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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 1, 2014 at 10:00 am

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*

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love.

Christina Rossetti

Welcome

Prelude

J. Utterback

"Streams of Gladness"

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Karen Loughridge

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary!

Leader: Let everyone and everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

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, 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*)

South Africa

■ ■ ■ *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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Minute for Mission

Dave Olson

"Endowment"

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1: 6-14

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"Pray, Love, Embrace"

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

Offertory

Rodolfo Ascencio (Mexico)

"I Am the World's True Light"

*** Response**

South African song

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our
3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

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

*** Closing Hymn No. 384**

“Soon and Very Soon”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

“Rondo in C Major”

** 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 and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

■ ■ ■ *Community Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Virginia Mast in loving memory of her parents; and by Clyde and Karen Loughridge in memory of loved ones.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ruth Brickel, Ginny Colville, Flora Dannemiller, Donal Grube, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Please pray for Victoria Sampson and her family; Victoria's father Pa Agu Okpe died suddenly on May 23.

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

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: 180

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

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.

Forest Hill Park Trash Round-Up

Join Dave Neff and help clean up Forest Hill Park TODAY from 11:30 – 12:30. Cookout follows. All are welcome!

Softball

Today's game against St. Ann's will be played at 3:30 at South Euclid North Quarry Field.

June Swoon

TONITE! – it's the JUNE SWOON (formerly known as the May Cabaret). This family-friendly intergenerational variety show will begin with dinner at 6:15 pm (thanks, Morag and crew!) and continue with the show at 7 pm. Come for the whole church Hokey Pokey and stay for the tongue twister competition, plus lots of excellent music and dance entertainment.

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 from **Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19-23.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir meets 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”!

Flower Donation Dates Available

Would you like to donate chancel flowers on June 8, 15 or June 29? The cost is \$30 per arrangement. Please contact the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Cleveland Pride March

On Saturday, June 28 there will be a celebration march to support the GLBT community of Cleveland. Wear a colorful shirt and help carry our Forest Hill Church banner. If you are interested in attending or helping to organize this event, please contact Lia Clement.

Care Group

The Deacons are 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.

✦ The FHC Deacons are:

Joan Bacon	Kemp Jaycox
Barb Cloud	Carol Leslie
Cathy Ghiandoni	Suzanne Marcy
Kathy Hanna-Stauffer	Mary McMillan
Jenny Himmelman	Pat Musick
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Richard Peterjohn

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

The Group will meet on Saturday, June 14 at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's family cottage in Madison-on-the-Lake anytime after 2 pm to enjoy the view of Lake Erie. We'll plan a pot luck dinner for 5:30. Stauffers will provide the meat. At 8 pm we'll see the Rabbit Run production of "Noises Off" in the historic barn theater. Please contact Kathy for ticket reservations and directions. All are welcome!

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers' spring luncheon will be June 13 at 11:30 am at The Hilton Garden Inn, Mayfield Heights. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Lunch will be followed by a planning meeting, so bring ideas for our 2014-15 program year. RSVP by June 8 to Nancy Burcham for reservations and directions to the restaurant.

Summer Bible Study

Tom Zych will lead Bible study at 9 am in the Jin Room every Sunday from June 22 – July 27. This year the group will discuss texts that challenge us, take us out of our comfort zones and raise questions that may surprise and unsettle us.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter,

and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Next Sunday: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19-23. 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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Forest Hill's Pilgrimage Tradition Continues

There are still a few places left!

Join us when we journey to Germany and Switzerland, the birthplaces of the Reformation, March 8-16, 2015. We will go not only to rediscover the beginnings of our own Protestant tradition, but also to explore the heart and soul of that tradition as it continues today: to give witness to God's justice, love, and mercy in the world. In other words, we hope to bring to life the "protest" in Protestantism and the "reform" in Reformation, past and present.

Join us as we learn more about early reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin; as we enrich our understanding of the church's witness in the Confessing Church movement during WWII; and as we explore Protestant resisters like the Hugonots, who helped hide Jews from the Nazis, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor who was executed as a member of a plot to assassinate Hitler. We will also consider our tradition's shadow side, from Luther's anti-Jewish stand in the sixteenth century, to the mainline Protestant church's cooperation with the Nazi regime in the twentieth century.

