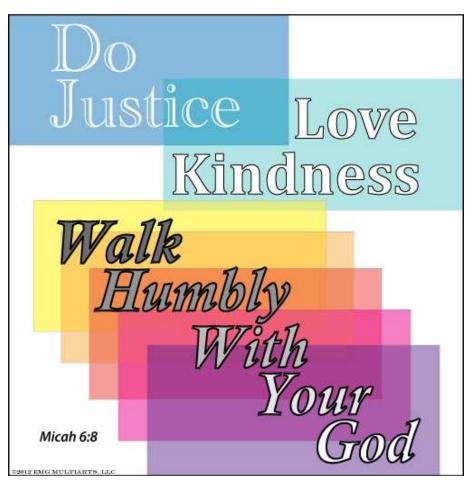
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# Service of Worship

## June 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

# ■ ■ Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Welcome

Prelude

"Anthem"

Paul Halley

■ ■ ■ Greeting Our God with Joy				
Call to Worship		Christina Hidek		
Leader:	The world belongs to God.			
People:	The earth and all its people.			
Leader:	How good it is, how wonderful,			
People:	To live together in unity.			
Leader:	Love and faith come together,			
People:	Justice and faith join hands.			
Leader:	If Christ's disciples keep silent			
People:	These stones would shout aloud.			
Leader:	Open our lips, O Lord,			
People:	and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.			
Leader:	Let us worship God!			

\* Opening Hymn No. 258

"Praise Ye the Lord"

# ■ ■ ■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

**Prayer of Confession** 

### **Elder Barb Cloud**

You require justice, but we are more concerned with accumulating than with giving away. You require kindness, but we are more apt to criticize, to judge and hold grudges. You require humility, but we often lose sight of who we are. Forgive us and restore us that we might find joy. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Merbecke

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■ ■ Affirming the Good News in Our Lives Assurance of Pardon

\* Rejoice, Hallelu (follow the director's lead)

Anthem

spiritual

■ ■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Hymn

"For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table" Please see p. 4

"Ride the Chariot"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn



#### Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John Lentz, Laura Steiner and Jed Koops "The Micah Initiative – Living into the Spirit"

## **Prayers of the People**

Elder Deanne Lentz

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Ritual of Friendship** 

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Rudolph Ascencio (Mexico)

"I Am the World's True Light"

\* Response

South African song

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Halleluya! We sing your praises.

All our hearts with gladness are filled. (x2)

Christ now sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt; Strong in faith, free of doubt; Tell to all the joyful Good News.

Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (x2)

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

## \* Closing Hymn



## \* Commission and Blessing

Postlude

spiritual

"The Animals" (a musical setting of the Noah's Ark story) Sonidos Dulces Please remain seated

\* Passing of the Peace

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Cover by Eric Muller-Girard

#### Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!

The beautiful new red paraments that graced the communion table for the first time on Pentecost, May 27, were created by Mary Ann Breisch in memory of Robert and Louise (Barney) Fuller, long-time FHC members. Their son Daniel and his wife Chris, who sings in the choir, are both active members. We rejoice in the lives of Robert and Louise and celebrate the gifts of Mary Ann. We now have paraments for every liturgical season. Deo Gratias!

# ■ ■ ■ Parísh Notes

#### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Virginia Mast in loving memory of her parents; and by Judy Hammer in loving memory of her husband David.

#### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

## Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron & Florence Klein, Kate Monaghan, Cindy Newton, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Ron Register, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach, Johanna Wilcott

### Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, 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

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, 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.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 206

■ ■ ■ Announcements

### TODAY

### 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.

#### The Micah Initiative

During today's service you will hear about the Micah Initiative, a new project of the Ministry of Justice and Mission to empower small group action around social justice and service opportunities. It is our hope that this project will support both the inward and outward faith journeys of participants, while bringing healing and love to broken places in the world. Look for the flyer after church with the details, and stop by the Justice and Mission kiosk in Fellowship Hall to discuss the process. The Ministry is looking forward to hearing your ideas and seeing the effects of your action in the world in the months ahead!

#### Instrumental Musicians Wanted!

Psalm 98 says "With trumpets and the sound of the horns make a joyful noise before the Lord." With this is mind, musicians of all ages, players of strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments are invited to perform in ensembles during worship services and other church-related events. If you are interested, contact Ahren Stock (h, 216.691.3758 or **astoc@hawken.edu**). Please provide your name, instrument, and years of experience on the instrument. We may perform as early as this month, so please respond quickly!

#### Today's Music

Many thanks to the Heights Alumni Barbershop Group (Sonidos Dulces) and the Summer Choir for leading the music today. The Summer Choir continues through June and July – consider giving it a try! There's a 25 minute rehearsal in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 am. The music is easy and dress is casual (no robes). All ages are welcome, and families are encouraged to sit together, both singing and non-singing (including babes in arms in either category). You'll enjoy singing and participating in worship from "the other side."

#### 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 **Mark 3: 20-35**.

#### NEXT SUNDAY Summer Pathways

Throughout the summer the children will be participating in workshops that explore the world as it was in the times that Jesus lived. Each Sunday will focus on a type of profession such as a metal worker, carpenter and seamstress or how things such as cooking and entertainment were done in Bible times. The workshops center on a Bible passage or story, then engage the children in connecting the story to the craft that will help the children understand the story as they experience the culture of the time. Summer Pathways dates are June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19.

