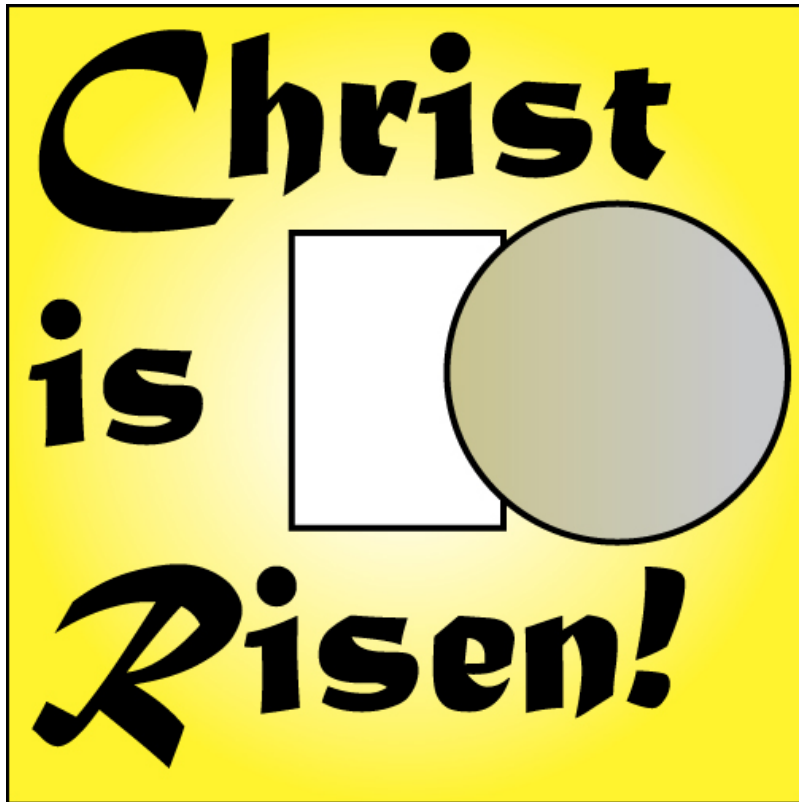


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Service of Worship
Easter Day
Celebration of Communion
April 8, 2012 at 11:00 am

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.
Childcare for infants – kindergarten-age children is available in the CE wing.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Fill us this day with joy and your church with celebration that all may know that Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate, but the living Lord we worship.

Welcome

Prelude

"Rondo" (Concerto No. 3)
Nathan Harris, French horn

W. A. Mozart

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Todd Webster

Leader: This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Let us worship the Risen Christ and the Living Lord!

* **Processional Hymn No. 123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

All: Lord, at times we have been the frightened ones, staying at a distance worried about our safety or our reputations. But you come to set us free. At times we have been the doubting ones, where certainty evades us. But you come to set us free. At times we have been the confused ones, feeling far from you with questions that don't have answers. But you come and set us free.

Leader: The risen Christ says to you and to all: “Peace be with you!”

All: Through our fear, through our doubt, through our confusion may we continue Jesus' work as we travel many roads, liberated and united by the love of the resurrected one. Amen.

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

***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.

A Moment with Children

Rev. Clover Beal, Liz Wollaeger

Anthem

G. F. Handel

“Since By Man Came Death”

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

Scripture Lesson

After the reading(s)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“The Other Side of Fear”

* **Hymn No. 106**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign tablets as a record of attendance

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

“We Will Rejoice”

* **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.

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Mark 16: 1-8 **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.**

Communion of the People

Music During Communion

“Christ Our Passover”

D. Papadakos

Congregation sings refrain “Hallelujah” on cue

“Christ the Lord Is Risen”

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

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

* **Closing Hymn**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Congregation, please sing the refrain

* **Commission and Blessing of those traveling to Haiti**

* **Choral Benediction**

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

“Toccata” (Symphony No. 5)

C. M. Widor

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Dick Bloomquist, Ruth Brickel, Bill Burdick, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Ron and Florence Klein, Marj Thomas, Grace Uhle, Debbie Ungemach

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

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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 ~~at the~~ during 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

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

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.

