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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

May 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

The Sixth 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*

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, we call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing. Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts. (Austin Fleming)

Welcome

Prelude

"Anthem"

P. Halley

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Janet Kickel

Leader: Let the sound of God's praise be heard;

People: **God, who has kept us among the living.**

Leader: We went through fire and through water;

People: **Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: Truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer.

People: **Blessed be God, whose steadfast love always accompanies me.**

*** Processional Hymn No. 332**

"Live Into Hope"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

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*) J. Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.*

Anthem D. Brubeck
"Jesus, Meet Us in the Center"

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

Teacher Appreciation *a list of all Christian education teachers is on p. 11*

*** Hymn No. 335**
"Though I May Speak"
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lessons 1 Peter 3: 13-22

After the readings
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Robin Craig
"TIKVA (Hope)"

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 trad., arr. J. Bell
"Go Silent Friend"
The choir sings this song in memory of loved ones and members of the armed forces.

*** 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*

*** Closing Hymn No. 343**
"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

C. Ives

Variations on “America”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers are given by Nancy and Bill Burcham in memory of Beth Burcham (Bill’s wife) and Dave Halkerston (Nancy’s husband); and by Phyllis and Nick Baumgartner in memory of their parents.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, 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

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.

The Choir

Today marks the end of the Chancel Choir’s singing season. The singers in this group generously dedicate more than 3 hours each week during the program year, and are to be commended for their loving commitment. Please thank a choir member today!

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Luke 24: 44-53**.

NEXT SUNDAY

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



Summer Choir

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 5 with a rehearsal at 9:30 am every Sunday before the 10 am worship service in July and August. The music is easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes in arms) are welcome to participate (or just sit with singing parents/spouses/significant others). No hot choir robes – just come as you are. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to sing in the Summer Choir at least once. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from “the other side.”

Family Ministry

The Children’s Ministry Team offering of a book discussion for parents is being postponed. More information on this opportunity to help nurture the Christian faith within your family will be available later this summer. Please contact Liz Wollaeger (lizw@fhcpresb.org) with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD



Head over to Forest Hill Park following worship on June 12 for an All- Church Picnic and Ice Cream Social. Not only will Morag 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!

For more information, contact Christina Hidek
(440-646-9093 or christina.hidek@gmail.com)

Mission Partner Field Trip: Home Repair Resource Center Tour

After worship on June 26, join us at the Home Repair Resource Center for a brief presentation of HRRC's work, vision for the future and the challenges that lie ahead, and a tour. HRRC is one of the organizations supported by FHC's benevolence funds, and FHC has a long history of members giving time as volunteers and staff of this organization. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 11:30 am, and the length of the presentation and tour will last no more than 45 minutes. If you wish, bring a brown bag lunch for fellowship and conversation after the tour concludes. HRRC is located at 2520 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121

Nursery

Looking to hold a baby? How about snack of animal crackers? Remember how much fun it was to build a tower of blocks....then knock it down? If this all sounds like a good time to you, then our nursery is hoping you will volunteer to help care for our babies and toddlers this summer. Please contact the church office or Liz Wollaeger
(lizw@fhcpresb.org) to sign up for a Sunday or two.

Social Groups and Circles

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 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!

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:

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

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Next Sunday

Graduating Seniors: Graduation Breakfast – June 5, 9 am

Looking Ahead

Save June 12 for the FHC Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53. 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 June” page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: May 29 – June 5, 2011*

<p>Sunday, May 29 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Teacher Appreciation 12:15 Coffee Hour</p> <p>Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY: OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 31 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36</p> <p>Wednesday, June 1 7:15 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>Thursday, June 2 7:00 pm NOAH mtg</p> <p>Friday, June 3 9:30 am Al Anon 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403: Strawberry Fest</p>	<p>Saturday, June 4 2:30 pm Wedding of Bethany Bell and Roger Hsu 8:00 pm The Group: Concert</p> <p>Sunday, June 5: Summer Schedule Begins 9:00 Senior Breakfast Summer Bible Study 9:30 Child care begins Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 10:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Patrick Janor Summer Pathways 11:15 Coffee Hour 12:00 Racial Conversation 6:00 FHC 1 vs Grace Lutheran, MMS FHC 2 vs Ch of the Saviour-A, FHP</p> <p>Sunday, June 12</p> <p></p> <p><i>at the shelter house in FH Park</i></p>
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To all 2010-11 Christian Education Teachers

Alisha Trammell
Amy & Chris Davis
Ann & Peter Williams
Barb Cloud
Barry Hartz
Becky West
Beth Feroe
Beth & Tom Zych
Carol Leslie
Cathy Ghiandoni
Chantal Miller
Chris & Dave Bell
Christina & Jason Hidek
Cindy Newton
Clover & Tim Beal
Consuelo &
 Roger Heineman
Daryl Musick
Deanne & John Lentz
Dele Solaru
Derry Stauffer
Diana &
 Martin Johannessen
Don Clark
Elaine Turley
Elizabeth Shaw
Elspeth &
 Richard Peterjohn
Hazel Grant



Jane Ishler
Jane Kowall
Jeannine Gury &
 Scott Peter
Jennifer Blakeney
Jenny Himmelman
Jill & Kevin White
Jill Roberts
Joanne & Dan Shaner
Julie Lustic
Julie Waring
Kara & John Schellenberg
Karen Loughridge
Kate & David Burleigh
Katie Weissbrod
Kathryn & Peter Eloff
Kate Monaghan
Katie & Matt Russo
Kristen (Sloan) Otte
Lara Troyer & Jeff Dyck
Laura Minder
Laura Steiner

Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard
Laurie & Keith Logan
Linda Rainey
Lisa & Jed Koops
Lora & Chuck Smith
Mary Hill
Michelle Jean-Mary
Molly Bergman
Pat & Jim Seeders
Peg Weissbrod
Robin Craig
Robin Mervine
Ron Register
Ron Schmidt
Sandy Schultz
Sarah & Matt Winters
Sharon Shumaker &
 Mark Chupp
Sue Lafferty
Susanne & David Peterjohn
Tori Weisberg
Tracey Long
Tricia Dykers-Koenig
Vikki Nowak & Todd Webster
Virginia Weiss
Wendy & Robert Brock

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.