



## *Service of Worship*

*May 25, 2014 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 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*

You awaken us to delight in your praises;  
for you made us for yourself,  
and our heart is restless until it reposes in you.  
– St. Augustine (354-430) –

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

John Mays and Jon Mohr

"Love in Any Language"

Cherub Choir; Beth Zych, director

### ■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Molly Webster

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### **\* Processional Hymn No. 26**

"Earth and All Stars"

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

### Prayer of Confession

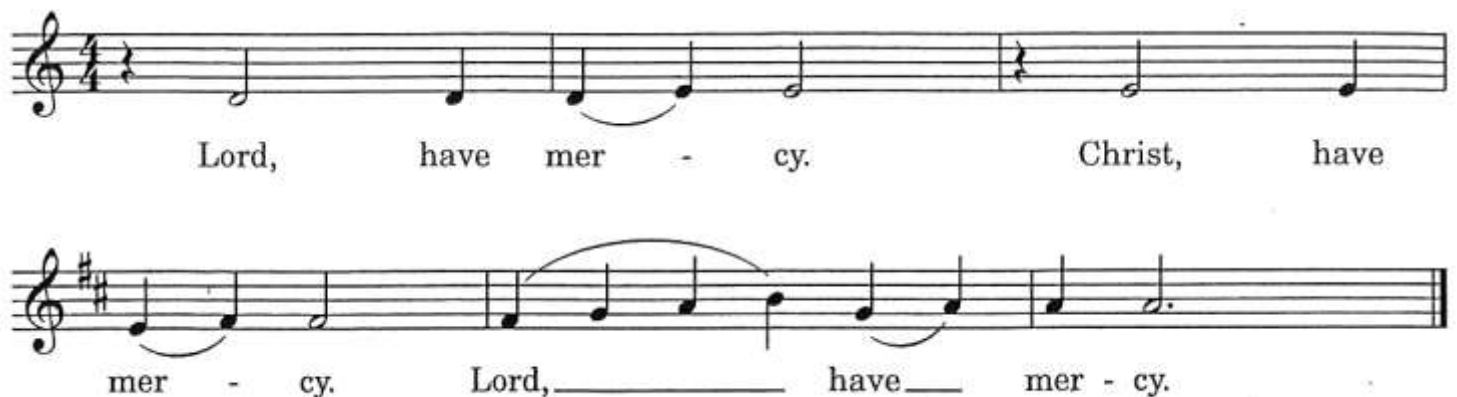
Our God, whose Son is the light of the world:  
In his penetrating light we acknowledge our darkness;  
In his constant grace, our careless love;  
In his generous giving, our sordid grasping;  
In his equal justice, our dire prejudice;  
In his inclusive love, our deep divisions;  
But in his cross is our forgiveness, and in his resurrection our  
enduring hope. The pardon and the promise now we claim, in  
penitence and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Horton Davies, Professor of Religion, Princeton University

### Time of Silent Confession

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

Craig Phillips



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

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Gloria, Gloria No. 583

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;*

*Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

## **Anthem**

W. A. Mozart

**“Laudamus te (We Praise Thee)”**

Lara Troyer, soprano

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

### **Teacher and Other Volunteer Recognition**

### **\* Hymn No. 726**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

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

## **Scripture Lesson**

Acts 17: 22-31

*After the reading*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

**“To an Unknown God”**

## **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**

John Bell

**“Celtic Journey Song”**

**\* 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. 749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

Peter Lutkin

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

**\* Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Henry Purcell

"March in C"

*\*please stand if 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, <http://www.fhcpresb.org/>, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

## ■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

### **Chancel Flowers**

This week's flowers are given by Liz Wollaeger in honor and love of the amazing children and youth of this church: may they continue to explore and discover their faith in their lives every day; by Nancy Burcham in memory of loved ones; and by Phyllis and Nick Baumgartner in memory of their parents.

### **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.

**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**

Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn. 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): 260**

## ■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**Come to coffee hour to celebrate  
CE Director Liz Wollaeger,  
who is retiring after 10 years of service.**

### **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 from **Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11.**

#### ***Family Promise***

Forest Hill will next host Family Promise families in early July. On May 31 from 9:30 – 11:30, all past, present and future volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Training led by Sarah Cruise, consultant and former director of Family Promise. All are welcome – RSVP to the church office. For more information about Family Promise or about the training, please contact Sue Lafferty ([salaff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salaff@sbcglobal.net)) or Anne Smith ([anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com](mailto:anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com)).

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**June 1st!  
The Summer Schedule Begins!  
Worship at 10:00 am!**

***See calendar on p. 13***

### ***June Swoon***

Next Sunday, June 1 – 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.

### ***Summer Choir***

Summer Choir begins June 1 with rehearsals at 9:30 am every Sunday before worship during June and July. The music is easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes in arms) are most welcome to participate. No hot choir robes – just come as you are. Bring the whole family and experience worship from “the other side.”

