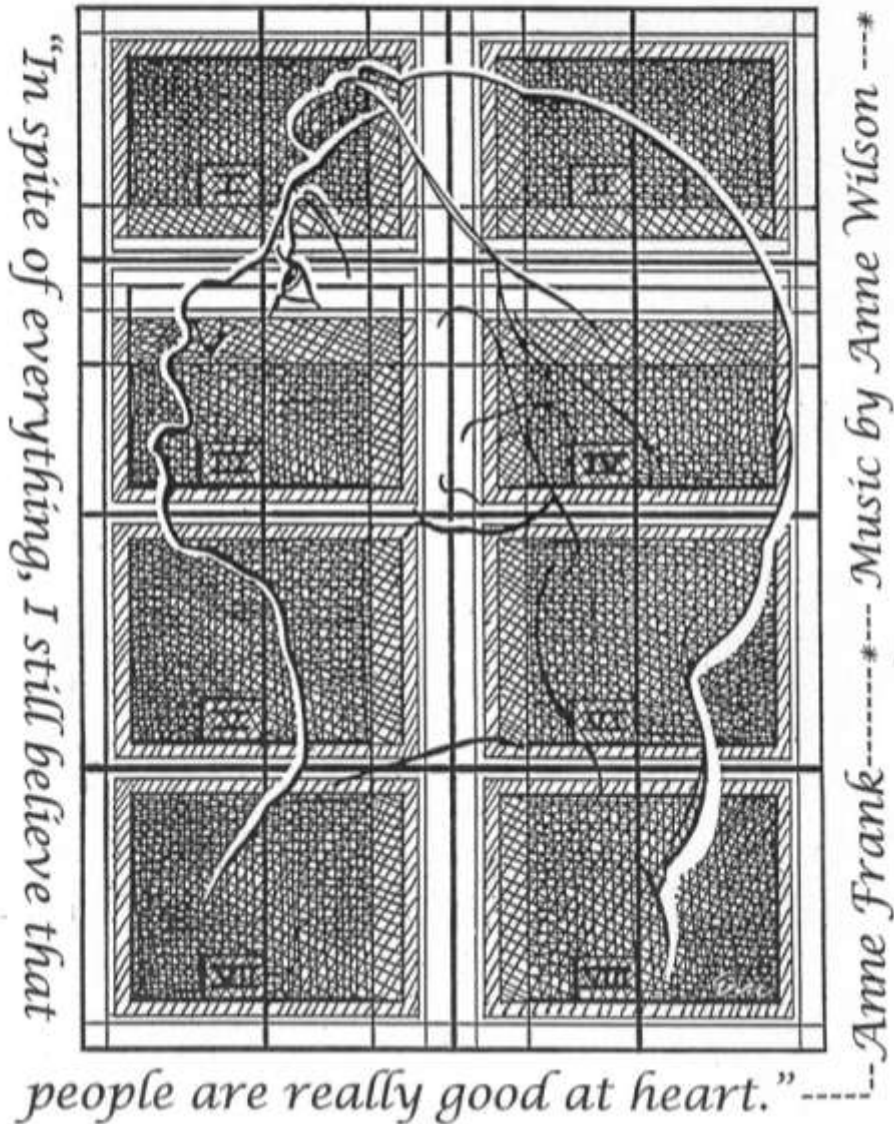


# *Song of Hope*



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*Service of Worship*  
*March 16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.*  
*Second Sunday in the Season of Lent*  
*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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin;  
hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship;  
and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

**Prayer of Preparation**

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Janet Kickel

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

People: **Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, in singing!**

Leader: For the Lord has comforted us;  
God has compassion on all who suffer.

People: **Like a woman with her nursing child,  
God holds us all with compassion and gives us all we need.**

Leader: Let us worship our God!

