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Service of Worship
October 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

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 in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Gentle God, we meet this morning as persons who seek your love, celebrate your grace, and receive your hope. Our spirits rejoice in acknowledging that you have created us and know us better than we know ourselves. We give you thanks. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress"

Herman Walcha

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Blake Himes

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may see!

People: May we see our brothers and sisters the way God sees them.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may hear!

People: May we hear the cries of our brothers and sisters the way God hears them.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may understand!

People: May we accept others who are different than us, the way God accepts us.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may listen!

People: May we listen to others, for we know God listens to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who breaks open the Word!

People: May our hearts be broken open to the Gospel.

*** Processional Hymn No. 482**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Reconciliation

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

Holy God, we are confident in your goodness, even as we are mindful of our brokenness. You call us to live with generosity and compassion; instead, we fill our lives with possessions and accomplishments, and wonder why we feel empty. Is the life to which you call us really as simple and as difficult as following you? Help us to let go of the burdens that keep us from walking freely with you. Help us to trust that nothing can separate us from your love.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

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.

Anthem

arr. Alan Barthel

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Voices in Bronze

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

Minute for Mission

Diana Woodbridge

"Living and Giving in Abundance"

*** Hymn No. 522**

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Romans 9: 1-5

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

"Brokenhearted"

Prayers of the People

The Necrology

William Ferguson

James Nokes

Robert Bielek

Sue Conant

Johanna Becker Wilcott

Marilyn Canfield Gifford

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

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 234

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Religion, Faith and Politics, Part 3 – see p. 12 for details

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Romans 12: 1-13**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

The Kerygma scripture for next Sunday is Romans 12: 1-13.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired)

On Sunday, November 4, Hilltoppers will go to Heights High for a production of their 2012 fall musical – Phantom of the Opera – at 4 pm. The cost is \$10 per ticket. RSVP to Dick Peterjohn, 216-991-0424, Lucy Conde, 216-382-5177 or Clyde Loughridge, 216-831-1759.

Pacesetters (40s-60s)

Dinner and a show for \$20 ... what a deal! Join the Pacesetters at Cleveland Heights High School on November 3 for dinner at 6:00 pm, then stay and enjoy the Heights Vocal Music Department production of Phantom of the Opera. If you've already committed to tickets, we'll see you at the show. If you have not, please e-mail Robert Brock

(brockr@zin-tech.com) and he will purchase tickets as a group. All proceeds will help defray the cost of the choir tour in the spring.

The Group (60s – 70s)

Please join The Group on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 pm for “A Concert of Music and Healing” at Severance Hall. The Group will also gather after the concert for dinner at Brennan’s Colony, 2299 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. Tickets are required for this concert and can be obtained through the Severance Hall ticket office, 216-231-1111. To make a dinner reservation, or for any additional information, contact Anne Hunter (anneshunter8@gmail.com). For details about the concert, please see the October TOWER.

Care Group

The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during November. 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. Many thanks to the members of the Mt. Sinai CARE Group for their work in October.

✦ Members of this month’s Care Group are:

Nancy Wyss, Deacon leader

Jim Manista

Erin & Bill Armstrong

Jane Melbourne

Doris Brandt

Pat & Hal Musick

Ruth & Arthur Brickel

Richard Obermanns

Lucy Conde

Karen Parker

Monita Franklin

Carol Scott

Chris & Daniel Fuller

Steve Sedam

Carol & Tim Gifford

Peggy Skelly

Brett & Annette Himes & family

Damos & Dele Solaru & family

Cindy Fink & Kemp Jaycox & family

Derry Stauffer & Kathy Hanna-Stauffer

Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family

Marjorie Thomas

Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch

Anne Wilson

Robert & Julie Ann Yoe

Today's CARE group volunteers: Fran Thomas, coffee hour; Katie and Matt Russo, greeters; Betty Clark, greeting cards; Barb Cloud, flowers and continental breakfast.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship.

Next Saturday: Leaf-raking, 10 – 3 pm

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture

Romans 9: 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Next Sunday: Romans 12: 1-13 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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■■■ *Calendar: October 28 – November 4, 2012*

Sunday, October 28

8:30 Nominating Committee
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 10:00 Intro to Homeopathic Medicine
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Faith, Religion and Partisan
 Politics
 Sine Nomine Choir

Monday, October 29

8:45 am Food Pantry Breakfast
 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, October 30

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36
 7:30 pm Reaching Hts mtg

Wednesday, October 31

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

Friday, November 2

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday November 3

8:00 am Men's Group
 9:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal
 10:00 am Youth: Leaf-raking
 6:00 pm Pacesetters: Dinner and
 Phantom of the Opera



**Daylight Saving Time ends –
 move clocks BACK one hour**

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 10:15 Descant Choir activity
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 Labre Group meeting
 4:00 Hilltoppers to
 Phantom of the Opera

Religion, Faith and Partisan Politics

October 28 and November 4

12:15 pm, Sundays in South Hall

Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

October 28 “Is the American government for sale?”

Jerry Graham, speaker

The amount of money spent on our political campaigns has grown exponentially in the past two decades. This year we are going to spend perhaps 2 billion dollars on ads, the money for which was provided through largely anonymous sources and are overwhelmingly negative attacks on the opponent. We are the outliers of the world in terms of these expenditures, their lack of regulation and the length of our campaigns. Does this represent a danger to our democratic system? If so, what, if anything, can be done to reduce the influence of moneyed interests in the American political system?

Jerry Graham taught for a few years as an Instructor in Political Science at Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio), then for 32 years at Shaker Heights HS. Since retiring from there, Mr. Graham has been teaching in the adult ed programs of CWRU, CCC, the Jewish Community Center and Menorah Park.

November 4 “What is the future of Faith and American Politics?”

A conversation with a multi-religious panel of young adult students—Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Sikh, and non-religious—from CWRU.

Are young adults interested in politics, religion and the issues for the world they are living in today and the future they will be creating? Come and hear these bright and insightful voices of young voters.