### ***Forest Hill Park Trash Round-Up***

Join Dave Neff and help clean up Forest Hill Park – 11:30 – 12:30, June 1. Cookout follows. RSVP to Dave Neff.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Cleveland Pride March**

On Saturday, June 28 there will be a celebration march to support the GLBT community of Cleveland. The Session of Forest Hill Church has endorsed a Forest Hill Church presence at the march. If you are interested in attending or helping to organize this event, please contact Lia Clement





## ***Summer Adult Education***

*One Church, One Book: FHC's Summer Read, 2014*

### ***The Screwtape Letters, by C. S. Lewis***

Read this classic masterpiece of religious satire this summer, and discuss it on Sunday, August 24 at 7 pm – all are welcome! Copies are available from Consuelo Heineman for \$10.

## ***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.

## ***Care Group***

The Nazareth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

Richard Peterjohn, Deacon

Barb & Kermit Lind

Doris Bartlett

Laura Minder

Marcia Beck

Dave & Allie Neff

JoAnne Black

Cindy Newton

Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale

Elspeth & Richard Peterjohn

Virginia Colville

Scott Peters, Jeannine Gury & family

Ron & Patty Console

Lois Reilly

Jim & Terry Daedelow

Eric Rich & family

Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky

Jim Roosa & family

Beth Garrett

Peggy Sasso

Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family

Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family

Kathryn Himmelsteib

Kimble & Sandy True

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer

Megan & Peter Tzeffronis & family

Jane & Cliff Kowall

Matt & Sarah Winters & family

Wafa Kuri

### ***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.

### ***Gentle Yoga and Stretching***

The next yoga class will meet on Monday, June 2 at 5:30 pm in South Hall. Please bring water and a mat or towel.

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

#### ***The Group (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 ([khannas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khannas@sbcglobal.net) or 381-6599) for ticket reservations and directions. **All are welcome!**

#### ***Pacesetters (40s-60s)***

Please join the Pacesetters on Saturday May 31, from 12:00-3:00 for a delicious lunch at Barle and a guided walking tour of Lakeview Cemetery with docent Sandra Vodanoff. We will gather at the church parking lot and carpool. A \$5.00 donation (to Lakeview) is encouraged. Please let Laurie Logan know if you are coming or if you have questions ([laurie.logan@att.net](mailto:laurie.logan@att.net) or 216-308-0487). **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

#### ***Hilltoppers (retired)***

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 (440-446-0832) for reservations and directions to the restaurant.

## ■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Next Sunday:** Mission Trip meeting, 4:30 – 6 pm

## ■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Today's Scripture: Acts 17: 22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Next Sunday: Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11.** 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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Please pick up your June TOWER in the Garden Foyer

## ■■■Calendar: May 25 – June 1, 2014

### **Sunday, May 25**

9:15 am Child care begins  
 10:15 am Cherub Choir rehearsal  
 10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal  
           Continental Breakfast  
 10:45 am Children in Worship  
           Descant Choir rehearsal  
 11:00 am WORSHIP  
 12:15 pm Coffee Hour

### **Monday, May 26**

#### **Memorial Day: Office Closed**

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

### **Tuesday, May 27**

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry: Lunch  
   and food distribution  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

### **Wednesday, May 28**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
 5:00 pm PWR Meeting  
   (Breckenridge Village)

### **Thursday, May 29**

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 7:00 pm GCC Assembly (***see p. 12***)  
   (meet at FHC at 6 pm to carpool)

### **Friday, May 30**

10:00 am Al Anon  
 5:30 pm Excell graduation

### **Saturday, May 31**

9:00 am Community church meeting  
 9:30 am Family Promise  
   Volunteer training  
 12:00 pm Pacesetters:  
   Lunch and Lakeview tour

### **Sunday, June 1: Summer Schedule begins**

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

**Summer Schedule begins June 1**

**The office will be closed  
Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day**

**Save the evening of Sunday, June 1 for the June Swoon!  
6:15 dinner, 7:00 show**

*On the cover: Wordle by Peg Weissbrod*

## ***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 June 1***



# UNITED POWER BUILDS A GREATER CLEVELAND

MAY 29, 2014

7:00PM

(Please be seated by 6:45)

OLIVET INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
8712 QUINCY AVE, CLEVELAND, OH

A GCC ACTION ON TWO ISSUES VITAL FOR A GREATER CLEVELAND:

- End Cuyahoga County's practice of overcharging youth and adults accused of low-offense crimes.
- Call on local officials to create a demand for safe guns.

*A Greater Cleveland means a fair Criminal Justice system and lives free of gun violence for adults and youth. These issues are urban and suburban and cross gender, race, age and faith. Join Greater Cleveland Congregations to unite our power and take action. We can be better. We can build a Greater Cleveland.*

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