THIS WEEK

Haiti Trip

On Tuesday, April 10 Ralph Jean-Mary, Kermit Lind, Deanne and John Lentz, Anne and Jeff Smith, Stephen Sedam and Virginia Weiss will travel to Haiti. The purpose of their trip is to visit projects and programs supported by the PC(USA) and other denominations (Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal). 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. This trip is supported by the Ministry of Justice and Mission. Please pray for this team, for Forest Hill Church and for its missions.

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 **Mark 16: 1-8**.

All Church Spring Work Day

Saturday, April 14, starting at 9:00 am

The primary tasks will be washing windows and screens, and installing screens – supplies will be provided. Garden and grounds work includes spring cleanup and spreading mulch – please bring gloves and favorite garden tools. Everyone is invited! Lunch will be served at 12:00. RSVP to Dave Hunter (dhunter10@sbcglobal.net or 216-533-5728).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

See p. 9 for a description of April Adult Education

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball Time!

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).

Spring Service Day

A Spring Service day has been planned by the Ministry of Justice & Mission for Saturday, April 21 from 8:30-12. Join a team learning about FHC's food pantry and Abundance Acres, and work in the garden; or join folks at Family Promise's Christopher House in Rocky River to do a bit of spring cleaning, yard work, and painting, as well as preparing the house for guests who will be arriving the next day. Both options are kid, youth, and family friendly! Please contact Laura Steiner (lauramsteiner@yahoo.com or 216-870-0019) if you'd like to participate.

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	Elizabeth Farnfield
Janet Banis	Tom & Paula Harvey
Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner	Alec & Nancy Jamieson
Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius & family	Eunice Manu
Jack & Mary Ann Breisch	Carol Phillips & family
Robert & Wendy Brock & family	Sampson Tedunjaiye & Victoria Sampson & family
David & Kate Burleigh & family	Jean Seeley
Joseph & Janet Dauer	Chuck & Lora Smith & family
Larry Dorod	JT & Sarah Tan & family
Marj Drollinger	Ann Tutton
John Dugard	Liz Wollaeger & family
Bev Gairing	

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Sampson Tedunjaiye and Victoria Sampson, greeters; Carol Phillips, Continental Breakfast; Carol and Jeff Phillips, coffee hour; Betty Clark, greeting cards.

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

Sunday evenings at 5 pm, beginning April 22

Join Dr. Lentz and Clayton Minder (chair of the Stewardship Ministry) as they lead a congregational study of the curriculum written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Together we will have a courageous conversation about money – how it can be a source of great good, but also a source of all-encompassing misery. The program will be held Sunday evening from 5 – 7 pm, April 22 – May 27. The cost is \$10 (for a book, and to help defray the cost of the DVD curriculum). Contact the office by April 12 to reserve your place.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

A Night on the Town, April 14: Check out **The Wine Spot**, a new store at 2271 Lee Rd (the old Seitz-Agin Hardware) in Cleveland Hts. We will have wine tasting (\$10 each) from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and then walk across the street to the **Tavern Co.** for dinner. If you still have room for dessert we can walk back across the street (again) to **Sweetie Fry** for ice cream. Reservations are needed for the wine tasting and dinner. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com) by Tuesday, April 10.

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40-60s)

A bunch of Pacesetters (and a few thousand others) will be attending the Banff Mountain Film Festival on Saturday, April 14th at the Ohio Theatre in Playhouse Square. Look for us in the lobby before the films (which start at 8 pm), or in the balcony if you don't see us. For more information on the festival, go to www.theedgefilms.com. For more information about the evening, contact Robert Brock (BrockR@Zin-Tech.com or 216-571-1137)

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Saturday: All-church Work Day, 9 am

Mid Highs: Laser Tag, 12:30 pm

Next Sunday: Converge!, 7 pm at First Baptist Church,

Looking Ahead: Sr. High retreat, April 20-22

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20: 19-31. 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.

