



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

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*Service of Worship
Celebration of Communion
May 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.*

The Fifth Sunday in the Season 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*

How great is your love, Lord God, how wide is your mercy! Never let us board up the narrow gate that leads to life with rules or doctrines that you dismiss; but give us a Spirit to welcome all people with affection, so that this church may never exclude secret friends of yours, who are included in the love of Jesus Christ, who came to save us all. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"O Sing to the Lord"

D. Pearson

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Meg Lentz

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

People: How good it is, how wonderful, to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

People: If Christ's disciples keep silent these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 288**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz

Leader: Holy God, maker of us all. Have mercy on us.

People: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor. Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life. Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

S. Africa

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

People: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: 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.

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

Welcome New Member: Lissa McKinley

Minute for Mission

Todd Webster

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2: 1-5

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Elder Cynthia Bolbach

“Breaking Through”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign tablets as a record of attendance

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

A. Wilson

“We Belong to the Earth”

Text attributed to Chief Noah Seattle

*** 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.**

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

A. Wilson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

Communion of the People

Music During Communion, accompanied by the FHC Steel Drum Band
“O Who Will Build the Church Now” Swahili song
“Halle, Halle, Halle” Caribbean song
Congregation, please sing refrain

Prayer after Communion
Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*
* **Closing Hymn No. 554**
“Let All Things Now Living”

- * **Commission and Blessing**
- * **Choral Benediction**
- * **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude* G. F. Handel
“Allegro” (Concerto in F)



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers
The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Dr. Richard B. Schenk by Rosaneil and their sons, Dr. Richard B. Schenk II and Christopher R. Schenk, and their families; by the members of Heather Circle in memory of Hazel Grant; and by Barb Lind in celebration of Kermit’s 70th birthday and his retirement from Cleveland Marshall Law School.

Prayer Concerns this Week
Prayers are requested this week for the following:
Bob Bielek, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, 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
Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn , Chuck Smith.

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY
Today’s Guest Preacher
We welcome Elder Cynthia (Cindy) Bolbach, moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the PC(USA). She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Va., and was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2010.

Cindy has been the clerk of Session for two churches: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in D.C., and at First Presbyterian Church, Arlington. Cindy most recently served as co-moderator of the Form of Government Task Force (2006-2010). She is a graduate of Wittenberg University (Ohio) and Georgetown University Law Center.

FHC Steel Drum Band
The communion song is accompanied by the newly-formed FHC Steel Drum Band. The “pans” were given in memory of Lamont Hansen.

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.

To All Current and Past IHN Volunteers

You're invited to a brown bag lunch after church today in Bodwell Hall for a chance to share and reflect on your experiences as an IHN volunteer. Do you have feedback about what you've enjoyed and what has been challenging? Has your experience led to deeper questions about homelessness and poverty? How does providing hospitality to IHN guests serve as an expression of your faith? As we come to the end of another host week, join us to reflect together in community about these questions and more.

Recital

You are cordially invited to attend the senior voice recital of Jaired Birks, baritone, this evening at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Jaired is an extraordinary young man who has sung in the Chancel Choir and Sine Nomine Choir for the last three years. He has also played in Voices in Bronze and the FHC Steel Drum Band, and is an Elected Leader on the Ministry of Justice and Mission. He plans to attend Ohio Northern University in the fall. Tonight is an excellent time to hear some wonderful singing, to thank Jaired for sharing his gifts, and to wish him well as he moves on to a promising future.

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 **John 14: 15-21**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nurturing the Spiritual Life in Families

What do you say when your child asks about God? How do you respond when your child asks about heaven? When is the best time to talk about life and death? Do you want to include more faith practices in your family, but need help in finding resources?

The Children's Ministry Team is offering a book discussion for parents, grandparents and any other interested adults as an opportunity to explore how to help nurture their Christian faith within families. Using two Sunday mornings, June 5 and 19, the group will meet before worship at 9:00 to explore the book ***Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children*** by Elizabeth Caldwell to help in answering these

difficult questions. Please contact Liz Wollaeger (church office or lizw@fhcpresb.org) or Laurie Logan (Laurie.logan@att.net).

