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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
April 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Second 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*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who now share in the resurrection, may abide in Christ's presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
Arvid Whitmore, saxophone

C. Anderson

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

Leader: Today is the first day of the week.

People: Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

Leader: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

People: Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

People: Praise be to God! AMEN.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 108**

"Christ Is Alive!"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

A Call to Reconciliation and Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray, saying:

People: God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

A Time of Silence

Kyrie eleison A. Wilson

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

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

***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.*

The Anthem W. Albright

“Look There, the Christ!”

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

The Scripture Lesson Luke 24: 13-35

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 324**

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon Mr. Ed Gernerchak

“Were Not Our Hearts Burning within Us?”

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 K. Bestor

“Prayer of the Children”

Heights High Barbershoppers

*** 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. 302**

“I Danced in the Morning”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude* A. Ridout

“Resurrection Dance”



■ ■ ■ *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 Barbara Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bill Burcham	Elizabeth Kosnik	Chris Schaljo
Polly Cohen	Mary Lewis	Debbie Ungemach
Molly & Ralph Dise	Connie May	Dennis Wedding
Marian Frederick	Jay Middleton	Patti Wisnieski
Bev Gairing	Charlie Mossbrook	Betty Woodruff
Jason Himmelsteib	Marilyn Oviatt	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
	Graham Peters	Gerry & Loretta Losorella

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

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!

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!

Many thanks to the award-winning Heights High Barbershoppers who are sharing their lovely voices with us today. They will also be participating in tonight’s jazz service.

Today’s Preacher

Ed Gemerchak, MA, MSW, LISW is the Associate. Director of Men’s Shelter Services at Mental Health Services for the Homeless, Inc. Previously Ed was the founding Executive Director of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) in Cleveland. He received his M.A. in Theology from Union Theological Seminary, NY, and M.A. in Social Work from Hunter College, CUNY. Ed is Roman Catholic and has recently attended both St. Peter RC and Forest Hill Church. He also co-facilitates the FHC Faith Leader program. Ed lives in Shaker Heights, is married to Rev. Sally Wile, and has two children, Chris and Hattie.

Softball Practice

Both teams will practice today from 3 – 5 p.m. at Forest Hill Park field #6.

Swing to the Lord a New Song

The fourth in our season of ***AWEs*** (Alternative Worship Experiences) will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. ***Swing to the Lord a New Song*** will feature the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs accompanied by a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson and trumpeter Jack Schantz. Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group in which several FHC youth sing (Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach and Jaired Birks). Please invite your music-loving friends to this event!

Thank You!

A special THANK YOU to all who supported and contributed to the Easter Sunday Youth Bake Sale! We raise \$700 towards the mission trips in July: to the 2010 Triennium at Purdue University in Indiana (senior highs) and The Pittsburgh Project Summer Service Camp (mid highs).

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 9: 1-20**.

Women’s Book Group

The women’s book group is reading Anne Lamott’s ***Traveling Mercies***. Come on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:15. All women are welcome – call Rev. Clover Beal with questions.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage

April 18 A Panel of Pilgrims

April 25 Roadside Religion: American Pilgrimage

Where is God . . .

May 2 God in the Workplace

May 9 God in the Family

May 16 God in Everyday Life

May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

LOOKING AHEAD

In Celebration of New Members and Visitors

Please join John Lentz and members of FHC for “Dinner and Conversation” on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for invitations (coming in the mail) for the dinner at Diana and Ted Woodbridge’s Cleveland Heights home (1255 Oakridge Dr.). All new members, new visitors and those who have been with us awhile are invited. Please contact Susan Reese (email: reese4mail@adelphia.net or 216-752-8913) or the church office (office@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660) to RSVP or if you need more information.

NOAH: Annual Meeting

The Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH) will hold its Annual Meeting on May 1, 2010 from 6 pm until 9 pm at McGregor Home. Tickets are \$35 each, or \$60 per couple. Tickets will be available in Fellowship Hall on April 11, April 18 and April 25.

