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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 2, 2013 at 10:00 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*

*Let thy resurrection light radiate all our worship this day by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to know ourselves as men and women who have been made new. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

Felix Mendelssohn

"Duo for Two Clarinets"

Carolyn Holt and Ann Marie Falcone, clarinets

### ■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **Call to Worship**

Elder Tom Zych

Leader: Thanks be to you O God that you have called us to this day.

**People: May it be a day of blessing and a day of new beginnings.**

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, this day.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### **\* Opening Hymn No. 469**

"Morning Has Broken"

## ■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move towards us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### Time of Silent Confession

### Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Anne Wilson

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

### Assurance of Pardon

### \* Response

Paul Vasile

### "Glory to God"

3 Glo-ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

6 Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has

8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

### Anthem

Anne Wilson

### "O Gracious Light"

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

## **Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Romans 5: 1-5

*After the reading*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Hymn No. 350**

*"Fill My Cup"*

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

*"A Walk in the Park"*

### **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**

Rodolfo Ascencio (Mexico)

*"I Am the World's True Light"*

**\* 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. 372**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**■ ■ ■ *Postlude***

J. S. Bach

*"Prelude in B-flat"*

*\* Please stand if you are able*



***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!

## ■ ■ ■ *Community 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:**

Grant Acord, Connie Biddinger, Jennifer Blakeney, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Pat Chase, Virginia Colville, Joanne Dawson, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Jim Gormley, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Robert Sacha, Charles Sawyer, Adele Skogman, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, 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; 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: 184 (plus car-washers in the parking lot)**

## ■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

#### ***Congratulations, Graduates!***

Today we recognize the young adults of Forest Hill who are graduating from high school and college this spring:

#### **High School Graduates**

- Seth Beal** Graduate of Shaker Heights High School  
Attending Denison University
- Emily Brock** Graduate of Cleveland Heights High School  
Attending Cleveland State University
- John Cary** Graduate of Berea High School  
Attending Vanderbilt University
- Caty Himmelman** Graduate of Lake Catholic High School  
Attending College of Wooster
- Emily Klein** Graduate of Cleveland Heights High School  
Attending Ohio University

#### **College Graduates**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Eileen Dise</b>           | New York University      |
| <b>Sophie Beal</b>           | Mount Holyoke College    |
| <b>Elena Juodicius</b>       | Allegheny College        |
| <b>Amanda Mervine</b>        | Mount Union College      |
| <b>Lauren Newton</b>         | Tulane University        |
| <b>Dana Obery</b>            | College of Wooster       |
| <b>Mia Pollock</b>           | Miami University of Ohio |
| <b>Sarah Smith-Polderman</b> | College of Wooster       |
| <b>Alexis Smith</b>          | Ohio University          |

## **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 Hts Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

### **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 lessons this week are **1 Kings 17: 8-16; Psalm 146; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Summer Choir***

The Summer Choir meets in 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”!

#### ***Adult Education – Bible study, 9:00 in South Hall***

Come join a study of prayers in the Hebrew scriptures, led by Tom Zych.

#### ***Summer Pathways***

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1-6 in the fall, will meet next Sunday.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### ***Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program***

Are you interested in learning more about the Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program? Faith Leader is a 28-week small group spiritual formation experience that encourages a deepening relationship with God. Nearly 60 "beloved children of God" have participated and had the experience of enriching their lives and faith through this unique and often transforming program. We will begin our eighth group in the fall and invite anyone who is interested in learning more or being considered for the program to contact Rev. Clover Beal or Laurie Muller-Girard.

### ***Care Group***

The Jordan 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:

Debbie Adrine	Jon Newton
Betsy & Joe Andrews	Linda Rainey
Chessie Bleick	John & Kara Schellenberg
Dale & Elaine Dannefer	& family
Sally Davis	Jim & Pat Seeders
Ralph & Kathy Dise	Dalma Takacs
Ron & Marcia Grant	Grace Uhle
Roger & Consuelo Heineman & family	Tori Weisberg & family
Dorothy Herd	Pat & Ray Weissbrod
Carl Jenks	Becky & Brian West & family
Ellen McChesney	Marilyn Wilk
Neil & Kathy Molyneaux	Diana Woodbridge

### ***Labre Ministry***

The FHC Labre Ministry group partners with the Salvation Army canteen on June 9 to deliver meals, hygiene kits, blankets, clothes and fellowship in East Cleveland. Donations may be placed in the Labre donation basket in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Mary Ann or Jack Breisch.