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■ ■ ■ *Adult Education in April* ■ ■ ■

Spring Series: Faith in Real Time

April 15 “The Bible on the Campaign Trail” by Dr. Tim Beal, CWRU

Tim will highlight how the Bible is being used and wielded by candidates and pundits during the presidential election season. Join us for an enlightening discussion.

April 22

“Environmental Choices at Home” by Brett and Annette Himes

The FHC Green Team will highlight this FHC family's choice to install a solar electric system in their Shaker home. The 4,100 watt roof mounted solar array produces so much electricity during sunny days that the extra electricity flows out onto the grid spinning their meter backwards. Come hear more about their bold choice!

April 29

“You Spoke; We Listened: The Discernment Task Force's Study Results” with Jeff Smith and Melody Obery, co-chairs of the Task Force, along with the other members.

The task force team will present the results of the congregational study of the thoughts, feelings and visions for the future of our congregation. Come and hear how the Holy Spirit is moving among the members of Forest Hill Church.

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: April 8 - 15, 2012*

Sunday, April 8

Easter

- 9:00 Child care begins
Worship: Communion
- 9:30 Bake Sale begins
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
- 12:15 Coffee hour & Bake Sale

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

- 5:30 pm Abundance Acres: Dig Day
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36

Wednesday, April 11

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, April 12

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

Friday, April 13

- 7:00 am **TOWER** deadline
- 9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, April 14

- 9:00 am All-church Work Day
- 12:30 pm Mid Hi Youth: Laser Tag
- 6:30 pm The Group:
Night Out on Lee
- 8:00 pm Pacesetters:
Banff Mountain Film Festival

Sunday, April 15

- 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
Pathways to the Promise Land
- 12:15 Coffee hour
- 5:00 Faith Leader
- 7:00 Youth: **Converge!**
at First Baptist Church

Mark 16: 1-8a

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Easter Lilies are given by

- Doris Allen, in memory of Wendell Allen
- Mary Ball, in memory of her parents James and Evangeline (Woodward)
Thornburg
- Nick and Phyllis Baumgartner, in memory of their parents, Ernest and Evelyn
Baumgartner and Leslie and Elizabeth Myers
- Chris and Dave Bell and family, in honor of and in memory of loved ones
- The Cameron family, in loving memory of Dr. Donald B. and Ann Cameron, Mary
Margaret Cameron and Alan Scott Cameron
- Don and Betty Clark, in memory of their parents
- Melinda Dus, Curtis Jastremsky, Eloise Dus-Jastremsky, in memory of Dr. Karl M. Dus
- Cathy and Don Ghiandoni, in honor of their 5 grandchildren
Carol Gifford
- Ron and Marcia Grant, in memory of Art and Hazel Grant and Bob and Louise Boylan

Don and Nancy Grube, in memory of loved ones
Judy Hammer, in memory of David Hammer
Barbara Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet
Jenny and Caty Himmelman, in memory of Nancy Harper and Edith Himmelman,
beloved mothers and grandmothers
Anne and David Hunter, in memory of loved ones
Jane and Chuck Ishler, in memory of their parents
The Khoury family, in memory of Brian
Suzanne Marcy, in memory of Bob, Wilma and Bobby Weed
Robin and Mel Mervin, in memory of Betty Miller
Jeanette Nemcek, in honor of Annie and Lissa, for inspiration
Linda and David Rainey, in honor of Erma Knepper and in memory of Daryl Knepper,
Marjorie Rainey and Sandra Draughon
Carol Scott and family, in memory of Leighton Scott
Jim and Pat Seeders, in memory of Pat's brother Kevin Rice
Dorothy Ann Turick , in memory of Frank and Ida Turick
The Weissbrod Marunowski family, in memory of Myrtle Weissbrod
LeAnn West, in memory of Roy West
Sarah and Matt Winters, in memory of Barbara Henning
The Wollaeger and Olson families, in memory of Nancy and Bill Olson
Diana and Ted Woodbridge, in memory of Diana's mom, Dorothy Smith
Dene Young, in memory of loved ones
Bob and Ginny Young, in memory of loved ones
(*anonymous*) In memory of Dr. Clyde B. Bratton (Bud)

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