esperanza, Song of Hope”

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Elder David Bell

From the Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 22:16

From the Gospels

Luke 4: 18-19, 6:20-21, 24-25

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Blessed are the Poor”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Karl Jenkins

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

* 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*

* Closing Hymn No. 411

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

* Sending

Leader: A blessing on you who are poor,

All: Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Leader: A blessing on you who mourn,

All: You shall be comforted.

Leader: A blessing on you who hunger for justice,

All: You shall be satisfied.

Leader: A blessing on you who make peace,

All: You shall be called children of God.

Leader: A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right,

All: Yours is the Kingdom of God. AMEN.

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Sara Glick

"This Joyful Eastertide"



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers The flowers today are given by Joan Bacon in loving memory of her father Richard Benson.

Prayer Concerns

Prayers are requested this week for: Dick Bloomquist, Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Ron & Florence Klein, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Ron Register, Elaine Tapié, Grace Uhle, Debbie Ungemach, Johanna Wilcott

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

This Month's Ushers

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

Coffee Hour Goodies

You may have noticed the healthy alternative to donuts provided at Coffee Hour lately. Many thanks to the creative, dedicated volunteers who have been bringing these goodies to us. They include: Jennifer Blakeney, Wendy Brock, Elaine Dannefer, Sue Lafferty, Laurie Logan, Jeanette Nemcek, Elspeth Peterjohn, Laura Steiner, Sandy True, Becky West, LeAnn West and Kathy Hanna-Stauffer. Hooray for the team! If you would like to be a member of the team, please contact Kathy at 381-6599 or khannas@sbcglobal.net. We have so many participants that each person only participates about once a quarter. Thanks again to all these volunteers.

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Enough:

Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

Sunday evenings at 5 pm, book discussion led by Dr. Lentz and Clayton Minder.

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 lesson this week is **John 15:1-8**.

NEXT SUNDAY—May 6

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

“Stories of Transformation,” led by the Justice and Mission ministry
Come hear stories and see pictures of FHC members engaged in justice, service, and transformative travel experiences. Listen for how the Spirit is working to move us into the world to hands-on action and relationships - and how change is occurring in ourselves and in our communities as a result.

May Cabaret

Get ready for the May Cabaret—NEXT SUNDAY—May 6! The evening begins with supper prepared by Morag Keefe, followed by our family-friendly intergenerational variety show. Highlights include the Descant Choir singing Toot Sweets, the Male Ballet, a dance contest for all ages, and a rock-n-roll duet by Barry and Zoe Hartz. Hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

May 13: “The Haiti team,” supported by the Ministry of Justice and Mission Ralph Jean-Mary, Kermit Lind, Deanne and John Lentz, Anne and Jeff Smith, Stephen Sedam and Virginia Weiss traveled to Haiti in early April. The purpose of their trip was to visit projects and programs supported by the PC(USA) and other denominations. The hope is to establish ongoing relationships with the Haitian people so that in the future, members of FHC can deepen their faith and share in transformative travel experiences.

May 20: “Evaluation and wrap up of 2011-12” and plans for the summer study!

Softball!

Spring is here and that can only mean one thing – Softball! Forest Hill Church softball returns to defend their 5 consecutive championships in the Heights Church softball league. All current players, please pay the \$50 dues to Scott Lafferty. Any new members or visitors wishing to join, please contact Scott Lafferty (swlaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-449-2361) or Jason Hidek (440-264-3296 or jason.hidek@att.net).

Care Group

The Jericho Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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:

Carol Phillips, Deacon Leader

Janet Banis

Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner

Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius & family

Jack & Mary Ann Breisch

Robert & Wendy Brock & family

David & Kate Burleigh & family

Joseph & Janet Dauer

Larry Dorod

Marj Drollinger

John Dugard

Bev Gairing

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Carol Phillips, Continental Breakfast; Betty Clark, Greeting Card table; Youth, Greeters.

Elizabeth Farnfield

Tom & Paula Harvey

Alec & Nancy Jamieson

Eunice Manu

Carol Phillips & family

Sampson Tedunjaiye &

Victoria Sampson & family

Jean Seeley

Chuck & Lora Smith & family

JT & Sarah Tan & family

Ann Tutton

Liz Wollaeger & family

Great Exterior Renovation Project News

97% of the pledged dollars has been paid with 86%, or 185, of the pledges paid in full. Don't forget—the final payment of your pledge is due this month.