### ***Social Groups and Circles***

#### ***The Group (60s – 70s)***

The Group will meet on Saturday, June 15, at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's family cottage in Madison-on-the-Lake at 3 pm to enjoy the view of Lake Erie & swimming, if desired (weather permitting), followed at 5:30 pm by a potluck supper (Stauffers will provide the meat). At 8 pm we will see the Rabbit Run Theater production of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." Tickets are \$22 (or \$17 if we have at least 20 people). RSVP to Kathy Hanna-Stauffer for ticket reservations and directions to the cottage and to the Rabbit Run Theater. All are welcome!

#### ***The Back Row (30s-40s)***

“Appy” June! Come to the Hideks’ at 5 pm on June 15, bring the kids and an appetizer, main dish or dessert, and a suggestion for your favorite (life-changing) App (iOS, Android, iPad etc). RSVP to Christina Hidek.

### **■ ■ ■ *Youth News***

***Today:*** Graduate Recognition and Farewell to Kristen

***Next Sunday:*** Stockholders’ Reception, 11:30 am

## ■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

### **Today's Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**Next Sunday: 1 Kings 17: 8-16; Psalm 146; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17** As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons.

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

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## ■■■Calendar: June 2 - 9, 2013

### **Sunday, June 2**

#### **Summer schedule begins**

8:15 Nominating Committee  
 9:30 Child care begins  
 9:30 Continental Breakfast  
       Summer Choir  
 10:00 WORSHIP  
 11:15 Coffee Hour  
       Health Fair Team meeting  
 11:30 Exploring Membership Class  
 6:00 Softball vs Church of the  
       Saviour, RMS

### **Monday, June 3**

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

### **Tuesday, June 4**

6:00 pm OSU Extension  
       Garden Workshop  
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36

### **Wednesday, June 5**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

### **Friday, June 7**

9:30 am Al Anon meeting  
 3:00 pm Summer: office closes  
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403:  
       Strawberry Festival

### **Saturday, June 8**

9:00 am Racial Groups meeting

### **Sunday, June 9**

9:30 Child care begins  
 9:30 Continental Breakfast  
       Summer Choir  
 10:00 WORSHIP  
 11:15 Coffee Hour  
       Stockholders' Reception  
 11:30 Exploring Membership Class  
 6:00 Softball vs Grace Lutheran,  
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## ■ ■ ■ **Mobile Health Fair Coming to FHC**

On Saturday, June 22, 2013, Forest Hill Presbyterian Church will sponsor a health fair as part of our Synod's Mobile Health Fair Ministry. Each attendee will receive a health kit. Below is a list of what we need to assemble these kits. We encourage you to be part of this effort either by contributing items for the kits or by making financial donations. For financial donations, write "Health Fair" on the memo line of your check. Place all donated items in the labeled container in Fellowship Hall. Direct questions to: Elspeth Peterjohn: (216) 991-0424 / [elspethpj@earthlink.net](mailto:elspethpj@earthlink.net) or Lorraine Ranchod: (216) 848-3333 / [laranchod@gmail.com](mailto:laranchod@gmail.com)

All items must be new & unused, in original packaging when possible, and full-sized:

Toothpaste	Chapstick	Soap
Toothbrush	Sunscreen (minimum SPF	Shampoo
Dental floss	15)	Washcloth
Comb	Eye Drops (non medicated)	Feminine Products
	Sunglasses	Deodorant

### ***Please bring donations by June 16***

If you want to assemble a full kit that would be lovely, but we encourage you to donate any number of any of the above-listed items. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted.

### ■ ■ ■ ***The Stewardship Ministry wants your thoughts and opinions!***

We have created a brief survey that you can take online anonymously to tell us about your thoughts and opinions regarding stewardship, tithing and other aspects of charitable giving. What we learn from this survey will help us craft the most effective stewardship campaign for the Church this fall. We estimate the survey will take no more than 10 minutes and your responses will be anonymous and only viewed in aggregate by the Ministry members and Elders.

