

Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence, Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!

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# Service of Worship

## February 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

## AWE: Disability Awareness Service

## 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**

Loving God, you have made each living person in your image, as a vital part of the Body of Christ here on earth. As we focus together today on celebrating the gifts of people with disabilities, we pray that you will guide us as we seek to provide access and welcome to our building, our church community, and our hearts.

### Welcome

Dance: "Koto Vivaldi Trio" A. Vivaldi

Dancing Wheels

Choral Introit F. and J. Janzow

"The Dance of Faith"

■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Reni Solaru

Leader: We come together today as people with different gifts and calls, different talents and skills, different abilities and disabilities.

People: We come together as one body in Christ.

Leader: Creator God, help us to welcome all people into our fellowship, as God has

welcomed us.

People: Gather us together. Teach us to welcome and honor everyone in

this community. Help us as we seek to deepen our life as the Body of Christ.

Leader: Son of God, you accepted the limits of human life. Teach us to accept the

limits of our own abilities and our own lives.

People: Son of God, you discovered a deeper freedom through death and

resurrection. Help us discover our freedom as the Body of Christ.

All: Open us, Holy Spirit. Make us accessible to all your people, and accessible to

your transformative power.

\* Processional Hymn No. 464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Reflection** Sarah Bishop

Peer Counselor for the Cleveland Sight Center

Music S. Patti

"Love in Any Language"

Descant Choir

Reflection Sue Bungard

Social Worker for the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center

Music B. Chilcott

"Can You Hear Me" Sine Nomine Choir

**Reflection** Nicole Deegan

Company Member of Dancing Wheels

Dance: "Chicken Lips" B. Springsteen

\*Song

"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"

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All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir

### **CHOIR**

Dogs and the cats they take up the middle,
 While the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
 Moans and groans with a big t'do;
 The old cow just goes moo.

#### WOMEN

2) Listen to the top where the little birds sing,On the melodies with the high notes ringing,The hoot owl hollers over everything, and the jaybird disagrees.

### MEN

3) Singin' in the nighttime, singin' in the day,
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way,
The 'possum ain't got much to say, And the porcupine talks to himself.

### ALL

4) It's a simple song of living sung everywhere,By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,The sly raccoon and the turtledove.

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2: 5-13

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Homily** Elder Ann Williams

"The Disabled God"

Prayers of the People Rev. Clover Beal

**Lord's Prayer** please use debts, debtors

**Ritual of Friendship** all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

Offertory L. van Beethoven

"Sanctus"

\* 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.

\* Closing Hymn No. 302

"I Danced in the Morning"

\* Commission and Blessing

Choral Benediction Anne Wilson

"Irish Proverb"

Sending Dance: "Mayring Duet"

J. Lennon and P. McCartney

Dancing Wheels Please be seated

\* Passing of the Peace

**Postlude** 

Improvisation of "All God's Critters"

Our opening hymn and the offertory anthem were written by Ludwig van Beethoven, who tragically lost his hearing but continued to compose some of the greatest musical works ever written.

## ■ ■ ■ Parish Notes

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers this morning are given by Kaye Gardiner to celebrate the rainbow of diversity and similarity in our church community; and by Molly Bergman in honor of loved ones.

## **Prayer Concerns this Week**

## Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Ball, Bob Bielek, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Janet Kickel, Debbie Ungemach

## Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Hazel Grant, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

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

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith.

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

## ■ ■ ■ Announcements

## **TODAY**

## A.W.E.

Today's Alternative Worship Experience focuses on disability awareness. We are pleased to welcome our guests from *Dancing Wheels* (dancers – Nicole Deegan, Dezaré Foster, Franklin Polk; choreographer – Sara Lawrence-Sucato), as well as Sue Bungard from the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, Sarah Bishop from the Cleveland Sight Center, and our American Sign Language interpreter Shirley Prok. We are grateful to Sue Bungard for teaching the signs to the Descant Choir. Many thanks also to our congregant Ann Williams who took on a large role in coordinating this service and who

is delivering the homily today. After the service, please enjoy Morag Keefe's delicious, celebrative cupcakes in Fellowship Hall—thanks, Morag!

#### 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.

## Please pick up your TOWERs in the Courtyard Foyer!

# THIS WEEK Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Acts 20: 17-38**.

### **Exploring Membership Class**

Interested in exploring membership at FHC?

Join the next class – March 5 and 6.

RSVP to the church office.

# LOOKING AHEAD Buy Stock in our Youth!

This summer our youth will spend a week in mission in Washington, DC. Our students will be selling stock to raise money for the mission trip through the end of March. For a minimum donation of \$10, investors buy a share in the youth group. The investor will be issued a stock certificate with the name of one of our youth in April. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student. During our week in DC, your student will write a letter to report about the trip. When we return, there will be an ice cream social for the students and investors to share our experience on the mission trip. Please make checks out to Forest Hill Church with Youth Stock in the memo line, or visit the table in Fellowship Hall after worship with questions. Thanks for your support!

### Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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:

Julie Waring, Deacon Bethany & Joe Pinzone and family

Jon Adams & Pam Conover and family
Katie & Chris Batcheller and family
Dick Bloomquist
Clarence & Elsie Boyd
Kay & Bill Currie

Ron Register
Jean Reinhold
Baldwin Sawyer
Rosaneil Schenk
Mollie & Dick Secor

Peter & Kathryn Eloff Millie Skeivis

Sharon Hansen Kevin & Laura Steiner

Jenny Himmelman and family Dorothy Turick
Joan Kandare Carolyn Vrtunski

Morag & Tom Keefe Mark & Julie Waring and family

Elizabeth Kosnik Blanche Winston

Karen & Clyde Loughridge Beth & Tom Zych and family

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Bill and Kay Currie (Continental Breakfast); Evan Tuttle (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Emily Klein (Greeters); Julie Waring

(Flowers)

## Social Groups and Circles

The Back Row (singles and couples, 20s-40s)

The Back Row will gather for a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, March 5th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Derek and Jane Duncan (20030 Lomond Blvd., Shaker Hts.). Bring a potluck dish to share. RSVP to Jane Duncan (216-921-9580 or duncan5oh@yahoo.com) or for more information. We'll have babysitters and crafts for the kids.

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

The Group will be meeting for a potluck dinner on March 12 at the home of Allan and Zivile Khoury, 930 Worton Park Dr., Mayfield. We will do our planning for the coming months so please bring your ideas, brochures of events, and whatever other information you can gather to help us plan terrific evenings together.

Did you attend the Super Bowl party? Did you hear the magnificent concert at CIM? Did you cheer for the Captains baseball? How about the wine tour? Did you help out a family at Boulevard School at Christmas time? Did you tap your feet at "Backwards in High Heels?" What did you enjoy, and what interests you for next year?

RSVP to Allan and Zivile Khoury for food assignment (<u>zivile@gmail.com</u> or 440-461-8235).

## ■■■ Youth News

## Today Today

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### This Week

Friday, March 4: Ice skating for all youth, CH Rec Center, 7 p.m.

## Next Sunday

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Senior Highs will meet in the Koinonia Room during worship.

Sine Nomine Choir will meet in the Chapel after worship.

## **Looking Ahead**

March 13, 12:30 p.m.: Meeting for ALL mission trip participants

## ■■■ The Lessons

**Next Sunday:** Acts 20: 17-38. As part of your daily devotions, read the lesson. 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 (<a href="http://www.fhcpresb.org/worshipmusic/upcoming-sundays/">http://www.fhcpresb.org/worshipmusic/upcoming-sundays/</a>), and on the "Sundays in March" page of the **TOWER**.

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## **The Dancing Wheels Company Overview**

If dance is an expression of the human spirit, then it is best expressed by people of all abilities. That is the fundamental belief behind the Dancing Wheels Company. Dancing Wheels is America's first physically integrated dance company with stand-up and sit-down dancers. Mary Verdi-Fletcher founded the Company in Cleveland in 1980. Born with spina bifida, Mary wanted to offer others with disabilities full and equal access into the world of dance. To date, the Dancing Wheels Company's inspirational mission has touched over 4.5 million people through performances, school assemblies, residencies and workshops. Millions more have enjoyed their artistry via appearances on CNN, Good Morning America, and the TV special "Christopher Reeve: A Celebration of Hope." With a message of inclusion and accessibility, the Company continually expands the reach of artistic possibilities while celebrating the universal spirit of dance.

## Calendar: February 27 - March 6, 2011

## IHN Hosting this week: 5 p.m. - 7 a.m. every day

Sunday, February 27	Friday, March 4
8:15 Nominating Committee	9:30 a.m. Al Anon
9:15 Child care begins	7:00 p.m. All Youth: Ice Skating at the CH
9:30 Adult and Youth Education	Rec Center
Mid & Sr High Youth	
Confirmation class	Saturday, March 5
Descant Choir	9:00 a.m. CEIRS class: The Miracles of Jesus
10:15 Descant Choir activity	Exploring Membership class
10:30 Continental Breakfast	6:30 p.m. Session Party (Lentzes')
Chancel Choir	The Back Row (Duncans')
11:00 WORSHIP: AWE – DANCING WHEELS	
Children in Worship; Little Explorers	Sunday, March 6
12:15 Coffee Hour	9:00 Exploring Membership class
5:00 Faith Leader	9:15 Child care begins
Holy Conversations	9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Kerygma class	Mid & Sr High Youth
	Confirmation class
Monday, February 28	Descant Choir
6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection	10:15 Descant Choir activity
7:00 p.m. Al Anon	10:30 Continental Breakfast
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)	Chancel Choir
Boy Scouts Troup #403	11:00 WORSHIP
Tuesday, March 1	Children in Worship; Little Explorers
6:30 p.m. Kerygma	Sr High Youth
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36	Pathways to the Promise Land
	12:15 Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 2	Sine Nomine Choir
7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels	5:00 Faith Leader
	Holy Conversations
Thursday, March 3	Kerygma class
4:30 p.m. Huron Hospital Nutrition class	
6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze	
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	
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# Philippians 2: 5-13

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.