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Service of Worship
Celebration of Communion

September 11, 2011 at 11:00 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*

Gracious Lord, call us from the many distractions of life to this place and time. Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit, that we might be a community of welcome, hope, justice and joy. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and may our worship be blessed. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Chaconne in D Minor, Pt. 1"

Michael Ferri, violin

J. S. Bach

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Dave Bell

Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: The highest in all creation lives among the least,

All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now all who thirst.

All: And drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now all who hunger.

All: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now all who seek.

All: And be warmed by the fire of love.

*** Processional Hymn**

“Bring Many Names”
Please see music insert

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, you prayed from the cross for your Father to forgive those who were killing you. Grant us the courage to forgive those who harm us in our families, in our communities and in our world. Help us recognize our own need to seek the forgiveness from you and from others. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

J. S. Bach

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

Assurance of Pardon

***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

“Chaconne in D Minor, Pt. 2”

J. S. Bach

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

*** Hymn**

“Bring your best to their worst”
Song here

Scripture Lessons

John 2:1-11
Romans 14: 1-12

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Son of Mary’s Place”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign tablets as a record of attendance

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

J. S. Bach

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

*** 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. Parker

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

J. S. Bach

“Chaconne in D Minor, Pt. 3”

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

“For Everyone Born”
Please see music insert

* Commission and Blessing

* Passing of the Peace

Please be seated for the Postlude

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Chaconne in D Minor, Pt. 4”



Guest Musician

Guest violinist Michael Ferri is providing music for today’s service. Michael was born in Treviglio, Italy in 1995 and began his violin studies at the age of three. He currently studies with Paul Kantor at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He recently performed on NPR’s celebrated series *From the Top*, featuring America’s most outstanding young musicians. A winner of many local competitions, Michael has received scholarships to the Aspen Music Festival and School and was selected by the Women’s Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra to be the Alice B. Weeks Scholarship Recipient for 2009.

Michael will be weaving the music of Bach (Chaconne in D Minor) throughout the service. Johannes Brahms wrote about this work in a letter to Clara Schumann:

On one stave, for a small instrument, the man writes a whole world of the deepest thoughts and most powerful feelings. If I imagined that I could have created, even conceived the piece, I am quite certain that the excess of excitement and earth-shattering experience would have driven me out of my mind.

Michael will play this work as a memorial to the 9/11 victims.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn Wilk in memory of her mother, Cinderella Paradiso; and by Jenny Harper Himmelman in memory and in honor of 9/11 families, friends, and workers, and in memory of Nancy Harper, mother and grandmother, who would have turned 74 this year.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Nancy Burcham, Don Clark, George Dean, Carl Eloff, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Peggy Sasso, Sharon Shumaker, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Marilyn Oviatt, Joyce Peters, Millie Skeivis, 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

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. 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.

The Choir Season Has Begun!

The Descant Choir (grades 1-5) had its first rehearsal this morning at 9:30 and the Sine Nomine Choir (grades 6-12) will meet in the Chapel after worship. The Chancel Choir had its first rehearsal this past Thursday and Voices in Bronze (handbells) will begin next Thursday. Please call or email Anne Wilson if you'd like to join one of the choirs.

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 20: 1-16**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

An introduction to the Book of Exodus, by Dr. Tim Beal
Kerygma classes start September 25

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (single and couples, 60s-70s)

The Group will meet around 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 17 at Lopez on Lee for dinner. After dinner we'll head over to the Cedar Lee Theater to see the movie *Higher Ground*. Please let Marcia Grant (mgrant@us.edu or 216-831-2209) know as soon as possible if you will be attending.

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

The Pacesetters' Progressive Dinner has morphed into something a little different this year. We will still have the opportunity for good food, fun and fellowship at Anatolia's restaurant, 2270 Lee Road, between Cedar and Silsby, at 6:30 pm. We will then walk across the street to Sweetie Fry artisan ice cream and French fry place owned by our very own Keith Logan. Saturday, September 24th is Keith's GRAND OPENING and we will be a part of it! So put the date on your calendar and RSVP to Julie Lustic at jlustic@gmail.com. We will be in the party room at Anatolia's and although there is no charge for the room, they would like to see 20 people or more. See you there!

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will begin the year with a pot luck lunch at Carol Scott's (3380 Rumsen Rd, Cleveland Hts) at noon on Tuesday, September 20.

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during September. 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:

Joy Stang, Deacon leader	Genie Mast
Mark Chupp, Sharon Shumaker & family	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Lisa Chuppa	Jeanette Nemcek
Robin Craig	Vikki Nowak, Todd Webster & family
Chris & Amy Davis & family	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Margaret & George Sentell
Muriel & George Dean	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Val Flechtner	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Anne Taylor
Cathy & Don Ghiandoni	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Allen & Zivile Khoury	LeAnn West
Lisa & Jed Koops	Peggy Yeager
Laurie & Keith Logan & family	

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Rosanna Sprague (Continental Breakfast); Jeanette Nemcek, Joy Stang (Coffee Hour); Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Cathy Ghiandoni, Laurie Logan (Greeters); Joy Stang (Flowers).

■■■ Youth News

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

Thursday: Sr High Group Development @ Kristen's, 7:00 pm

Saturday: Car Wash! 10 am – 2 pm

Next Sunday: Fall Festival after worship – we have been asked to help with games and root beer floats.

Looking Ahead: Mid High retreat, September 23-25

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16. 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 September” page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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A Message from the Financial Office:
Dear Friends, Please keep your pledges current.
Our YTD expenses have exceeded our income by \$10,000 as of August 31st.
Your help is most appreciated.