***Song of Hope***

**"In spite of everything, I still believe that people  
are really good at heart."**

**(Anne Frank, 1944)**

*Commissioned by members and friends of Forest Hill Church, 2003*

*Music by Anne Wilson (2004)*

***Please hold all applause until the end***

## **Prologue**

### **I. Masses (from Chicago Poems)**

Carl Sandburg (American poet 1878-1967)

Among the mountains I wandered and saw  
    blue haze and red crag and was amazed;  
On the beach where the long push under the endless tide maneuvers,  
    I stood silent;  
Under the stars on the prairie watching the Dipper slant over the horizon's grass,  
    I was full of thoughts.  
Great men, pageants of war and labor, soldiers and workers,  
    mothers lifting their children—  
    these all I touched, and felt the solemn thrill of them.  
And then one day I got a true look at the Poor, millions of the Poor,  
    patient and toiling; more patient than crags, tides, and stars;  
    innumerable, patient as the darkness of night—and all broken, humble ruins of  
    nations.

### **II. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5: 3-10

### **III. Isaiah 11: 6-9**

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the  
lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.

#### **IV. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.**

##### **Va. September 11, 2001 Morning**

Pamela Pegg (American poet, mother of six, currently residing in Shreveport, LA)

It started out such a normal day.  
The work was waiting. The clock was ticking.  
And music filled the air.

Then came the shudder; then came the sound . . . .  
And it didn't matter how much we made,  
And it didn't matter we were black and white,  
And it didn't matter who worked for whom . . . .

Valuable lives, hundreds of lives, were nothing to them  
but fuel for their bomb;  
Thousands of lives were nothing to them  
but fodder for hatred.

Yet each of these lives was a living soul,  
cherished by God, needed by friends, loved by family.  
Each of these lives, discounted so easily, discarded so cheaply,  
was unique, irreplaceable.

They are missed; they are mourned.

##### **Vb. September 11, 2001 Evening**

I'm thankful for simple things tonight:  
that today's terror is on television--  
not in my town, not in my life;  
that everyone that left my house this morning  
returned safe and sound.

Tonight, while I'm praying for the stunned,  
the grieving, the dying, for whom the horror of today  
is very, very real . . .

So grateful  
for the simple things  
tonight.

## **Vc. September 12, 2001**

The world is different today, they say  
I don't buy it  
Evil is still Evil  
Good is still Good  
And in the crisis time  
We see both magnified.  
We are still human  
God is still God  
And in the crisis time  
We grieve within his arms.

## **VI. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

### **VII. Melba Pattillo Beals: Recollections of the integration of Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas 1957**

We began moving forward,  
All I could hear was my own heartbeat  
and the sounds of boots clicking on the stone.

Everyone seemed to be moving in slow motion  
as I peered past the raised bayonets of the soldiers.  
I walked on toward the door of the school,  
the same path the soldiers had blocked us from days before.

Step by step we climbed higher  
where none of my people had ever walked before.  
We stepped up to the door of the high school  
and crossed the threshold into that place  
where angry mobs had forbidden us to go.

## **VIII. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.**

**IX. Mother Theresa** (founder of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta; winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize): words inscribed on the wall of her Children's Home in Calcutta, India

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;  
... Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, some may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
... Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
... Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
... Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
... Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
... Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
... Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
... Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;  
It was never between you and them anyway.

**X. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.**

**XI. The Butterfly** Pavel Friedmann (an 11 year-old child detained at the Nazi ghetto, Terezin, while en route to an extermination camp)

The last, the very last,  
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.  
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing against a white stone . . .

Such, such a yellow  
Is carried lightly 'way up high.  
It went away I'm sure because it wished to kiss the world goodbye.

For seven weeks I've lived here,  
Penned up inside this ghetto  
But I have found my people here.  
The dandelions call to me  
And the white chestnut candles in the court.  
Only, I never saw another butterfly.

**XII. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

**XIII. Words of Dwight D. Eisenhower** (President of the United States  
1953-1961; he led the allied forces to victory in World War II)

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense,  
a theft from those who hunger and are not fed,  
those who are cold and are not clothed.  
This world in arms is not spending money alone.  
It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.  
This is not a way of life . . . in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging  
on a cross of iron.

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our  
governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days  
governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

**XIV. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.**

**XIV. Nelson Mandela** (South African leader who preached racial reconciliation to the apartheid-scarred nation despite 27 years spent imprisoned by the white, racist regime); the poem is by Marianne Williamson.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, and not our darkness, that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves: who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.  
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
So that others won't feel insecure around you.  
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone.  
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people  
Permission to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our own fear,  
Our presence automatically liberates others.

