

Service of Worship

April 17, 2011 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

Loving God, as you have sent Jesus to be for us light and truth, send now your Spirit upon us to grant us grace and strength to follow in his footsteps this day. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude “With Gladness Ring” W. Moats
Voices in Bronze

Choral Introit “Hosanna! Hosanna!” H. Kemp
Cherub and Descant Choirs (Lisa Koops, director)

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship from the Iona Community Worship Elder Cindy Newton
Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,
All: We greet you.
Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
All: We greet you.
Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
All: We salute you, Christ our Lord.
Leader: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for healing a new song to sing.
All: With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”

* Processional Hymn

All sing refrain:
Hosanna, Hosanna to Christ!
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Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession Dr. John C. Lentz

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
....over the broken glass of our world, the rumors meant to hurt, the prejudice mean to wound, the weapons meant to kill, ride on....
trampling our attempts at disaster into dust.
Ride on,
All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY
Leader: ...over the distance which separates us from you, and it is such a distance, measurable in half truths, in un-kept promises, in second-best obedience, ride on...
until you touch and heal us.
Ride on,
All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY
Leader: ...through the back streets of our lives where we fear to go and investigate the darkness to reveal the secrets that lurk there; where human life festers and love runs cold; where faith loses its warmth, ride on...
bringing hope and new light.
Ride on,
All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY.
Leader: For you, O Christ, do love and must show us how to love. On our own, our ambitions rival your summons. In your company and at your side, we might yet help to heal the wounds of the world.
Ride on,
All: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY, O LORD.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Ukraine

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

Proclamation of Reconciliation

*** Response**

“Be Still and Know”

All sing first time; second time, men begin and women enter one measure later

(music)

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

*** Hymn**

“Come, O Come”

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21: 1-17

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“No Ordinary Temple”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

Ritual of Friendship

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

Offertory

P. Halley

“Sanctus and Benedictus”

Barry Hartz, soprano sax

*** The Response**

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*

*** Closing Hymn 91**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude*

A. Campra

“Rigaudon”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in memory of Carson Kent by Mary Jean Kent and family; and in memory of Lois J. Leslie from the Leslie/Richards family.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Ball, Bob Bielek, Bill Burcham, Don Clark, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Janet Kickel, Suzanne Marcy, Millie Skeivis, Joy Stang, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

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

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.

Pathways to the Promise Land

This morning the children will gather in South Hall for the palm processional, and then will sit together until they are excused with their shepherds. They will continue their exploration of Crucifixion and Resurrection in their workshops. The First Grade will be in Temple Square (room 103), Second/Third grade will be in Art in Heaven (room 105),

Fourth grade will be in Bodwell Hall (lower level Monticello wing) and Fifth grade will be in the Chapel (upper level Monticello wing).

Swing to the Lord a New Song

Tonight at 7:30 p.m.! It's our fourth **AWE** (Alternative Worship Experience): **Swing to the Lord a New Song**, featuring the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs accompanied by a Cleveland Jazz Orchestra combo (Paul Ferguson, trombone; Jack Schantz, trumpet; Dave Morgan, bass; Rock Wehrmann, piano; Val Kent, drums). Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group (Jack Lentz, Josh Toombs, and Jaired Birks from FHC sing in this group). A festive reception prepared by Morag Keefe will follow the service. Bring the whole family – it's a joyous event!

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 lesson this week is **Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**.

NEXT SUNDAY

One Great Hour of Sharing

Forest Hill Church will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering next Sunday on Easter (or today if you plan to be out of town). Pictured on this morning's bulletin insert is the EcoVillage Produce market garden on Cleveland's near West Side. This project is supported by One Great Hour funds through a grant from our Presbytery's Self-Development of People committee.

Child Care for Easter Sunday

Want to see the **best** Easter dresses, suits, bonnets, shoes and smiles? Then come spend time with our babies and youngest children as you volunteer in our nursery and preschool rooms on Easter morning. Please contact Liz Wollaeger through the church office. We offer infant-to-kindergarten child care for both Easter Sunday services – 9:00 and 11:00.

Easter Bake Sale

On Easter Sunday, the youth will host a bake sale after the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. There will be lots of great cookies and cakes (including diabetic-friendly treats). If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring the labeled items to the church on Saturday, April 23 at 11 am, or on Easter morning. All money raised will benefit the youth mission trip.

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 leader	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Doris Bartlett	Wafa Kuri
Marcia Beck	Barb & Kermit Lind
JoAnne Black	Dave & Allie Neff
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Cindy Newton & family
Jinny Colville	Lois Reilly
Ron & Patty Console	Eric Rich & family
Jim & Terry Daedelow	Jim Roosa & family
Pat Drake	Peggy Sasso
Beth Feroe	Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters & family	Sarah & JT Tan
Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family	Kimble & Sandy True
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Megan & Peter Tzepronis & family
Callie Janor	Matt & Sarah Winters & family
Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer	

Spring Work Day

One sure sign of spring? The Spring Work Day, of course!

