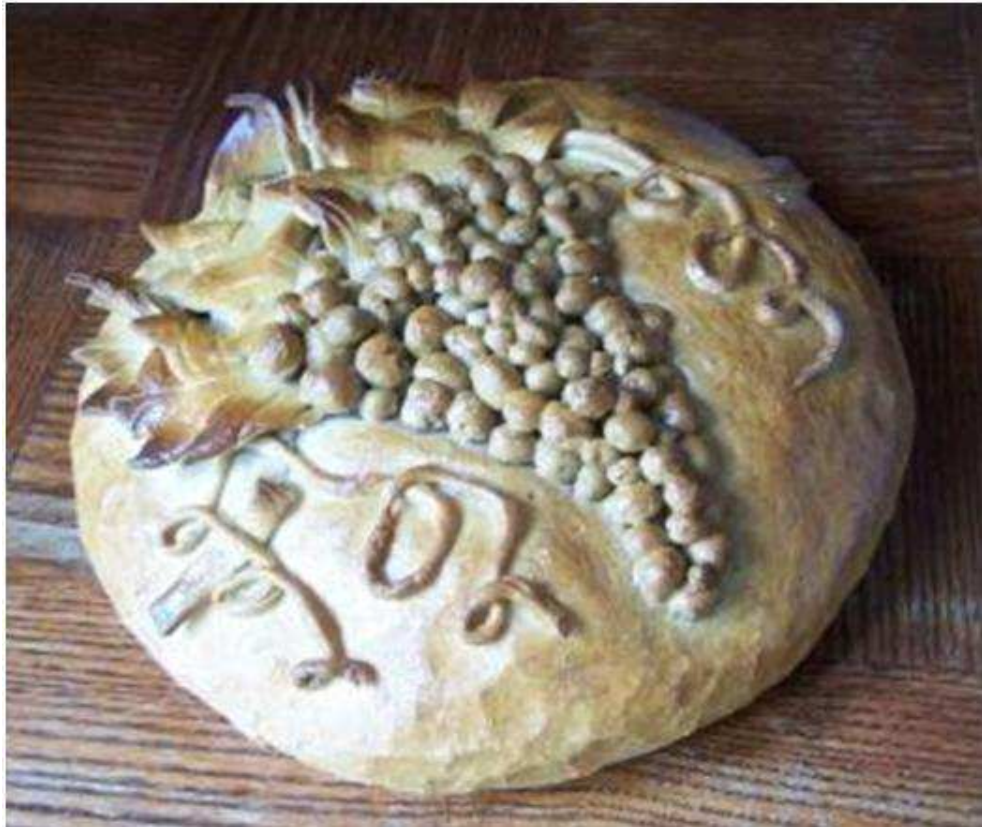


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Service of Worship
February 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in the Season of Lent
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Lord Jesus Christ, you called us to be disciples. In all that we do, save us from false familiarity with your journey. May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small enough to fit into our own, and to walk in love and wonder behind you. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Speech Chant (from Galatians 5) and Cherokee Song
Descant Choir

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Gary Sampson

Leader: O Christ of the least and the homeless,

People: O Christ of the lost and betrayed,

Leader: Come close to us this day,

People: that we may come close to you.

Leader: As you watched us with care at our soul's shaping,

People: Look on us now with grace.

Leader: As you blessed us with light at the sun's rising,

People: Shine on us now with love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 370**

“Just As I Am”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

People: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things; Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all; Lord, deliver us.

People: From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere; Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference; Lord, deliver us.

People: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice; Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity; Lord, deliver us.

People: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved; Lord, deliver us.

Leader: For everything in us that may hide your light,

People: O God, light of life, forgive us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

*** Response**

Come, O come and fill this temple

Fill this temple with the glory of the Lord (2x)

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

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Luke 22: 19-20

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

"You Gotta Eat!"

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Kurt Bestor

"Prayer of the Children"

Cleveland Heights High School Barbershoppers

*** The Response**

Hymn No. 428

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

■ ■ ■ *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

Jonathan Dimmock

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Iceland trad., arr. Robert Ottosson

"God Grant That in My Mother Tongue Thy Gospel May Be Sounded"

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, we thank you for offering yourself to us this day in this sacrament. May we now offer our first fruits and our best selves to your service as we serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 504**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

* **Commission and Blessing**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

spiritual

"Ride the Chariot"

Please remain seated for the sung postlude

* **Passing of the Peace**



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!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Alan Scott Cameron.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Ellison Chapman, Bill Currie, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Charles Sawyer, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor, Elaine Tapié.

This Month's Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 287

Congratulations to Barry Hartz, who received the Outstanding Music Educator Award last week at the Ohio Music Education Association conference in Columbus. Barry was chosen after being nominated by a colleague; dozens of current and former students as well as colleagues and professors wrote letters of support to honor Barry's outstanding teaching career.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Heights High Barbershoppers

Many thanks to the Cleveland Hts High School Barbershoppers for enriching our worship today with their singing. This group, under the direction of Craig McGaughey, recently returned from Orlando, Florida, where they placed 4th in a national barbershop-singing competition.

Black History Month programs: Sundays from 12:15 – 1:30 pm

February 17: Movie: "Slavery By Another Name" (PBS)

February 24: Book: ***The Faces at the Bottom of the Well***, by Derrick Bell

THIS WEEK

Women's Lenten Worship Service

February 19, 7:30 pm, Chapel

All women are invited to a contemplative Lenten worship service to encounter stories of Jesus' interactions with women from the Gospel of Luke, to hear poems by the poet Mary Oliver, and to lift our voices in song. Come, be filled by the Spirit's presence to prepare your heart and mind for Lent.