Everyone is welcome. All we ask is that you be open to the unexpected, which is what pilgrimage is all about. New friendships. Deep spiritual experiences. Aha! moments. History in the making.

Please contact the church office for more information.

An \$800 deposit per person is due this week

Still I Rise

by Maya Angelou

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

. . . .

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,

As the country mourns the loss of Maya Angelou (April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014), we share with you this poem

From mayaangelou.com , her official website:

Statement from Dr. Maya Angelou's Family:

Dr. Maya Angelou passed quietly in her home before 8:00 a.m. EST. Her family is extremely grateful that her ascension was not belabored by a loss of acuity or comprehension. She lived a life as a teacher, activist, artist and human being. She was a warrior for equality, tolerance and peace. The family is extremely appreciative of the time we had with her and we know that she is looking down upon us with love.

Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

On the cover

The Ascension, Jesus Mafa project, Cameroon, Africa, 1973. One of 63 paintings commissioned in response to New Testament readings selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by a Christian community in Cameroon. See: www.jesusmafa.com and www.SocialTheology.com. Available for use under a Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial ShareAlike 3.0 License.

■■■Calendar: June 1 - 8, 2014

Sunday, June 1: Summer Schedule begins

8:30 am Nominating Committee mtg
 9:15 am Child care begins
 9:30 am Summer Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 10:00 am WORSHIP
 11:15 am Coffee Hour
 11:30 am Haiti program:
 "Living Water for Haiti"
 FH Park Trash Pick-up
 11:40 am Piano recital
 (students of Anne Wilson)
 2:30 pm Recital
 (students of Ann Marie Falcone)
 3:30 pm Softball vs St Ann's at
 South Euclid North Quarry Field
 4:30 pm Youth: Mission Trip meeting
 6:15 pm June Swoon – dinner
 7:00 pm June Swoon – program

Monday, June 2

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, June 3

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 7:00 pm Sacred Space team mtg

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
 7:00 pm CE/Youth Director Search
 Committee mtg
 7:30 pm "Living Water for Haiti"
 program

Thursday, June 5

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Friday, June 6

10:00 am Al Anon
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403:
 Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 7

8:30 am HRRC meeting

Sunday, June 8: Pentecost

9:15 am Child care begins
 9:30 am Summer Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 10:00 am WORSHIP: Communion
 11:15 am Coffee Hour
 4:40 Labre Project
 6:00 pm Softball vs Korean Central PC
 at South Euclid North Quarry Field

Pentecost Offering

Helping children, youth and young adults develop tools to be leaders in Christ, thanks in part to your support.

YOUTH TRIENNIUM - Bringing youth together in Christ.

Tyson Miller, 26, a volunteer youth advisor at First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, South Carolina, died tragically in a one-car accident in 2012.

Members of Miller's congregation shared their memories of him at the prayer center during the Youth Triennium, expressing that he was like a brother to them and they were thankful to have known him.

"They remembered him and wished he could be there," says Julie Cox, Associate Executive Presbyterian of New Harmony Presbytery in Florence, South Carolina, who volunteered during the Triennium at the prayer center.

Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering help fund youth events like the Triennium, Pathways, and Faith in 3D which encourage discipleship engagement and youth worker formation. These ministries accompany youth in their walk with Christ.

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS - Working to improve communities around the world.

Ashley Morales' story takes place in her hometown of San Antonio, where the 22-year-old anthropology student is changing the narration of being a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) from being one of the served, to one of the serving.

In a new approach, local YAVs and those from out of town, come together to study, learn, worship and live together under one roof.

"I know to look at the 360 of everything," Morales says. "It should not just be about me, it should be everybody."

Morales is putting this lesson to good use as she volunteers at the San Anto Cultural Arts Center and works to help students consider and prepare for college.

Your support of the Pentecost Offering helps give YAVs opportunities to serve communities across the world.

CHILDREN AT RISK - Keeping youth safe as they build their relationship with Jesus.

Julie Hester, Associate Pastor for Children and Their Families at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, says the church's Child and Youth Protection Policy (CYP) has become "the congregational norm."

The policy requires a minimum of two adults for all programs, events and interactions with children and youth. No adult is allowed to be alone with a child. All adults who work with youth at the church must be educated in the CYP policy and are retrained every three years.

Hester says their commitment is important because it creates a place where children and youth are safe.

Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering go toward sustaining programs that protect our children and youth.

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