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s – 60s)

The Pacesetters are “celebrating” National Poetry Month at the Laffertys’ (1969 Bromton Drive, Lyndhurst) on Saturday, April 17th at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite original verse or poems that have been penned by others along with an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOWoB (Bring your own wine or beer). Soft drinks will be provided. No need to RSVP, but if directions are needed, please call or email Scott or Sue Lafferty (440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net)

Young Adults (20s-30s)

Young Adults will gather from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at the Hideks’ (5284 Golfway Lane, Lyndhurst; 440-646-9093) on Saturday, April 17 for fellowship and a potluck supper.

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers will venture to the Chagrin Valley Little Theater on Sunday, April 25 to see the musical review ***Forever Plaid***. The production begins at 2 p.m. and we will leave directly from the church at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$14. For more information, see or call Rosaneil Schenk (216-295-1862) or Betty Clark (216-531-3575).

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet at The Gathering Place (23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood OH) on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Please call Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905) for more information.

Membership 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 leader

Doris Bartlett

Marcia Beck

JoAnne Black

Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale

Ron and Patty Console and family

Jeff and Holly Daedelow

Jim and Terry Daedelow

Pat Drake

Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family

Jennifer and Barry Hartz

Kathryn Himmelsteib

Jean Izant

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer

Cathy Kernich

Jane & Cliff Kowall

Wafa Kuri

Barb & Kermit Lind

Mel, Robin, Amanda and Emily Mervine

Daryl Musick

Dave & Allie Neff

Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family

Lois Reilly

Jim Roosa and family

Peggy Sasso

Kevin & Laura Stauffer and family

Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family

Matt & Sarah Winters and family

This week’s volunteers: Cindy Newton (Continental Breakfast); Debbie Chapman and Lyn Hale (Coffee Hour); Barb Lind and David Neff (Greeters)

■ ■ ■ ***FHC Youth***

MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High will meet on April 16 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Senior Highs meet every Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 9: 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19.. 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 April” page of the *TOWER*.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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**Presbyterian Women: Annual Spiritual Retreat
"The Healing Power of Music"**

8:30 - 2 PM, Saturday, April 24
Rocky River Presbyterian Church, 21750 Detroit Road
440-333-4888
Registration & Continental Breakfast ~ 9:00 AM
Program begins with singing

Music is important to us. We have all experienced how healing and powerful music is to our lives physically, emotionally and spiritually. This retreat will help you to better understand why and make music an even more powerful tool for living a whole and healthy life.

WORKSHOPS ~ SINGING ~ TAIZE WORSHIP ~ COMMUNION ~ LUNCH

Directions to the Church:
From Downtown/Northeast: I-90 west to Exit 160 "Clague Road" and turn left. At Detroit Road turn left again. Church is on the left after about 1 mile.

REGISTRATION \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Make checks payable to PW PWR and mail, along with your name, address, phone and church name to Nancy Szabo, 2020 Tillotson Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004 or register by phone at: 440-992-4632.

Please indicate if child care or special dietary needs will be required .

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Calendar: April 11 – 18, 2010

Sunday, April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 a.m. Nominating Committee
- 9:00 a.m. Child care begins
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education
 - Descant Choir
 - Oversight Committee
 - Abundance Acres planning comm.
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Softball practice
- 5:00 p.m. Evangelism Group
 - Faith Leader
 - MOB: Sr. High
- 7:30 p.m. AWE:
 - Swing to the Lord a New Song

Monday, April 12

- 6:00 p.m. Relapse to Recovery
- 7:00 p.m. Al Anon
 - Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
 - Mission Statement comm.
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
 - Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, April 13

- 7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, April 14

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga
- 7:00 p.m. Ministries worship
- 7:15 p.m. All ministries meet

Thursday, April 15

- 9:45 a.m. Women’s Book Group
- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 16

- TOWER** deadline (7 a.m.)
- 9:30 a.m. Al Anon
- 6:00 p.m. MOB: Mid High

Saturday, April 17

- 10:00 a.m. A Conversation with
 - Dr. Walter Breuggemann
- 4:30 p.m. Young Adults (at Hideks’)
- 7:00 p.m. Pacesetters: Poetry (Laffertys’)

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 a.m. Child care begins
 - Parenting Series
- 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
- 11:15 a.m. Pathways to Promise Land
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour
 - NOAH meeting: East Cleveland
 - Blood pressure check
- 2:00 p.m. Hilltoppers:
 - Chagrin Valley Little Theater
- 5:00 p.m. Evangelism Group
 - Faith Leader
 - MOB: Sr. High