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Service of Worship May 31, 2015 at 11:00 am Trinity Sunday

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 hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children. Prayer requests may be passed to an usher during the middle hymn for inclusion in the prayers of the people.

Prayer of Preparation

I want to be worthy of –-what? Glory? Yes, unimaginable glory. O Lord of melons, of mercy, though I am not ready, nor worthy, I am climbing toward you.

Mary Oliver, On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Meditate

Welcome

Prelude

"Fantasy in G Major"

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Leader: Called to live as beloved children, we come to worship God, Father and Mother of us all:

- People: to sing to the One who has created all that is good, beautiful, and true and who has shared everything with us.
- Leader: Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

J. S. Bach

Elder Jack Breisch

- People: to follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives, in every place where we find ourselves.
- Leader: Called to proclaim the good news of Love, we come for our hearts to be opened:
- People: to be taught by the Spirit who moves in and through us, as we serve the world.
- Leader: Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" *please stand if able

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we confess that the way we live and order society sets us against one another and alienates us from you, exploiting as though dead, things to which you have given life. Separated from you, we live in emptiness. Separated from one another, we live in isolation. Inspire us to live with courage, love with boldness, and witness to your life-giving freedom. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have ____ mer - cy.

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Craig Phillips

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* Response



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word **Teacher Appreciation** (please see p. 7 for names)

* Hymn No. 9

"The Play of the Godhead"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson (see last pq)

John 3: 1-17

After the lesson Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

"The Divine Koan"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

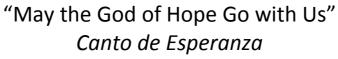
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

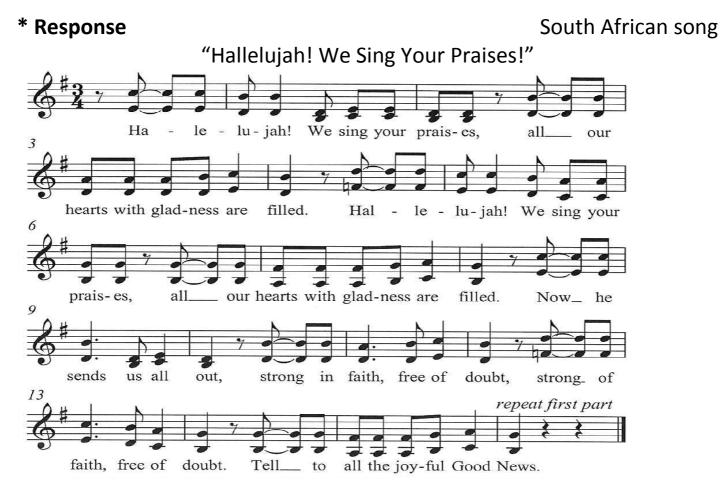
Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory

Argentine folk melody





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Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

- * Commission and Blessing
- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Antonio Soler

"Emperor's Fanfare"



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.

Thank you to all who served as teachers this year in the nursery, Pathways, Youth and Adult Education programs:

Children in Worship teachers, and Pathways Shepherds and teachers

Jewrett Bailey Amber Balogh Jennifer Blakeney Wendy Brock Kate Burleigh Danielle Cosgrove Marcie Denton Derek & Jane Duncan Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer Christina Hidek Jenny Himmelman Jessica Kelley-Moore Joel & Kate Kolmodin Jed & Lisa Koops Sandy Ladebue Carol Leslie Keith & Laurie Logan

Julie Lustic Clyde & Karen Loughridge **Robin Mervine** Lauren Miller Vikki Nowak **Dustin Prins** Margie Ravas Matt & Katie Russo Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer Kara Schellenberg Jim & Pat Seeders Joanne Shaner Alisha Trammell Josh & Pam Webster Mark Wedell Matt & Sarah Winters

Youth

Jordin Dail Kurt Haas LaDon Headen Jeannine Gury Deanne Lentz Dustin Prins Elaine Turley Todd Webster

Adult Ed and Kerygma classes

- Tim Beal Dave Burleigh Kathryn Eloff Peter Eloff Barry Hartz Consuelo Heineman Tim Henderson Chris Henry
- Pat Jenkins John Lentz Kermit Lind Kate Kolmodin Charissa Peterson Dustin Prins Elizabeth Shaw Tom Zych

Congregational Notes

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the Koops family in honor of their grandparents; and by Robyn Hales in memory of Dorothy Hales and family members who have gone on home.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Larry Dorod, Chuck Ishler, Sherry Leinweber & her family, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Peggy Yeager.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron & Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

Please keep Tom and Morag Keefe and their family in your prayers;

Tom's mother Barbara Jean Keefe died on May 18.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you. Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Announcements

TODAY

Help Clean Up Forest Hill Park

The Green Team invites you to help clean up Forest Hill Park today after worship – hot dogs will be served when you are through!