May you be free!

**XVI. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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## 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

Erik Satie

"Gymnopedie I"



**\* Response**

Hymn No. 708

**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.**

**\* Closing Hymn No. 641**

*"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**Leader:** May Christ, the sure foundation, uphold you.

**People:** **May the Spirit, holy wisdom, guide us.**

**Leader:** May God, perfect in love, grant you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude**

J. S. Bach

*"Fugue in E-flat Major"*

*\*please stand if able*



***Participants in Song of Hope***

**FHC Choirs:** Chancel Choir, Sine Nomine Choir, Descant Choir

**Chamber Orchestra**

Susan Britton, violin

Lisa Whitfield, viola

Julie Myers King, cello

Sue Yelanjian, bass

Kyra Kester, flute

Richard King, French horn

Randy Fusco, piano

Larry Smith, percussion

**Vocal Soloists**

Carl Jenks, baritone (Vb)

Beth Zych, soprano (VII)

Mist'a Craig, counter-tenor (IX)

Shelly Jesberger, soprano (XI)

***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 Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of Evelyn and Vladimir Peters, grandparents of Scott Peters and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie Cameron, Caleb and Aidan; and in honor of Nancy and Don Grube's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** Clyde Loughridge, Bob Nemcek, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

**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 (including Pathways children): 218**

### **■ ■ ■ Announcements**

#### **TODAY**

##### ***Song of Hope***

Many thanks to all who generously donated to the *Friends of Music* fund which helped make the AWE service possible. Contributions to the fund are gratefully accepted at any time.

#### **THIS WEEK**

##### ***Honoring the Body Series: Introduction to Gentle Yoga***

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in our Gentle Yoga and Stretching class. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat or large towel. Those who do not wish to lie on the floor may sit in an arm chair and enjoy the same benefits. The class will be taught by FHC member Priscilla Colville, BS, MFA, formerly professor of Dance, Aerobics and Swimming at The State University of New York, Purchase. All adults are welcome.

##### ***Women's Lenten Worship Service***

##### ***Holy and Beautiful Vessels: Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm in the Chapel***

All women are invited to a contemplative Lenten worship service to encounter stories of women in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, to engage with poems by female poets, and to open our hearts to the Spirit as we move into the Lenten season. Guest vocalist Nikki Sumlin is returning to be our worship leader. Like a beautiful vessel, come and be filled by the Holy Spirit's presence. Refreshments will be served following the service.

### ***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 from **Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall***

The Rev. Dr. John Lentz: "Who Is Jesus? The Incarnation"

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### ***Family Promise Is Returning to Forest Hill***

Forest Hill Church will once again be hosting guests from Family Promise during the week of April 6-13. Family Promise is a program in our community that provides support to families experiencing homelessness. If you would like to learn more about the program and about how you can participate in this important mission, please come to the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall after worship on March 23 and 30, or contact Sue Lafferty.

### ***Care Group***

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during March. 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:

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Deacon leader

Joanne Bielek

Guy Cameron & family

Betty & Don Clark

Barb Cloud

Jane Frederick & family

Donna Frey

Sue Gifford & family

Al Gilbert

Don & Nancy Grube

Barb Hansen

Jason & Christina Hidek & family

Chuck & Jane Ishler

Janet Kickel

Nina Klein

Mary Lewis

Julie & Gary Lustic

Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family

Brooke Marcy & family

Ellen, Lauren, Meryl McCumber

Dave & Jane Olson & family

Graham & Roz Peters

Joyce Peters

Marjorie Ravas

Matt & Katie Russo & family

Gary Sampson

Sara & Randy Shaner

Anona Stack

Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas

Ann & Peter Williams

Warren Young

### ***Softball Season Begins!***

Spring training is here! Although the Forest Hill softball team doesn't get to train in Florida or Arizona, we are getting anxious for the snow to melt and spring to arrive. The team is once again recruiting for the upcoming Heights Church League season. Members, visitors, families and friends interested in joining the FHC softball team can contact Jason Hidek. We are also looking for anyone who wants to coach or keep score.