The survey will only be available until June 15 so we urge you to take it promptly. Printed copies are available in the foyers if you prefer.

To take the survey, go to the following URL:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ForestHillChurchStewardshipSurvey>**

### ■ ■ ■ ***Pentecost Offering Update***

\$1,136 was collected May 19 from the Pentecost Offering, with 60% designated to Sophie Beal and 40% going to our neighborhood school Boulevard Elementary. Sophie Beal was chosen by PC(USA) to work one year as a Young Adult Volunteer in Atlanta. Sophie will be joining over 70 other young adults serving at 16 different sites in the United States and around the world. Sophie is expected to raise \$3,000 herself in this endeavor and with the Pentecost offering and an additional Benevolence grant, Forest Hill Church will be supporting Sophie with \$1,500.

The other 40% of the Pentecost Offering is designated to Boulevard School to assist families in non-academic but essential ways to support the academic success of the Boulevard students. The Boulevard social worker, Karen Allen, has given us a summary of the way our donations have been used this year.

Thank you, again, for your gracious support!

Justice & Mission Ministry

## **Boulevard School Update 2013**

I am happy to update you about Boulevard School and how Forest Hill Church's generous contributions have assisted our students this year.

The school supplies that you donate are absolutely needed as many of our families cannot afford school supplies for all of their children. The students are thrilled that they can have new supplies and teachers are thrilled because the cost doesn't have to come out of their own pockets. Hats and gloves, socks and underwear were again purchased this year as were alarm clocks and bus passes.

One of our older students and his mother were staying with one of his older siblings in Cleveland because there was no heat in their house. This was a temporary situation until mother could get the money together to pay the heating bill; however she did not have a car or money to get him back and forth to school on RTA. Due to your financial assistance we were able to give the mother some bus passes so that she could get him back and forth to school each day. He had missed several days of school and once given the bus passes he got up at 6:00 and he and Mom or brother caught a bus and he was at school by 8:00, in time to get breakfast. Without this assistance he would have missed a lot of instruction.

Your holiday angel program provided Christmas gifts for eight families and 26 children. When we went to deliver the gifts, one of the single Dads got all choked up and clearly was holding back tears. It was quite moving.

This is the ninth year that you have generously and kindly assisted our students who live in this neighborhood. Although there may be as much or more need in Cleveland and East Cleveland, it is wonderful that you have chosen to connect with your own local neighborhood school. I live nearby and have been a school social worker in the CH-Uh district for 13 years; the amount and the depth of the poverty that exists here continues to surprise even me. Within a three week period this year, without even trying, I became aware of 10 children in three different families at Boulevard who did not have

beds to sleep in. One of the families was essentially homeless and had doubled up in a home with relatives for several months until they could get their own place. The kids were sleeping on couches and the floor and were living in a home with 15 or 16 people. Another family recently moved and didn't take the mattresses with them because they had "bugs." Those children were making tents with blankets and said they were camping out in their new home. Although they weren't sleeping well, they did seem to be having fun, as kids will do, and the mother had tried to make it OK for them.

In the future it would be helpful to have funding that would allow me to buy some air mattresses. They are portable and for some of the homeless families or some of the families that move a lot this would provide temporary bedding until they can get beds and mattresses. As you well know, when children do not sleep well they tend to be tired, cranky and difficult. It is definitely difficult for them to learn.

Every year, we use the money a little differently. It just depends on the needs of that particular year. What I think is most important is that the students at Boulevard have come to trust that if they have a need, we will do our best to help them. Many times that help is really due to the help that Forest Hill Church provides.

Thank you so much for making our children's lives better and helping them have what they need to succeed academically.

Karen Allen, LISW  
Blvd School Social Worker, CHUH



One of our own, Peter Manista (son of Jim Manista), has been released from prison in California. As he starts his new life, perhaps you would like to write him and wish him well. Remind him that he is a beloved child of God and part of the Forest Hill family. You may write him by sending a card to the church and we will forward it on to him.

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