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

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| Mary Ball, Deacon leader | Sue & Scott Lafferty |
| Doris Allen | Suzanne Marcy |
| Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal | Lissa McKinley |
| Dave & Chris Bell | Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski |
| Colleen Bloom and family | Clayton & Julie Minder |
| Jean & Scott Duncan | Ron Polderman & Carol Smith |
| Derek & Jane Duncan & family | Elizabeth Shaw |
| Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer | Jeff & Anne Smith |
| Kris & Bill Fay | Elaine Tapié |
| Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle | Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger |
| Bob & Pat Jeffreys | Paul & Katie Weissbrod |

Today's volunteers: Jack Lentz, Megan Muller-Girard (Coffee Hour); Betty Clark, Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Demo Solaru, John Cary (Greeters)

Social Groups and Circles

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

Calling all Pacesetters! Join us at the Zych house (2669 Edgehill Road, Cleveland Hts) on Saturday, May 28, at 6:30 pm for a night of serious silliness as we watch some of the funniest movies ever made! We'll be starting with Monty Python's "Life of Brian" and, after a short intermission, watch "young Frankenstein"! Be prepared to laugh, hoot and holler out the lines. Bring whatever movie food you like such as popcorn, peanuts and raisinettes and BYOB. This is not a dinner, but if you feel you couldn't possibly make it through the night only on junk food then by all means bring something more substantial!

RSVP to Beth at **CubbyO@aol.com** with "Movie Night" in the subject line or call (216)371-3381.

The Group (singles and couples 50s-70s)

Enjoy an evening with **Apollo's Fire**, "Plaine & Saucy," Tunes from the British Isles, at a concert on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 8:00 PM, at the **Baroque Music Barn**, on the SW Corner of Chagrin River Road & Shaker Blvd., in Hunting Valley. Tickets cost \$33.00 per person for **Section B General Seating**. Please order your tickets as soon as possible, as the program will soon sell out. Call 1-800-314-2535. When you say you are with the The Group, from Forest Hill Church, you will receive a 10% discount. Tickets can be mailed or will be available at "Will Call." We will plan to meet before the concert to be seated together. (Please let us know if you are attending!) For more information, go to <http://www.apollosfire.org/concerts/plaineand saucy11.html> . Questions? Contact Bob & Pat Jeffreys (216-381-2120, or bobpatj@aol.com). All are welcome!

Forest Hill Softball Teams Schedule

May 22 FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist, FHP #7, 6 pm
FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS, 6 pm

May 29 NO GAMES

Summer Choir

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 5 with a rehearsal at 9:30 am and worship at 10 am. All are welcome, including non-singing family members and babes-in-arms.

■■■ ***Youth News***

Today

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

Looking Ahead

Graduating Seniors: Graduation Breakfast: June 5, 9 am

■■■ ***The Lessons***

Next Sunday: Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21. 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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Congratulations

*To Youth Director Kristen Sloan
and
Brian Otte*

*Who were married yesterday, May 21, 2011
We wish you joy and fullness in your life together!*

■■■ *Calendar: May 22 - 29, 2011*

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| Sunday, May 22 LAST SUNDAY FOR ALL CLASSES 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir (party in the park) 10:00 Green Team meeting 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 Volunteer lunch (byo lunch) 6:00 FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist FHP #7, FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS 7:30 Jaired Birks: Senior Recital Monday, May 23 5:00 pm PWR Meeting (Rocky River PC) 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403 | Tuesday, May 24 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 Wednesday, May 25 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Session meeting Friday, May 27 9:30 am Al Anon Saturday, May 28 6:30 pm Pacesetters: Movie Night (Zych's) Sunday, May 29 10:15 Child care begins 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Teacher Appreciation 12:15 Coffee Hour Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY: OFFICE CLOSED |
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June 5: Summer Schedule begins

- 9:00 am Summer Bible Study
- 9:30 am Child care begins
Summer Choir (June 5 – July 31)
Summer Pathways (every other week, June 5 – Aug 21)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:15 am Coffee hour



HEAD OVER TO FOREST HILL PARK FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON JUNE 12 FOR AN ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL. NOT ONLY WILL MORAG WILL BE GRILLING UP BURGERS AND HOT DOGS, BUT BARB CLOUD WILL BE HOLDING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP. PLEASE BRING

- A POT LUCK SIDE DISH TO SHARE
- PLATES, SILVERWARE AND DRINKS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

THERE WILL BE GAMES AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!

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