### Early Christian Roots in Rome and Italy: an FHC Pilgrimage March 8 – 16, 2013

In 2009, FHC pilgrims journeyed through the Holy Lands of Israel and Palestine. In 2011, we followed in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Turkey and Greece. In 2013, we will explore the roots of the early Christian church in Rome and Italy. This eight-day trip will include six days in the extraordinarily beautiful city of Rome and the Tuscany region. The approximate cost of the pilgrimage will be \$4200, which will include air travel, fuel surcharge, all accommodations, most meals and all museums and exhibits. Exact itinerary and details may be modified. We can take 30 people – reserve your spot now!

There will be an informational meeting at 9 am on June 10 (before worship) in South Hall. Please contact Rev. Clover Beal if you are interested and for more information.

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## LOOKING AHEAD Pilgrimage to Washington DC

Interested in going to Washington DC on October 13-14? Information about the pilgrimage is available on line, in the Tower, and in the hallway. Reservations are due June 15. Contact Anne Smith (216-932-2932) or Barb Cloud (216-321-9112).

### Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during June. 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:

Ahren Stock, Deacon leader	Alice McKinley
Joan Bacon	Robin & Mel Mervine & family
Molly Bergman	Kate Monaghan
John & Patricia Borthwick	Margery Nokes
Ed Briskey	Linn & Melody Obery
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Barb Cloud	Bill Proudfit
Priscilla Colville	Ron Schmidt
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Sandy Schultz
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Betty Jo Jenkins	Vincent Taylor
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Bobbi van Dijk
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
Tom & Diane McFiggen	Dene Young

Thanks to the members of the Nazareth CARE Group for their work during May!

## **FHC Library Notes**

Are you looking forward to having a bit more time to read during the summer? Check out the FHC Library, located in the lower level of the Monticello Wing. The room itself is quiet and comfortable, perfect for browsing and reflecting, and the books are shelved in clearly identified categories. Periodicals of interest are also available. To check out a book, just sign the card - name and date - and drop it into the box by the door. If you currently have books from the library and have finished reading them, please return them promptly so that others may enjoy them.

## Social Groups and Circles

*The Group* (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

The Group will attend **Avenue Q** at Cain Park on Saturday, June 23. Contact Kathy Hanna-Stauffer (216-381-6599) for more information. The Group's summer outing to see the Lake County Captains will be Saturday, July 14 at 7 pm. Contact Jane or Chuck Ishler (216-382-7590 or <u>chasish@yahoo.com</u>) for tickets by July 1.

**Pacesetters** (singles and couples 50s-60s) Pacesetters will join the Group to see **Avenue Q** at Cain Park – see information above.

*Iris Circle* (all women of the church) Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 19 at noon at the home of Nancy Burcham for a planning session and potluck lunch. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905) until June 14, to Nancy after June 14 (440-446-0832).

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## ■■■ *Youth News*

Today: Today is the deadline for all summer trip money and paperwork!
Look for Kristen in Fellowship Hall after worship.
Next Sunday: Converge! at First Baptist Church
Looking Ahead: Mid High Mission Week begins June 11.

## **The Lessons**

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1; Mark 3: 20-35. 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

(<u>http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/</u>), and on the "Sundays in June" page of the **TOWER.** 

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## Summer Adult Education A Summer Study of the Prophets "God's Tough Love: Plain Speaking in Tough Times" Sundays, June 17—July 29 9:00 am, South Hall

God's word has great power to comfort and encourage; but it also has the power to challenge us to examine our lives and the life of our culture to see whether and to what extent God's will, and God's love, is the compass for and the fruit of our actions. This summer we will examine the writings of the Prophets (Jeremiah, Isaiah, Micah, Jonah, Amos....), Scriptures that speak to us in plain and sometimes uncomfortable ways from across 2500 years of human experience and our ongoing relationship with the God we claim to serve. Continuing our group discussion format, we will meet at 9:00 Sunday morning, before worship, beginning on June 17th and continuing through July 29 (or longer if folks want to!) and together unpack these great texts. This is Summer Bible study, so there will be no textbooks or study guides, just the writings of the Prophets and your own insights. The group is open to all levels of Bible experience, whether these texts are new and mysterious to you or you are looking for new insights on what you already know and cherish.

All are welcome. Facilitators: Tom Zych, Kathryn Eloff, Clover Beal

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#### Summer at FHC

9:00 Summer Bible Study: The Prophets (June 17 – July 29)

9:30 Child care begins

**Continental Breakfast** 

Summer Choir (June and July)

### 10:00 Worship

Summer Pathways (every other Sunday, beginning June 10) 11:00 Coffee Hour

### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## ■ ■ Calendar: June 3 - 10, 2012

Sunday, June 3		
Summer Schedule Begins	Friday, June 8	
9:30 Continental Breakfast	9:30 am Al Anon	
Child care begins		
Summer Choir	Sunday, June 10	
10:00 WORSHIP	8:00 Nominating Comm.	
11:15 Coffee hour	9:00 Pilgrimage to Rome:	
11:30 Exploring Membership class	Informational meeting	
5:00 Enough!	9:30 Continental Breakfast	
6:00 Softball:	Child care begins	
Church of the Saviour B,	10:00 WORSHIP	
FHP	Summer Pathways	
	11:15 Coffee hour	
Monday, June 4	11:30 Exploring Membership class	
6:00 pm Progress not Perfection	6:00 Softball: St Ann Parish,	
(AA)	MMS	
7:00 pm Al Anon	7:00 <i>CONVERGE!</i>	
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)	at First Baptist Church, Sh.	
	Hts.	
Wednesday, June 6		
7:30 am Bible and Bagels		
7:00 pm Session meeting		

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