

*Service of Worship*

**April 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Palm 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*

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty; Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. AMEN.

**Welcome**

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Call to Worship**

Ginie Mast

Leader: Hosanna in the Highest!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion.

**People: Shout aloud, O daughters of Jerusalem.**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey

**People: Hosanna in the Highest!**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Let us worship God.

**The Processional Hymn**

*please remain seated*

*All sing refrain:*

**Hosanna, Hosanna to Christ!**

**Hosanna, Hosanna to Christ!**

**Song**

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. We confess that we serve our own needs first. We admit that we are not obedient to your call even day to day. We acknowledge that we grasp things tightly and it is hard to let go. Lord Jesus, enter anew into our hearts. Prepare us for service. Help us listen to your call.

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** *(Lord, have mercy)*

Merbecke

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

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**\* The Response**

Be still w/music

**The Anthem**

South African trad., arr. Grundahl

“Sing Hosanna! Sannanina”

*Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem*

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

**Minute for Mission**

Elder Dick Obermans

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

**The Scripture Lesson**

Mark 11: 1-11 (p. 823)

*After the reading*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 230**

“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

## The Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

## “The Village Ahead of You”

## 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

J. Rutter

## “Requiem Aeternam”

**\* The Response** (*All sing*)

Hymn No. 428

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

### ■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\* The Closing Hymn No. 90**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

### \* The Commission and Blessing

## \* The Choral Benediction

### \* The Passing of the Peace

### ■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

A. Campra

“Rigaudon”



*The crucifer today is Maura Logan.*

### ■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Graham and Roz Peters in loving memory of parents and grandparents, Evelyn and Vladimir Peters; and by Barb and Lamont Hansen in loving memory of Ethel Van Fleet and Gladys and Earl Hansen.

## 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. Sam Manu, Head Usher

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

## Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Marian Frederick	Jane Little
William Bidelman	Charles Gilbert	Rebecca Martin
Dick Bloomquist	Dorothy Hales	Aiesha Minor
Allen Bloomquist	Jason Himmelsteib	Austin Schwaderer
Ralph and Molly Dise	Carson Kent	Debbie Ungemach
Fran and Pat Drake	Katie Kickel	Dennis Wedding
		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.

**Welcome to another new member of the Forest Hill family – Alexandra Irene Schmidt**, daughter of Robin and Sam Schmidt and granddaughter of Val Flechtner, who was born February 8, 2009.

## In Memoriam We Remember

Rovena H. Willis  
who died March 28, 2009  
I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

### ■ ■ ■ 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.

***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 divide the money collected in thirds and send it to Heights Emergency Food Center, the Garden Valley Hunger Center, and the Hot Meals Program at First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland.

***Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH)***

Come to an important meeting today, in Bodwell Hall immediately after worship, to share a light lunch and to hear about the exciting work of the **Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope**. NOAH, one of FHC’s core mission programs, is currently engaged in several efforts, in East Cleveland, regionally throughout Ohio and on a national level, that provide new opportunities for FHC members and friends to become involved in social change and community action. We will hear from NOAH’s dynamic new East Cleveland organizer, Trevelle Harp, and NOAH’s Executive Director, Jason Lehrer. Don’t miss the announcement of a major event to be hosted by FHC and NOAH on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

***Thank You!***

***From Melody Obery:*** To all dedicated volunteers at the reception of our exciting “Swing to the Lord” concert – Thank you for your contributions of cookies and assistance to make it an inviting conclusion to the evening! Thanks especially to Audrey Kellermeyer for her expert flower arrangements.

***From Liz Wollaeger:*** Thank you to all who help make the palm leaf crosses: Jane Ishler, Cathy Ghiandoni, Christina Hidek, Lisa Koops, Lindsey Burdette, Marge Kaercher and Lynda Bernays. Thank you also to the Mid-High youth for passing them out this morning.

**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 Wednesday we will read **Mark 14:1 – 15:47** (we will read the full passion narrative together as a group).

