

# Forest Hill Church

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*Service of Worship*  
*April 19, 2015 at 11:00 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 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*

“What we seek, only you can give; what we ask, we cannot find ourselves; what  
we want is a gift and the open graciousness to receive it on your terms. Come Holy  
Spirit!” — Walter Brueggemann

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Brian Wren

“Who is God?”  
Descant Choir

**Choral Introit**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

Leader: Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed, alleluia!**

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* Processional Hymn No. 649**

“Amazing Grace”

*\*please stand if able*

**Easter Prayer**

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

“Alleluia”

Jeannette Sorell

**Minute for Mission**

“Habitat for Humanity”

Nathan Baldwin

**Anthem**

Kenya trad.

“O Who Will Build the Church Now? (Kanisa Litajengua)”

Sine Nomine Choir

*Children are dismissed to their Pathways classes.*

**Scripture Lesson**

Proverbs 3:5-6

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 836: verses 1, 3, and 5**

“Abide with Me”

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

**Sermon**

Elder Kemp Jaycox

“Finding the Silver Lining”

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Clover Beal

## 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

arr. John Erikson

**"Love is Come Again"**

## \* 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. 852** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

## \* Commission and Blessing

## \* Choral Benediction

## \* Passing of the Peace

## *Postlude*

Paul Manz

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

### ***Welcome Guests!***

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! And visit our website, **[www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)**, for a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Bob and Ginny Young in memory of their parents, and by Barb Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** OGHS donations were \$1024. Thank 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.

### ***Congregational Care***

The memorial service for **Kay Currie** will be **Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 pm** at the church.

#### **In Memoriam We Remember**

George Louis Seidel

who died April 12, 2015

*I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord*

### **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

**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.

**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.**

***Care Group***

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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:

Gretchen Reynolds, Deacon leader	Genie Mast
Shawn Bittner	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	Jeanette Nemcek
Lisa Chuppa	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Libby Dolan	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Joy Stang
Callie Janor	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Allan & Zivile Khoury	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	LeAnn West
Laurie & Keith Logan	Peggy Yeager

## *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

#### ***Softball***

Opening day is here! The FH softball team kicks off the 2015 season today against Korean Central at Forest Hill Park at **3:15 pm, Field # 5** at Forest Hill Park. Come out and support the new season. If you are interested in playing, please contact Jason Hidek ([jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:jason.hidek@att.net)).

### **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 4:5; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18**

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

**9:30 am - April 19, 26; May 3, 10 in South Hall: DVD series "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture: Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today's "Pharaohs."** Discussion led by Tim Beal, PhD

**12:20 pm - April 19, 26 in South Hall: Book Discussion *Reality, Grief and Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks* by Walter Brueggemann.** Led by Kermit Lind, this discussion lays vital groundwork for Dr. Brueggemann's June 14 visit. One of this century's preeminent biblical scholars and theologians, Dr. Brueggemann will lead adult education at 9:30 am, preach at 11 am, and offer a public lecture at 2 pm. We are delighted to be hosting him!

### **COMING UP**

#### ***All-Church Spring Clean-Up Day***

The all-church, everyone-needs-to-chip-in, Spring workday is **Sat, May 2 from 9-Noon**. Munchies provided, and childcare if needed. Email David Hunter to get your name on the list for the best jobs!

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

### ***Hilltoppers***

Join the Hilltoppers on **Friday, May 1**, at **1 pm** for a presentation of Clover Beal's 3-month sabbatical last summer. She will share photos of her travels in Italy and Croatia and speak about her growth in the spiritual practices of silence and meditation. A central piece of her presentation will be about her time in Assisi, Italy at the *Simple Peace Hermitage* on a six-day silent retreat, but the overall conversation will be about how each of us incorporates rest, renewal and retreat in our active lives.

### ***The Group***

***Save the Date:*** The Group will attend the suburban Symphony Orchestra concert on **Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 pm** and gather for dinner at Anatolia on Lee Road after the concert. RSVP dinner reservations to Anne Hunter.



Save the date: Our annual **May Cabaret** will be held on **Sunday, May 3** starting with dinner at 6:15 and the family-friendly, inter-generational show at 7:00 pm.

**Jewish Perspectives on Peace with Palestine:**“Seeking Tikkun Olam” On Sun. April 26, from 2 to 4 pm, three distinguished Jewish Clevelanders will share their life experiences in Israel and why they have a new Jewish vision for peace in Israel and Palestine. Meet **Michael E. Greenberg, Debra Hirshberg, and Professor David Shutkin** as they describe their personal journeys of discovery in Israel and reconciliation with Palestine. See Jennifer Blakeney for more info. (CH–UH Main Library, 2345 Lee Rd.)

## ***Youth News***

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



## *Calendar: April 12-19, 2015*

<p><b>Sunday, April 19</b></p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult and Youth Education Confirmation Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP Children in Worship class</p> <p>11:15 am Pathways</p> <p>12:15 pm Fellowship hour Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>12:20 pm Brueggemann class</p> <p>12:00 pm Confirmation to Art Museum</p> <p><b>Monday, April 20, 2015</b></p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon Church Growth mtg</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 21</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 22</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Session meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 23</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class <i>No Choir or Bell Rehearsals</i></p> <p><b>Friday, April 24</b></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p>10:00 <b><i>Tower</i></b> collators</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 25</b></p> <p>All-day Bus Trip to Detroit</p> <p>4:00 pm Confirmation Class to the Islamic Center of Cleveland</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 26</b></p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult and Youth Education Confirmation Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast Cherub Choir Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP Cherub Choir sings Children in Worship class</p> <p>11:15 am Pathways</p> <p>12:15 pm Fellowship hour Sine Nomine</p> <p>12:20 pm Brueggemann class</p> <p>4:30 pm Labre</p>
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## Habitat for Humanity

The Apostles Build Project lets us serve the way Jesus' apostles did - by funding and building a house in East Cleve. with a local family and other faith communities. Six to 8 volunteers will be accepted for **Sat. May 9; Sat. May 16; & Thurs. July 16.** If building is not your strong suit, volunteers to provide lunch on site for the build team each of the 3 days are also needed. A typical construction day runs from 9am – 3:30pm with a break for lunch around noon. Volunteers will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until the dates are full. Contact Nathan Baldwin to volunteer at [n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com](mailto:n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com) or **(216) 392-1313.**

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## *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18. 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.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

[T]o keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.