Softball

We are off to a 5-1 start this season. Today we play Fairmount Presbyterian at 6 pm. Current and former team members are invited to the Heinemans' at 2:30 for a cookout.

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 **1 Samuel 8: 4-11**, **16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3: 20-35.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship will begin at 11 am for the next 2 Sundays. The summer schedule (worship at 10 am) begins June 21.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Care Group

The FHC Deacons will be 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 Deacons of Forest Hill Church are:

Joan Bacon	Кетр Јаусох
(CARE Group leader)	Carol Leslie
Kathy Carr	Suzanne Marcy
Kathy Hanna-Stauffer	Mary McMillan
Barbara Hansen	Pat Musick
Jason Hidek	Gretchen Reynolds
Jenny Himmelman	

Thanks to the Jordan CARE Group for their work during May.

Cleveland Peace Action Education Fund presents....

Private – a documentary drama about a Palestinian family, by Saverio Costanzo, which will be presented at the Cleveland Hts Library today at 2 pm.

Social Groups and Circles Hilltoppers (retired)

Our annual Spring Luncheon and planning meeting will be June 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village. The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$20 per person; reserve your place by June 14 by contacting Nancy Burcham (**burcham@roadrunner.com** or 440-446-0832).

The Group (60s – 70s) and Pacesetters (50s-60s)

On Saturday June 13, The Group and Pacesetters will gather for a BYO picnic at 6:30 in Cain Park and attend a performance of GODSPELL at the Alma Theater. Please contact or Pat or Hal Musick (<u>halmusick@att.net</u> or 440-442-3592) if you are interested in joining. All are welcome!

FHC Staff Emails

Rev. Dr. John Lentz Jr. Rev. Clover Beal Anne Wilson Dacia Prins Shannon Headen Lynda Bernays Becky Austin Peg Weissbrod Stavros Gazis Pastor Pastor Music Children Youth Administration Finance Publicity Custodial

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The June TOWER is on the website and may be found at <u>http://www.fhcpresb.org/news-upcoming-</u> <u>events/2015/05/22589/</u>

Calendar: May 31 - June 7, 2015

Sunday, N	/lay 31
9:30 am	Nominating Committee mtg
	Child care begins
10:30 am	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00 am	WORSHIP:
Те	acher Appreciation
12:15 pm	Fellowship hour
12:30 pm	Recital
(st	udents of Anne Wilson)
2:30 pm	Recital
(student	s of Ann Marie Falcone)
5:00 pm	Labre ministry
Monday,	June 1

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)7:00 pm Al Anon7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, June 2 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food distribution 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

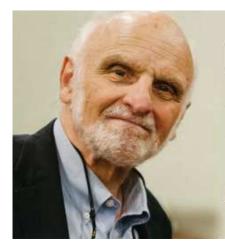
Wednesday, June 37:30 am Bible and Bagels12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, June 4 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Friday, June 5 10:00 am Al Anon meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403: Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am	Child care begins
10:30 am	Continental Breakfast
	Chancel Choir
11:00 am	WORSHIP
12:15 pm	Fellowship hour
3:30 pm	Recital
	(students of Carolyn Smith)
5:00 pm	Labre ministry



Dr. Walter Brueggemann Sunday, June 14

9:30 am: Bible Study 11:00 am: Sermon 2:00 pm: Discussion of the Bible's Response to Wealth Inequality

Forest Hill Church by the numbers ...

91	The number of people who were
	served lunch by the Abundance Pantry
	Lunch crew; most of them took bags
	of food home as well
20	The number of new families who came
20	for lunch and food
237	The number of TOWERS printed and
237	labeled and set out for pick-up
	last Sunday
10	The number of people who actually
40	picked theirs up

Important Summer Dates

- June 7: Dacia Prins' last Sunday Celebrate Our Graduates
- June 14: Walter Brueggemann will be here 9:30 Adult Ed 11:00 Preach 2:00 Public Lecture
- June 21: Summer schedule begins Worship at 10 am
- June 27: Cleveland Pride Parade
- June 28: Worship in Fellowship Hall Youth Mission Trip to Harlan KY begins
- July 19: Rev. Clover Beal's last Sunday
- September 13: Regular schedule begins Fall Festival

The Lessons John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Next Sunday: **1** Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138; **2** Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3: 20-35 Set aside time each day for prayer and study.

On the cover:

Brother Eldridge Pendleton's reproduction of Adrei Rublev's most famous icon, variously titled "The Hospitality of Abraham" and "The Holy Trinity." Rublev was a 15th century Russian monk and is generally considered Russia's greatest iconographer.