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Service of Worship

September 6, 2015 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

*Every morning I want to kneel down on the golden cloth of the sand
and say some kind of musical thanks
for the world that is happening again*

—another day—

*from the shawl of wind coming out of the west
to the firm green flesh of the melon lately sliced open and eaten,
its chill and ample body flavored with mercy.*

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

J. S. Bach

“Invention in D Major”

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Cate Monaghan

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me from top to bottom.

People: Because you have searched me, you know me completely.

Leader: You know when I sit.

People: You know when I stand.

Leader: You know where I go.

People: You know what I think even when I sleep.

Leader: You know what I am going to say before I form the words on my lips.

People: You surround me with your presence.

Leader: You lay your hand of blessing on me.

All: Knowing this is too wonderful for me to comprehend.

Leader: Where can I go and not find you there?

People: Where could I run and be out of your presence?

Leader: If I go up to the highest places, you are there.

People: If I go down to the lowest places, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning,

People: If I settle at the farthest edges of the sea,

**All: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand
will hold me tight.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

** Please stand if you are able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

led by Elder Deanne Lentz

O Mighty God, you have called us to live in faith and wonder.
But we confess that we often live with a tightness in our chest.
You call us to move in a new direction,
but we cling to the path we know.
You call us to listen for you,
but we clutter our minds with other voices.
You call us to reach outward in love, but we stand still.
Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us for our self-centeredness.
Forgive us for not recognizing the beauty around us.
Forgive us for not living with more awe.
Beckon our hearts. Awaken us again.
Set us forth to live with faith and wonder.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Paul Halley

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Declaration of Pardon:

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Pathways children may leave during the following response

"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 five staves in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lesson Mark 7: 24-37

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Elder Jean Reinhold

"Even the Dogs"

* Hymn No. 769

"For Everyone Born"

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 and return the open pad to the beginning of the row.

Offertory

Pablo Casals

"Nigra Sum"

Dedication of the Offering (*in unison*)

We offer these gifts to you, Oh God, our creator.

We offer ourselves, as well.

Everything can be used for your service:

our hands, our minds, our hearts,

our work, our pain, our crumbs of mercy.

We dedicate these gifts and we offer ourselves

to your work of love and justice in the world.

*** Response**

South African song

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. 701**

"Sanctuary"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Pietro Yon

"L'Organo Primitivo"



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.

Preaching Today

Elder Jean Reinhold, today's lay preacher, is the IB coordinator and Enrichment Teacher at Fernway School in Shaker Heights. She is always thankful and humbled to be asked to be a lay preacher, and fully appreciates Forest Hill's support and encouragement. If you'd like to read more of Jean's writing, look at her blog – *Common Graces* at www.jeanreinhold.com.

Community Notes

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Barb Cloud in memory of her parents, Marguerite and Thomas Usher; and by Cathy Ghiandoni in honor of Rachel McDonald and Lois Annich, whom we are happy to welcome as members of the Forest Hill Church staff.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Nan Dorer, Robert Fink, Chuck Ishler, Ann Jones, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Debbie Ungemach, Marilyn Wilk, and Scott, Kari and Evelyn Louise Fuller.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene & Jack Quinn, George Sentell, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, 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**.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.

Music Notes

- We give thanks to this morning's music leaders: Laura Minder, Julie Wolfram Smith, Beth Zych, Shelly Jesberger, Carol Wedell, Wendy Munyon, Patty Console, and Sally Wile.
- The choir season is about to begin! First rehearsals are as follows: Chancel Choir, Thursday, Sept. 10; Descant Choir, Sunday, Sept. 13; Voices in Bronze, Thursday, Sept. 17; Sine Nomine Choir, Sunday, Sept. 20. Please see the TOWER or the hallway bulletin board for details, or contact Anne Wilson (annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729).

Thanks to Roger Heineman, head usher, and his team of ushers this morning.

Announcements

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 **Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38.**

NEXT SUNDAY

The Program Year Begins September 13

9:30 Childcare begins; Adult and Youth classes; Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast; Chancel Choir
11:00 Worship; Pathways to the Promise Land (Gr. 1-5)
12:00 FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival will feature...

