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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

Celebration of Communion

August 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

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, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Pavan"

O. Gibbons

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Deanne Lentz

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One and bow ourselves down before God on high?

People: God has shown us what is good.

Leader: What does the Lord require of us,

People: But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn No. 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

Gracious God, we confess that we are disciples who expect people to fend for themselves and are afraid to take responsibility for others. We forget the blessings we have received at others’ hands and resist the common life to which you call us. O God, forgive us for hearing only what we want to hear, for underestimating your claim upon us and your power to change us, for pursuing goals that serve no greater good. Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share them gladly, and so be satisfied with the life you intend for us.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

J. S. Bach

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

Assurance of Pardon

*** Song of Praise**

“Shine on Me” *(refrain)*

Shine on me, shine on me; Jesus, shine on me.
Through the darkness of my heart, Jesus, shine on me.

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

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 58: 1-12
Matthew 25: 37-40

After the readings

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

*** Hymn No. 173**

“Psalm 23”

Sermon Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“A Dangerous Vacation”

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory arr. J. Bell

“Sing Out My Soul”

*** Response** Hymn No. 432

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

■ ■ ■ *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. Parker

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer *(please use debts, debtors)*

Communion of the People

Music During Communion C. Young

“In the Singing”

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

* Closing Hymn

“Bind Us Together”

Song here

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

“Voluntary in C Major”



H. Purcell

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Jim Manista and family in loving memory of Jean Manista, Jean’s mother, and Jim’s parents; and to the glory of God, by Jean Reinhold.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Doris Brandt, George Dean, Carl Eloff, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Peggy Sasso, Sharon Shumaker, Millie Skeivis, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Emma Jane Gibbs, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, 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.

Music Today

Many thanks to all who sang in the Summer Choir in June and July! Small groups are being formed to sing in August. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please contact Anne Wilson (216-321-2660 or annew@fhcpresb.org). Music leaders today are: Shelly Jesberger, Melody Obery, Jed Koops, Linn Obery, Kurt Haas, and Jaired Birks.

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1 – 6 in the fall, meets today at 10 am. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked **Hunger** will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

Softball

Last Sunday, the Forest Hill softball teams started the league's end-of-the-year tournament. Unfortunately the 1st team was eliminated in 2 games, putting five straight titles in jeopardy. However, the second team won three straight games to reach the championship game **today** at 5:30 in Forest Hill park.

The second team came back in their first two games to win. Scoring 4 late runs, they defeated Grace Lutheran in their opener, 10-8. Then member Neil Molyneaux keyed a late 7 run explosion in the second game with a 2 run single enroute to a 14-11 comeback win against Church of the Saviour. In the finale of the day, member Jason Hidek doubled and scored the go-ahead run, then made a diving catch and throw for a double play to end the game.

Join the team today for our run at our 5th straight championship!

Church Leaders Sought

Do you know members of the church who are faithful, gifted? Who have a heart to serve others, a head to figure out problems, a passion for justice, a love of education, a vision for worship, a knack for seeing the gifts of others, who cares for the building? Well, maybe members you know would make a good elder or deacon. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee with your ideas. We would love to hear them!

FHC Nominating Committee: Joanne Shaner, chair; Chris Davis, Robyn Hales, Elizabeth Shaw, Pat Seeders, Derry Stauffer, Joy Stang, Kevin Steiner

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 **Matthew 15: 21-28**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball End-of-Season Party

All past and present softball players and their families are invited to the 9th annual end-of-season party at the Hideks' on Saturday, August 13th at 4 pm. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, and lawn chairs. Rain or Shine! RSVP to Jason Hidek @ Jason.hidek@att.net.

Hospitality Opportunity at Home Repair Resource Center

Do you enjoy greeting others and sharing hospitality as an expression of your faith? Home Repair Resource Center in Cleveland Hts needs volunteer greeters to lend an hour or two per week to welcome guests to their center. Many guests carry shame and fear as they take the courageous first step to seek foreclosure counseling or other support at HRRRC. Can you give some time to be a brief presence of grace and welcome in their lives? Contact Laura Steiner at lauramsteiner@yahoo.com or 216-870-0119 if you are interested, and she will connect you with the agency director.

Building Justice - Add Your Bricks!

Volunteered for Family Promise last week? Spent time at the Portraits of Homelessness photo exhibit? Went on the youth mission trip? Remember to fill out a paper "brick" to document your contribution, and post it at the Justice & Mission kiosk as we "build justice" together throughout the year. Bricks are available in the pews and at the kiosk. Fill one out soon!

Social Groups and Circles

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

Come and join Jeanette and Bob Nemcek as the Lake Erie Crushers take on the Windy City Thunderbolts at All Pro Freight Stadium in Avon on Friday, Aug 19, 2011 at 7:05. It is Fireworks Friday! We have 30 tickets on reserve but we have to let the Crushers know our numbers by Monday, August 8. The tickets are \$9 each. If we have 20 or more, the price goes down to \$8. **Call or e-mail Bob Nemcek by Monday, August 8 at 216-702-8849 (Bob's cell, leave message) or rxbob@prodigy.net . Bob will confirm**

with an e-mail or a phone call. The Lake Erie Crushers are part of the Frontier League, an independent baseball league. They play at: All Pro Freight Stadium, 2009 Baseball Boulevard in Avon, Ohio.

Care Group

The Deacons are responsible for meeting members’ needs during August. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the leader.

✦ Members of the FHC Deacons are:

Debbie Adrine	Daryl Musick
Mary Ball	Cindy Newton
Jennifer Blakeney	Joy Stang
Cathie Kernich	Ahren Stock
Janet Kickel	Julie Waring
Robin Mervine	Nancy Wyss

Volunteers this Sunday: Debbie Adrine, Continental Breakfast; Cindy Newton and Cathie Kernich, Coffee Hour; Daryl Musick and Julie Waring, Greeters; Mary Ball, Flowers.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: All youth are invited to Richmond Mall for lunch and a movie (*Cowboys and Aliens*). Come for one or both! See Kristen before you leave the building today.
Thursday, August 11: Milkshakes at Tommy’s, 2 pm.
Next Sunday: Mid High trip to Wildwater Kingdom, leaving right after church.
Looking Ahead: Watch your email for late summer – early fall news, or contact Kristen Otte (Kristeno@fhcpresb.org).

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28. 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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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: August 7 - 14, 2011*

Sunday, August 7 9:30 Continental Breakfast 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP: Communion 11:15 Coffee hour 12:00 Youth: Lunch and movie at Richmond Mall 5:30 Softball @ FH Park	Thursday, August 11 2:00 pm Milkshakes at Tommy’s Friday, August 12 7:00 am TOWER deadline 9:30 am Al Anon Saturday, August 13 3:00 pm Wedding: Eric Moss and Lolita Bason 4:00 pm Softball Team family party (Hideks’)
Monday, August 8 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)	Sunday, August 14 9:30 Continental Breakfast 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Coffee hour 12:00 Mid High trip – Wildwater Kingdom
Wednesday, August 10 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Ministry Meetings	

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Matthew 25: 37-40

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011: REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011: FALL FESTIVAL