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 **Luke 13: 31-35**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Lenten series: "Suffering and the Crisis of Faith"

February 24:

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LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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:

Julie Waring, Deacon leader	Morag & Tom Keefe
Jon Adams & Pam Conover	Elizabeth Kosnik
Katie & Chris Batcheller	Karen & Clyde Loughridge
Dick Bloomquist	Bethany & Joe Pinzone
Carole Boyd	Ron Register
Clarence & Elsie Boyd	Jean Reinhold
Chris & Rhonda Chapman	Baldwin Sawyer
Kay & Bill Currie	Mollie & Dick Secor
Peter & Kathryn Eloff	Laura & Kevin Steiner
Sharon Hansen	Dorothy Turick
Jenny Himmelman & family	Carolyn Vrtunski
Joan Kandare	Mark & Julie Waring & family
	Beth & Tom Zych & family

Earth Day 5K Run

Can you volunteer for the City of Cleveland Heights' Inaugural Earth Day Run and Walk on April 24, 2013 at 6:45 pm in Forest Hill Park? If so, please call Dee Marsky (contact the church office for her number).

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid high and confirmation classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sr highs are invited to attend Adult Education

Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship

Next Sunday: Dinner Auction, February 24, 6 pm

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 22: 19-20

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Next Sunday: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 13: 31-35. 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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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From the Black History Month committee: Did you know that...

- ✦ the slave ship **Sally** was owned by Nicholas Brown and Company, a Providence merchant firm run by four brothers – and that profits from their participation in the Triangle trade endowed Brown University?
- ✦ Quakers in Germantown, PA made a formal protest denouncing slavery as early as 1688?
- ✦ A 1651 report gives evidence of Anthony Johnson, a free black living in Virginia who received a grant of 250 acres of land and imported five servants?

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: February 17 - 24, 2012*

Sunday, February 17

9:00 Child care begins
Empowered Parenting class
9:30 Adult Education
Youth Education; Confirmation
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
Little Explorers
Children in Worship
12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir
Blood pressure check
12:30 BHM: movie
"Slavery By Another Name"
5:00 Faith Leader
"Career and Calling" class

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day: Office closed

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

Tuesday, February 19

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36
7:30 pm Women's Lenten Worship

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
10:00 am TOWER collators
12:30 pm Bullshevicks
7:00 pm Session meeting
7:30 pm Confirmation Bible study

Thursday, February 21

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

Friday, February 22

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday, February 23

9:00 am CEIRS class: Fr. George Smiga
Deacon training
Min. of Stewardship retreat

Sunday, February 24

8:30 Nominating Committee
9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult Education
Youth Education; Confirmation
Descant Choir
10:00 Cherub Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP: AWE – Inlet Dance Co.
Little Explorers
Children in Worship
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Coffee Hour
12:30 BHM: Book Discussion –
The Faces at the Bottom of the Well
5:00 Faith Leader
5:40 Labre Project
6:00 Dinner and Auction

FHC Lenten Programs

Worship

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7:30 pm, Chapel

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Songs for the Wilderness: A contemplative, participatory worship service Wednesday, March 13 at 7 pm

This will be a Taizé-inspired service fostering contemplation of our relationship with our Awesome God. Take this opportunity to draw apart into God's presence to draw strength amidst life's challenges, as Jesus did. Rev. Michelle Jean-Mary and Jennifer Blakeney will be worship leaders.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:30 Dinner (tentative), 7:30 Worship

Adult Education: Suffering and the Crisis of Faith **February 17 and 24**

Elder Tom Zych, "Is God Really Good? God's Justice amid Our Suffering"
We will take a mature, honest, unsentimental look at whether God can be omnipotent, omniscient and just at the same time, and ultimately address the question "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?" or, more to the point, "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Me (when all those schnooks have all the fun)?"

March 3: Tim Beal, Ph.D. “Job and the Problem of Pain,” Part I

March 10: Film: “Through a Lens Darkly: Grief, Loss and C.S. Lewis”

Grief doesn’t have to feel like fear. Those facing personal devastation can find a path to healing. In this film, ordinary people touched by significant loss but who have also begun their journey to recovery share their thoughts on the timeless wisdom of C.S. Lewis’s most personal and reflective book, *A Grief Observed*. This film uplifts the soul.

March 17: Elder Chris Henry: “My Journey with God through Suffering”

Chris will speak personally about the suicide of her young adult son ten years ago. She will share her remarkable journey from profound grief toward healing and recovery through her experience of God’s partnership in her suffering.

March 24: Tim Beal, Ph.D., “Job and the Problem of Pain,” Part II

Lenten Dinner Program: Wednesday, February 27

6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper; 7:15 pm Lecture and discussion

Anger toward God: A Response to Suffering

Julie J. Exline, Ph. D.

Associate Professor of Psychology

Case Western Reserve University

Continuing with our Lenten series on “Suffering and the Crisis of Faith,” Dr. Exline’s talk will give a brief overview of the topic of anger toward God. Although such anger is common, the topic is often veiled in secrecy and fear, leaving people isolated if they experience such feelings. The presentation will identify situations in which anger toward God tends to arise, as well as certain thought patterns, family background factors, and personality styles that make such anger more likely. Controversial issues

will be raised, such as the question of whether anger toward God is morally acceptable and the finding that some nonbelievers report anger around the idea of God. Strategies will also be presented to help people cope with anger toward God.