Financial summary:

Total cost of project: \$680,000

Pledge payments received to-date: \$658,000

Current bank loan: \$ 22,000

Thanks to all of you who have made this project successful.

Social Groups and Circles

Young Adults (singles and couples under 40)

The Young Adult group is invited to Kristen and Brian Otte's house at 6 pm on Saturday, May 5 for dinner, games, and a bonfire. Email Kristen at kristeno@fhcpresb.org to RSVP.

■ ■ ■ *Youth*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Next Sunday: Sine Nomine rehearsal

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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**Cub Scout Troop #36
Plant Sale
Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 1-4, May 5-6
Forest Hill Swim Club
Flowers, vegetables, hanging baskets**

“The Seven-Versed Song of Creation” read last week as part of our Earth Day Visual Arts Liturgy was written by Rev. John Bell of the Iona Community.

This morning’s cover art is a detail from the mixed media collage “Blessed are the Poor” by artist Sonya Walker. More of her work may be viewed at <http://countingmyblessings-sonyawalker.blogspot.com/>



■■■ *Calendar: April 29-May 6, 2012*

Sunday, April 29

Pick up your May TOWER

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Descant Choir
 Adult and Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Children in Worship
 Little Explorers
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee hour
 2:00-6:00 Piano Recitals
 5:00 Enough! Money Conversation
 6:00 Softball vs Church of the
 Saviour – A, FHP

Monday, April 30

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Troup #403

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36

Wednesday, May 2

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, May 3

6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 4

9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, May 5

8:00 am Men's Group
 9:00 am Future Heights:
 Leadership Workshop
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Cub Scout Plant Sale
 6:00 pm Young Adults at Otte's

Sunday, May 6

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Descant Choir
 Adult and Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 Cherub Choir
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Children in Worship
 Little Explorers
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee hour
 Sine Nomine Choir
 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Cub Scout Plant Sale
 5:00 Enough! Money Conversation
 6:00 Softball vs Central Bible
 Baptist , FHP
 6:15 May Cabaret Dinner
 7:00 May Cabaret Show

Jeremiah 22:16

He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.

Luke 4: 18-19, 6:20-21, 24-25

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.”

Summer Opportunities for our Youth

It's not too late to sign up for these summer trips! Join Kristen in the Koinonia Room **after worship today** for an informational session about Camp Aldersgate and the Mid High Mission Week.

Camp Aldersgate: June 24-30

This summer, our youth group is invited to a week at Camp Aldersgate with Mayfield Church. Kristen will be a co-director for the week of camp with Bruce Becker, youth pastor at Mayfield Church. There will be over 60 youth gathered for a week of games, campfire, skits, swimming, bible study, small groups, quiet time with God, sports, music, worship and more!

All youth in sixth grade and up are welcome to come and bring friends. The dates of camp are June 24-30 and the cost for the entire week is \$250. Scholarships are available, along with a multi-trip discount for senior highs interested that are also going on the mission trip. Sign up by June 1st or contact Kristen for more info.

Mid High Mission Week: June 13-17

Instead of a mission trip, mid highs are invited to mission week this summer. During the week, mid highs will participate in mission work in the greater Cleveland area. On Friday afternoon/evening, we will head to NY to stay at the Logan's cabin to cap off the week with a summer retreat! Current 6th-8th graders are welcome for this trip. Cost is \$50 for the lodging, food and activities over the weekend. The schedule will be to work the evening of Wednesday June 13 (5-8 pm), all day Thursday and Friday (9 am-4 pm) and depart for the Logan's cabin by 5 pm on Friday. We return Sunday around lunch time.

Senior High Mission Trip: July 7-14

Our senior highs are travelling to Cherokee, NC for a week of mission work on the Cherokee Reservation. Projects include home repair and renovation and caring for and teaching children. We also will learn about the Cherokee culture through a traditional Cherokee dinner and powwow. Our group also is going rafting on the Nantahala River and hiking in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. If you haven't signed up yet, but are interested in going, please contact Kristen.