***Holy Week – see schedule on p. 8***

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Easter***

Worship will be at 9 and 11 a.m. Classes and children’s choir will not meet.  
The youth will hold a bake sale beginning at 9:30.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Care Group***

The Nazareth 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:

Cindy Newton, Deacon and Leader	Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer
Doris Bartlett	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Marcia Beck	Barb & Kermit Lind
JoAnne Black	Mel, Robin, Amanda and Emily Mervine
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Daryl Musick
Ron and Patty Console and family	Dave & Allie Neff
Jeff and Holly Daedelow	Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family
Jim and Terry Daedelow	Lois Reilly
Pat Drake	Jim Roosa and family
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family	Peggy Sasso
Jennifer and Barry Hartz	Kevin & Laura Stauffer and family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family
Jean Izant	Matt & Sarah Winters and family

***Social Groups and Circles***

***Iris Circle*** (all FHC women)

All FHC women are invited to join Iris Circle to hear about the pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine in February. The circle will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

***The Group*** (single and couples 50 – 70ish)

The Group will gather on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the home of David and Anne Hunter for an appetizer potluck before going to see *The Odd Couple* at Fairmount Performing Arts Center. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni at [cgghiandoni@aol.com](mailto:cgghiandoni@aol.com) or 216-691-1905 no later than April 10 to qualify for the group rate.

The next **Art and Music Night** will take place on Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Anne Wilson's topic will be *Great Britain: From Stonehenge to Graffiti*. Music by Byrd, Purcell, Handel and Elgar. Cookies, coffee and conversation!

**Sunday: Sr High Bake Sale!** Be here at 9:30 a.m.

**Next Sunday: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, John 20: 1-18.** 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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Boy Scout Trp #403

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36

7:30 p.m. All ministries meet

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

1:30 Burning River Brass rehearsal

**Note that there is NO dinner**

Worship in the Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** Lenten offering supports projects in far-off lands – and just down the road.

Council Gardens is a senior independent living community on North Taylor Road in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women. Its culturally and ethnically diverse lower-income residents include native Clevelanders, African Americans born in the South, Asian immigrants, and many refugees from the former Soviet Union.

When the community Tenants Association sought a way to help senior residents stay active and be more self-sufficient, they came up with plans for a Community Garden that would be accessible even for those residents with physical disabilities. Tenants could grow fresh vegetables and fruits in season, improving their diets at minimal cost, as well as gaining the real satisfaction of providing for a basic need in their own lives. Many tenants had grown up farming and embraced the plan.

The Council Gardens Tenants Association applied to Presbytery of the Western Reserve's *Self-Development of People* program for support of their project. The Presbytery committee made a small grant toward the overall garden project at the site. The Council Gardens Tenant Association garden project has grown to include extensive covered areas for starting tender plants, collective gardens tilled by the more ambitious,

raised beds convenient for the disabled, fruit trees already beginning to bear. Next stages include terraces for berry bushes, building a high tunnel greenhouse, and holding weekly farmers' markets. The residents of Council Gardens are taking responsibility for a portion of their nutritional needs while enriching their lives.

*Self-Development of People*, one of three Presbyterian Church (USA) initiatives funded from the One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten offering, assists groups of lower income people to take charge of their lives through grass-roots projects of economic and social empowerment – overseas and in the USA.

*Self-Development of People* has supported access to clean water for poor communities in the Dominican Republic – and helped ex-offenders return to the labor market in Dayton.

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* responds to tragedies inflicted by nature – such as ice storms and flooding in parts of Ohio – or of human origin – most recently the suffering from war in Gaza.

The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* supports our Presbytery's mission partner, the Sisonke Masilwe Indlala campaign for land rights and sustainable agriculture in South Africa – and food pantries and education programs in Portsmouth and Cincinnati.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** has evolved since 1949 from a single program to aid war-torn Europe, to a multi-faceted effort to fulfill the vision of Matthew 25 for suffering people far away and close to home. Whatever the setting, your gift to **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** shows the love and justice of Jesus Christ to the world.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – 2009

Please give generously on Easter Day!

## **Mark 11: 1-11**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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