Building Project Report

The Exterior Renovation Project will be completed this month. The front third of the parking lot was paved in August and the playground fence replacement is in process. The Lee Rd side of Fellowship Hall was landscaped last week which was made possible by the savings in interest. If payments continue to come in on an accelerated basis we will be able to do more of the landscaping.

Financial summary:
Total cost of project: \$680,000
Pledge payments received to-date: \$550,000

Current bank loan: \$130,000
The church is currently paying \$350 in interest each month. All payments received now will immediately reduce the church’s interest cost.

To-date 81% of the pledged amount has been paid. 60% of the pledges have been paid in full and another 30% have paid an average to 67% of their pledges. Thanks to all of you who have helped keep the financing cost low.

Elder David Hunter, project manager

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: September 11 - 18, 2011*

<p>Sunday, September 11 Fall schedule begins 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Children in Worship Little Explorers 12:15 Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir 12:15 Racial Conversation group 3:30 Out of Many, ONE: An Interfaith Remembrance on the 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 (at 200 Public Square) Monday, September 12 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon Boy Scout Troop #403 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Tuesday, September 13 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36: Dens Wednesday, September 14 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 5:30 pm Discernment Task Force 7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p>	<p>Thursday, September 15 7:00 pm Youth: Sr High Group Development @ Kristen's 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Friday, September 16 7:00 am TOWER deadline 9:30 am Al Anon Saturday, September 17 8:00 am Men's Group 10:00 am Youth: Car Wash 10:30 am Racial Conversation Design team 7:30 pm The Group: Dinner and Movie Sunday, September 18 8:00 Nominating Committee 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Walt Reed Children in Worship Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Fall Festival</p>
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FALL FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 18

KOMMEN SIE ZU OKTOBERFEST!

IT'S TIME TO GET OUT YOUR LEDERHOSEN! THE FOREST HILL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE OUR NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH AN OKTOBERFEST-THEMED LUNCH AND AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR ALL. JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFTS, POLKA DANCING, OOMPAH MUSIC AND GREAT GERMAN FOOD. WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE ALWAYS FUN CAKE WALK, AND ARE LOOKING FOR BAKERS TO PROVIDE A CAKE, PIE, COOKIES OR CUPCAKES. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH AND COME MEET FRIENDS OLD AND NEW, KICK OFF THE FALL SEASON, AND INDULGE IN SOME BEER (THAT'S ROOT BEER, AS IN ROOT BEER FLOATS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL DONATION).

EIN PROSIT! (A TOAST TO HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH)



Poems referred to in the course of the service

Prayers of the People

Jean Reinhold

It did not seem right to leave
the prayers of the people
on the lectern for someone to find later.
Two notes about death,
three more about needed healing,
one of hope, and a long scrawled message
about Tuscaloosa, Alabama,
the devastation there.
The prayers had been said already
to nodding heads and silence.
They were just dust on the air molecules now.
Specks and flecks on streaming light,
not really seen, but moving between us,
breathed in and out or whispered
or sung as lullabies.

But I could not leave them there,
even after the spoken prayers had been said.
The scraps of paper, the original words.
So I carried the notes out to my car,
and they sat in the passenger's seat beside me.
To Whole Foods, then with the bag
of muenster cheese and oven-roasted turkey.
To Home Depot, to the drive through post-office box,
even to the movies.
They sat alone for 112 minutes
as it started to rain.
Then I parked them for the night, went inside,
and watched TV, especially when the President
said we had killed the enemy. Yes, even then,
the prayers were in the car, while fraternity boys climbed
street poles and waved the flag
and people gathered outside the White House singing,
"America, America, God shed his grace on thee."

The next day the prayers rode beside me, first to school,
then from school, then to the gas station.
Just staring at me, with their death, their disease,
the tornado, and slice of hope.
Each prayer in a different print, some stiff and formal,
one in perfect school-teacher cursive,
one with the words sliding down the page.
I did not know what to do with them -- these six notes.
And their cousin prayers alight in me: for the country,
for the man who pulled the trigger, for the man who said
to send the troops in, for the man inside the president's suit.
I did not know what to do with these prayers,
for the thousands of boys with guns slung over their shoulders,
the woman sitting across from an empty chair
in Brooklyn, New York,
the man who cleaned the rubble
for months, the little girl -- pulverized by jet fuel
and a World Trade Center --
her body now just dusty sparkles
passing between us and across the continents,
from Manhattan to Aboottabad.

Mary's Place

Bruce Springsteen

I got seven pictures of Buddha, the prophet's on my tongue
Eleven angels of mercy, sighin' over that black hole in the sun
My heart's dark but it's risin', I'm pullin' all the faith I can see
From that black hole on the horizon, I hear your voice calling me.
Let it rain (7x)
Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have a party. Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have
a party
Tell me how do we get this thing started? Meet me at Mary's place.

Familiar faces around me, laughter fills the air
Your loving grace surrounds me, everybody's here
Furniture's out on the front porch, music's up loud
I dream of you in my arms, I lose myself in the crowd.

Let it rain (7x)

Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have a party. Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have
a party.

Tell me how do you live broken-hearted? Meet me at Mary's place.

I got a picture of you in my locket, I keep it close to my heart

A light shining in my breast, leading me through the dark

Seven days, seven candles, in my window's lighting your way

Your favorite record's on the turntable, I drop the needle and pray.

Band's countin' out midnight, floor's rumblin' loud

Singer's callin' up daylight, and waitin' for that shout from the crowd

Waitin' for that shout from the crowd. (5x)

Turn it up, turn it up, turn it up, turn it up, turn it up, turn it up, turn it up!

Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have a party. Meet me at Mary's place, we're gonna have
a party.

Tell me how do we get this thing started? Meet me at Mary's place.