### ***Speaking of Food, What Should I Eat?***

As part of the Honoring the Body series, Health and Wellness Educator and Coach Colleen McArtor will join us Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm in South Hall to discuss how to nourish our bodies through a simple approach to healthy eating for balanced whole food nutrition. All are welcome to attend! Renew your body, revive your life, restore your spirit!

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

#### ***Young Adults – 20s-30s***

The Young Adults will get together on March 21 at the Cleveland International Film Festival to view ***In the Name of the Son***. The show starts at 8:45 pm at Tower City Cinema. If you plan to attend, it is best to purchase tickets on line in advance. Here's a link with more information and ticket information:

**<http://www.clevelandfilm.org/films/2014/in-the-name-of-the-son>**

### **■ ■ ■ *Youth News***

***Every Sunday:*** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

***Today:*** All-youth Game Night, 6-8:30 pm .

### **■ ■ ■ *Lent 2014***

If you want to participate in the "Honoring the Body" dinner series, please use the form on p. 14 to register TODAY.

### **■ ■ ■ *The Lessons***

***Next Sunday: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42.*** 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.

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■ ■ ■ *Lent 2014 Schedule*

March 17: 5:30 pm Gentle Yoga and Stretching

March 18: 7:00 pm Women's Lenten Service

March 21: First in-home Lenten dinners,  
"Honoring the Body"

*Participants will information about their group dinners early this week*

March 30: Confirmation

April 6: 12:30 pm Health and Wellness speaker

April 6-13: Family Promise host week

7:30 pm ***Swing to the Lord a New Song*** program

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 13-19: Holy Week

April 17 : Maundy Thursday 6:15 dinner and worship

April 20: Easter Worship with communion at 9 and 11  
Classes and children's choirs will not meet

# Book Drive

Confirmation service project  
by Laura Peterjohn



Used and new books for all ages. Books will be given to those in need. There will be a donation box next to the stage in fellowship hall.

March 9<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>

## **Forest Hill Church Elders: 2014**

Scott Lafferty, Clerk of Session  
John C. Lentz, Moderator of Session

<b>Deacon</b>	Barbara Cloud
<b>Ministry of Education and Spirituality</b>	Consuelo Heineman Kara Schellenberg Elaine Turley
<b>Ministry of Justice and Mission</b>	Robyn Hales Deanne Lentz Anona Stack
<b>Ministry of Stewardship</b>	Scott Peters Steve Sedam Dele Solaru
<b>Trustees</b>	Nick Baumgartner Elaine Dannefer Paul Jennings
<b>Ministry of Vocation and Leadership</b>	Rachel Martinez-Finn Eric Muller-Girard Ron Polderman
<b>Ministry of Worship</b>	Gary Sampson Elizabeth Shaw Julie Wolfram Smith

■■■*Calendar: March 16-23, 2014*

<p><b>Sunday, March 16: 2 Lent</b></p> <p>9:15 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal Adult Education: Jana Reiss, "Humor and the Bible" Youth Education Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity time</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:45 am Children in Worship</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP: AWE – <i>Song of Hope</i></p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee Hour Blood pressure check Celebration Committee mtg</p> <p>5:00 pm Faith Leader</p> <p>6:00 pm All-Youth Game Night</p> <p><b>Monday, March 17</b></p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>5:30 pm Gentle Yoga &amp; Stretching</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 18</b></p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>9:00 am Abundance Pantry food distribution</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:00 pm CE /Youth Director Search Committee mtg Women's Lenten Service</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 19</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>10:00 am TOWER collators</p> <p>12:00 pm Bullshevicks</p> <p>1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Deacons, Trustees meet</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 20</b></p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth: Jr/Sr dinner out</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, March 21</b></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten small group dinners</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 22</b></p> <p>10:00 am Soup Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 23: 3 Lent</b></p> <p>9:15 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal Adult Education: Youth Education Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity time</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:45 am Children in Worship Cherub Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee Hour 2015 Pilgrimage meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #403: Dinner</p>
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