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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

June 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Third 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 today's bulletin; 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*

Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*

*Now, O Lord, calm me into a quietness that heals and listens,
and mold my longings and passions, my wounds and wonderings,
into a more holy and human shape.*

Prepare my heart for worship this day.

Welcome

Prelude

Richard Shindell

"The Ballad of Mary Magdalene"

Kurt Haas, guitar

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 280**

"Amazing Grace"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Beal
Lord, grant us your peace, for we have made peace with what does not give peace.
Forgive our capacity to deceive and our willingness to be deceived.
Forgive our addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience.
Forgive our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create.
Forgive our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice.
In the name of Jesus, give us quiet courage to make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, and peace-making joyful. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* Merbecke

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

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Rejoice, Hallelu *(responsorial)*

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

Reception of New Members

- * Hymn No. 333
"Seek Ye First"

Scripture Lesson Mark 4: 26-34
After the reading
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz
"Listening to the Parable"

Prayers of the People

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 spiritual
"Down to the River to Pray"

- * Response South African song
Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (2x)
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. (2x)

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

- * Closing Hymn No. 398
"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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

* Please stand if you are able



Welcome Visitors!

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

■■■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Anona Stack in memory of Joseph Wenta; by Joe and Billie Little in loving memory of Bill and Verna Bidelman; by Peggy Skelly in memory of loved ones; and for Vikki Nowak as a blessed and happy birthday wish, from Nottingham Spirk.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Kate Kickel, Ron & Florence Klein, Mel Mervine, Kate Monaghan, Arlene & Jack Quinn, 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

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): 180

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Today's Music Leaders

Many thanks to today's music leaders: guitarists Kurt Haas and Dave Bell; trumpeters Ahren Stock, Nancy Lyon-Stadler and Scott Lafferty; trombonist Jim Roosa; the Summer Choir. Kurt Haas is leading the Summer Choir today; Ahren Stock is leading the FHC Brass Ensemble. Anne Wilson is away this Sunday and next, serving as conference organist, accompanist and workshop leader at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Conference on Worship and Music in Montreat, NC.

Welcome to These New FHC Members!

Bill Finn and Rachel Martinez-Finn

Bill and Rachel are joining by Letter of Transfer from their church in Buffalo, NY. Bill is CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. Rachel is an educator who is currently volunteering at 10,000 Villages in Cleveland Heights.

Chris and Kara Patterson (not present this week)

Chris works as a claims examiner for Workers' Compensation, and Kara is a full-time mom to their 2 children. She is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith; Chris will be baptized and accepted by Profession of Faith.

Charissa and Erik Peterson

Charissa and Erik are joining by Letter of Transfer from Fairmount PC. Charissa is a researcher at the Cleveland Clinic, and Erik is a graduate student at Case.

Marissa Sherman

Marissa is a graduate student at Case, and is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Julie Wolfram Smith

Julie is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Case. She is joining by Letter of Transfer from North Presbyterian Church in Slayton MN, where she and her husband Andy Smith were married last month.

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 4: 35-41**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education – Bible study, 9:00 in South Hall: The Prophets

June 24: **Hosea**, led by Tom Zych July 15: **Jonah**, led by Clover Beal
July 1: **Jeremiah**, led by Tom Zych July 22: **Micah**, led by Tom Zych
July 8: **Amos**, led by Kathryn Eloff

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir continues through June and July. 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. All ages are welcome – families are encouraged to sit together, singing with non-singing. Come enjoy participating in worship from “the other side”!

LOOKING AHEAD

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. 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

Micah Initiative, from the Ministry of Justice and Mission

The Micah Initiative is a new project to empower small groups to live out the words of Micah 6:8 to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." Seed funding is available for FHC members feeling called to action. We're already hearing some exciting ideas bubbling up!

Have an idea that you are considering? Need help finding a group or planning how to make an idea come to life? Want to apply for funding? Contact Laura Steiner (chair, Ministry of Justice and Mission, lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) or any member of the Ministry of Justice and Mission (Ron Register, Deanne Lentz, Barb Cloud, Christina Hidek, Jed Koops) for more information. Flyers and applications are available at the Justice & Mission kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

Social Groups and Circles

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 Nancy Burcham (440-446-0832).

Young Adult Group (singles and couples 22-35)

The young adult group is invited to Tim and Leigh Henderson's apartment for grilling and games on Friday, June 22 starting at 7 pm. Bring a dish or drink to share along with your favorite game. We have a backyard big enough to play corn hole or another yard game. The address: 12953 Cedar Road, 2nd floor (look for the yellow house obscured by a giant pine tree a few houses down from Grace Lutheran Church) RSVP: leigh@case.edu

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 (chasish@yahoo.com or 216-382-7590) for tickets by July 1.

FISH (singles and couples 35 – 55)

Calling all former (or wannabe) Fish group members (Fish group is for the 35-55 age group, or anyone else interested in joining). Come join us on June 29 at Laurello Winery in Geneva, OH for fun, food, fellowship, wine and great music. We will be arriving at the winery around 6 pm and music starts at 7 pm. We are hoping to renew interest in the group, and this is a great way to get to know each other. We will also discuss our suggestions for the year. Any questions, contact Laura Stauffer at laura.stauffer@case.edu. Hope to see you there! *(PS This is an adults-only event)*

Pacesetters (singles and couples 50s-60s)

Pacesetters will join the Group to see *Avenue Q* at Cain Park – contact Laurie Logan (laurie.logan@att.net) for more information.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Wednesday: Pre-Mission Trip gathering at Kristen's, 7 pm on June 20.

Looking Ahead: July 1: Cook-out at Kristen's

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41. 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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Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

<p>Sunday, June 17: Father's Day 9:00 Summer Bible Study 9:30 Continental Breakfast Child care begins Summer Choir Session and New Members meet 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 11:15 Coffee hour 12:00 Culture Camp set-up 6:00 Softball: vs Church of the Redeemer, FHP</p> <p>Monday, June 18 9:30 am Culture Camp 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, June 19 9:30 am Culture Camp 12:00 pm Iris Circle (at Nancy Burcham's)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 20 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 9:30 am Culture Camp 12:30 pm Bullshevicks (at Wellington's) 7:00 pm Youth: Mission Trip mtg</p> <p>Friday, June 22 9:30 am Al Anon 9:30 am Culture Camp 10:00 am TOWER collators 7:00 pm Culture Camp Fiesta</p> <p>Saturday, June 23 7:00 Pacesetters and Group: Avenue Q at Cain Park</p> <p>Sunday, June 24 9:00 Summer Bible Study 9:30 Continental Breakfast Child care begins Summer Choir 10:00 WORSHIP Summer Pathways 11:15 Coffee hour 6:00 Softball: Field tba</p>
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