Saturday May 7, 2011 8 am – 1 pm. Lunch will be provided

RSVP: Contact Consuelo Heineman (rogedoge@aol.com or 216-371-6395).

Please join us as we get our church ready for spring and beyond. We will be cleaning the Sanctuary and mulching around shrubs and flower beds. All are welcome to come and help out any time during these hours.

Social Groups and Circles

The Back Row (singles and couples 20s – 40s)

The Back Row will gather for a bowling outing at the Wickliffe Lanes (30315 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe 44092, 440-585-3505) on April 23 at 3 p.m. RSVP to Christina Hidek (christina.hidek@gmail.com or 440/646-9093).

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle invites women of Forest Hill Church to join us April 19, 2011, as we visit "Ten Thousand Villages," located at Trinity Cathedral. This store presents a world of difference with exquisite home decor, personal accessories and gift items handcrafted by artisans from around the world. We will learn more about the organization and be able to browse and shop at our leisure. "Ten Thousand Villages" will donate 15% of the proceeds from our gift buying to FHC's Abundance Cupboard. After our visit, we will enjoy lunch next door at Elements Bistro on Euclid.

We will gather at Forest Hill Church at 10:00 to carpool to Trinity, where parking is free. Our program begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be around 12 noon. Reservations for lunch need to be made with Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com) by April 17th.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today

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

Sine Nomine Choir: Meet in the choir room immediately after worship; rehearsal for the evening AWE program is 6:50 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Next Sunday: No classes

Bake sale after both services! Set up for the bake sale Saturday beginning at 11 a.m.

Looking Ahead

April 30: Mid High Scavenger Hunt, 3 p.m.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4; 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. 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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■ ■ ■ *Holy Week at Forest Hill Church*

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday

Worship and distribution of palms, 11 a.m.

AWE: **Swing to the Lord a New Song**, 7:30 p.m.

Mon – Thurs during Holy Week, at noon in Bodwell Hall

Dr. Lentz will lead simple services focused on the Gospel of Mark account of the final week of Jesus’ life, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

Bring a bag lunch if you wish, and eat together after the liturgy.

Journey to the Cross

Experience the events of the final days of Jesus in a new way

Self-directed spiritual stations will be open in the FHC Chapel at the following times:

Sunday, April 17 Before and after worship (9 am – 1 pm)

Before and after the AWE service (6 – 9 pm)

Thursday, April 21 Before and after worship (6 – 9 pm)

Contact Kristen Sloan (kristens@fhcpresb.org) for more information

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday

Dinner, 6:30; Worship with communion, 7:30

- *Are you able to come at 5 p.m. to help set tables? Please let Lynda know.*

Child care will be provided

Pick up HoneyBaked Hams, 5 - 8 p.m. (Mission Trip fund-raiser)

Friday, April 22: Good Friday

Worship: 12:00

Sunday, April 24: Easter

Worship with communion, 9:00 and 11:00

Bake sale after each worship service

(mission trip fund-raiser)



■■■ *Calendar: April 17 - 24, 2011*

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday Ham and Turkey orders are due today! 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Mid & Sr High Youth Confirmation class Descant Choir <i>Journey to the Cross</i> in the chapel 10:05 Cherub Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship; Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Blood pressure check Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 Faith Leader Holy Conversations 6:00 <i>Journey to the Cross</i> in the chapel 7:30 AWE: <i>Swing to the Lord a New Song</i> Monday, April 18 12:00 p.m. Noontime Reflections 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Sycamore Group 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403	Tuesday, April 19 12:00 p.m. Noontime Reflections 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 Wednesday, April 20 12:00 p.m. Noontime Reflections 12:30 p.m. Bullshevick's (at Wellington's) 1:00 p.m. Hilltop Garden Club Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday 12:00 p.m. Noontime Reflections 5:00 p.m. Pick up Ham and Turkey orders 6:00 p.m. <i>Journey to the Cross</i> in the chapel 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship Friday, April 22: Good Friday 9:30 a.m. Al Anon 12:00 p.m. Good Friday worship Saturday, April 23 11:00 Sr High: Bale sale drop-off & set-up 3:00 The Back Row: Bowling Sunday, April 24: Easter 9:00 Worship (chapel) Child care begins 10:00 Bake sale begins 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 Coffee Hour
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Remember to order Easter ham and turkey! Orders are due TODAY.

Look for the youth table in Fellowship Hall.

Orders will be available for pick-up on March 21, 5-8 p.m.

Help support the Sr. High Mission Trip with your purchase.

Thank you!

Supper Reservations: Maundy Thursday, April 21: 6:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Number attending _____

Child care needed? _____

Please place this in the offering, or contact the church office

We need a few hearty souls to set tables at 5:30 pm

Please indicate if you are available to do this

YES NO

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