...food, fun and games for all, plus something "magical" and something "sticky." To make the event as enjoyable as possible, the Deacons are looking for some volunteers for the following:

- **Grillers** - volunteer your mad grilling skills to help prepare the food that morning. If interested, please contact Jason Hidek ([440-264-3296](tel:440-264-3296) or jason.hidek@att.net).
- **Bakers** - bring in cookies, brownies or cupcakes for the ever-popular Cookie Walk. Please package your desserts in small baggies so they can be given away as prizes. Baked items may be dropped off in the kitchen on the morning of the festival.
- **If you are in the mood to bake whole pies**, please contact Jenny Himmelman ([216-486-7828](tel:216-486-7828) or jenhaha@hotmail.com) and enter the Pie Baking contest! A panel of impartial judges will choose the best pies; the pies must be homemade and the recipe provided. Pending approval of the pie-makers, pieces will be served after judging.

Adult Education: Prophets Amos and Hosea
9:30 am, South Hall

Join this fall's Kerygma classes "Boundaries, Tough Love, and Amazing Grace: Amos and Hosea." Sign up today for the series, which begins next Sunday.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

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

Suzanne Marcy , Deacon leader	Barb & Kermit Lind
Melanie Alban	Laura Minder
Doris Bartlett	Dave & Allie Neff
Marcia Beck	Cindy Newton
JoAnne Black	Dora Owusu
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Elspeth & Richard Peterjohn
Ron & Patty Console	Scott Peters, Jeannine Gury & family
Jim & Terry Daedelow	Lois Reilly
Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky	Eric Rich & family
Beth Garrett	Jim Roosa & family
Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family	Peggy Sasso
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family
Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer	Kimble & Sandy True
Jane & Cliff Kowall	Megan & Peter Tzefronis & family
Wafa Kuri	Matt & Sarah Winters & family

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s-70s)

The Group invites you to join a tour of Cleveland on Lolly the Trolley on Saturday, September 12. We will meet at the Powerhouse at the Nautica Entertainment Center on the west bank of the flats by 1:30 pm. The 2½ hour tour begins at 2 pm. (Nautica – 1231 Main Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113; for a map, go to <http://www.lollytrolley.com/location.htm>) The cost is \$20 for adults and \$19 for seniors. After the tour please join us at Merwin's Wharf lakefront bar and grill. Reservations are required; RSVP to LeAnn West (216-692-0917, kleannwest@sbcglobal.net) or Barbara Hansen (440-255-5514 or bjhansen47@gmail.com) for the tour or dinner or both by TODAY.

Hilltoppers (retired)

Join the Hilltoppers for an art museum tour with docent Anne Wilson on September 18. We'll meet at the church at 10:15 to carpool to the museum. Reservations are required; RSVP to Joy Stang (joystang@sbcglobal.net or 440-449-0437). Those who wish will have lunch in the museum's Atrium Café.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 12 noon in Bodwell Hall for a potluck lunch. Anne Wilson will present a program about her recent El Camino pilgrimage.

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Calendar: September 6-13, 2015

<p>Sunday, September 6: LAST SUMMER SUNDAY 9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:15 am Fellowship hour 5:00 pm Labre ministry</p> <p>Monday, September 7: Labor Day Office closed 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>Tuesday, September 8 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p> <p>Wednesday, September 9 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA 7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p>	<p>Thursday, September 10 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:40 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Kerygma Leaders orientation 7:30 pm Forest Hill Swim Club</p> <p>Friday, September 11 10:00 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p>Saturday, September 12 1:30 pm The Group: Lolly the Trolley tour and dinner @ Merwyn's Wharf</p> <p>Sunday, September 13: REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Adult Education Youth: Pancake breakfast Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Pathways to the Promise Land Children in Worship class 12:15 FALL FESTIVAL 5:00 Labre ministry</p>
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New Members' Brunch in Bodwell Hall
 Sunday, September 20th
 12:15 until 1:30 p.m.
 children are welcome
 RSVP to the church office

The Lessons

Today's Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Next Sunday: Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38. Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons for the week, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.

Forest Hill Church Youth...

Get Ready for the 2015-16



September 13

Welcome Back Youth Pancake Breakfast (rm.106) 9:30a- 10:30a

September 20

All Youth Fall Kickoff (Parking Lot) 5p-7p/ \$10

September 27

Mission Trip Reunion (Mob Room) 12:15 p- 1:15 p

Questions/ Concerns- shannon@fhcpresh.org

216.496.6462



All youth – Gr 6-12 – are invited to
the pancake breakfast and the Sept.
20 kickoff!