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Service of Worship

September 16, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

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*

Happy are those
whose delight is in the law of the Lord.
they are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalm 1: 1-3

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 worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Robert Schumann

"Prelude in B Minor"

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Todd Webster

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: O come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 262**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Merbecke

■ ■ ■ *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

Shaker tune; arr. Kevin Siegfried

"Heavenly Display"

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

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

Romans 3: 21-31

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Inspiration No. 368

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"No Exception(alism)"

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

John Ferguson

"Speak, O Lord"

* 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. 440

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Henry Kuilken

"Musette"



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Joy Stang in memory of her husband Lou and in honor of her four children, Lou, Kevin, Cathy and Ken; and in memory of Johanna Wilcott, from friends.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Marilyn Gifford, Iris Gilbert, Barbara Harvey, Ron and Florence Klein, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, 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): 233

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Micah Initiative Brainstorming and Planning Meeting September 16 in Bodwell Hall after worship

If you have a Micah Initiative project idea or would like to hear about or participate in projects that are in the works, please join us for a light lunch and a time of sharing ideas, prayer, and planning together.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Romans 4: 1-25**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 am

The small-group study of Romans begins on September 23.

Brief Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the congregation next Sunday, September 23, immediately after worship to elect Kermit Lind to serve as Elder on the Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation, and Barbara Cloud and Carol Leslie to serve as Deacons. They will be ordained/installed on September 30 during worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Harvest Festival, September 30

Please see insert

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:

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

Today's CARE Group volunteers: The Muller-Girard family, continental breakfast; Rosanna Sprague and Allan Khoury, greeters; Joy Stang, coffee hour; Zivile Khoury, greeting card table.

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

On Sunday, October 7 the Hilltoppers will meet for lunch at New Heights Grill at 12:30, then go to the Suburban Symphony concert at University School Lower School at 3:30. Please contact Jean Seeley (216-321-3042) or Nancy Grube (440-461-4693) for reservations or more information.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet this Tuesday, September 18 at noon for a potluck lunch at the home of Karen Loughridge (34116 Chagrin Blvd, #9101, Moreland Hills 44022). We will discuss plans for care packages for college students and look at our schedule for the rest of the 2012-2013 program year. Please call Karen Loughridge (216-831-1759) for more information.

■ ■ ■ ***Youth News***

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

Next Sunday: Presbytery Youth Outing, September 23, 2-5 pm

■ ■ ■ ***FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions***

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■ ■ ■ ***The Lessons***

Today's Scripture

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Romans 3: 21-31

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he

not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Next Sunday: Romans 4: 1-25 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 are on our Web site (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>) and in the TOWER.

■■■Calendar: September 16 - 23, 2012

Sunday, September 16

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 Budget Committee meeting
 10:00 Cherub Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 Cherub Choir rehearsal
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Micah Initiative meeting
 Student Leadership Team mtg

Monday, September 17

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 pm Iris Circle
 (at Karen Loughridge's)
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 am **TOWER** collators
 12:30 pm Bullshevick's
 (at Burgers 2 Beer on Wilson Mills Rd.)
 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club

Thursday, September 20

6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 21

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Sunday, September 23

8:30 Nominating Committee mtg
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 10:00 Cherub Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Congregational Meeting
 12:30 Coffee Hour
 Sine Nomine Choir
 2:00 Presbytery Youth Outing

Fall Harvest Festival

September 30, 2012

Our annual Fall Festival will begin with food, followed by

- Games
- Root beer floats with Sweetie Fry ice cream
- Scavenger hunt game
- Cake Walks
- Guess the number of candy corns in the jar
- Pumpkin painting
- Children's games and crafts

Join us for an afternoon of family fun.



Donations are needed for the Cake Walk

Please bring cakes to Fellowship Hall before worship on

September 30