

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship

June 5, 2016 at 10:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion). We celebrate the Eucharist by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative, so that all may freely partake.

After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Prayer of Preparation

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

(prayer of St. Patrick of Ireland, 389-461)

Welcome

Prelude

Sam Batt Owens

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

Fern Jennings, guest organist

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Jeanette Nemcek

Leader: Listen to the call of God:

People: God has made a new way in the wilderness for us into life.

Leader: Feel the movement of the Holy Spirit.

People: The Spirit is leading us in the ways of justice and hope.

Leader: Trust in the words of Jesus:

People: Christ is calling us into new life now, the promise of eternal life forever.

Leader: Come, follow the wisdom of God's ways;

People: For God knows that the world will fail us, but God's commandments endure forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 515**

"I Come With Joy"

** Please stand if you are able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, we have broken down again. We have pursued worldly success, over relationships and trust. We have chased empty desires and failed promises of security and satisfaction by listening to the voices of this world above the call of Christ. We have broken our faith with You by failing to follow Your commandments to love You with our whole being and love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us. Call us back to Your ways, to listen to Your wisdom, to follow You in this world, now. In the name of Christ, the one who lived and died for us, that we might have the hope of resurrection, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

John Merbecke

Amy Wadsworth, cantor

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

"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. Measure numbers 3, 6, and 8 are indicated at the start of their respective lines.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 146 (*read responsively*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Luke 7: 11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Back in Business"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering



Offertory

Kathy Galloway

"The Spirit Is Moving in My Heart"

Soloists: Patty Console, Carl Jenks, Laura Minder, Jed Koops

* 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*

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John Merbecke

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Marty Haugen

"Psalm 136: We Give Thanks Unto You"

**Soloists: Carl Jenks, Amy Wadsworth, Patty Console,
Laura Minder, Jed Koops, Seth Ungemach**

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 526**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Merrell/Spong

"O That Will Be Joyful"



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! Our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, lists upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: The flowers are given by Virginia Mast in loving memory of her parents, and by Clyde and Karen Loughridge in memory of loved ones.

Prayers are requested this week for: Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, Wilma Heston, Rich Israel, Mary Lewis, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Baldwin Sawyer, George Sentell, and Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapie, Lorian Thomas.

**In Memoriam We Remember
Elaine Dannefer
Who died May 19, 2016
I am the resurrection and I am the life,
says the Lord**

The memorial service for Elaine will be held on July 30, 2016 at 2 pm

Care Group

The Forest Hill Church 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.

✦ Forest Hill Church Deacons are:

Kathy Carr	Barbara Hansen	Suzanne Marcy
Sally Davis	Jason Hidek	Ellen McChesney
John Dugard	Jenny Himmelman	Robin Mervine
KathyHanna-Stauffer	Kemp Jaycox	Gretchen Reynolds
		Seth Ungemach

Ushers: Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and today's usher team.

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

Congratulations to Katherine Tapié Fay and Jonathon Robert Hall, who were married here yesterday afternoon. Dr. Lentz officiated. Katie is the daughter of Kris and Bill Fay and the granddaughter of 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 any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.

Coming Up

TODAY

We welcome guest organist Fern Jennings to our service today. Fern earned her organ degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and most recently served as Music Director for the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland. Anne Wilson is accompanying concerts for the choral group *Sounding Light* in the Detroit area today.

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), the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti, and FHC's Abundance Pantry.

Picture Directories: Photos will be taken this week. See Barb Hansen if you still want to schedule an appointment.

Thanks to everyone: We collected 84 ½ dozen cookies we for the USO Cookie Drive. Thanks to all donors!

We want to hear from you! Greater Cleveland Congregations imagines a Greater Cleveland with a thriving economy that provides meaningful job opportunities for all. We want to hear first-hand experiences from our congregation. What was your first job? What has your experience been seeking jobs? What would it mean to you to be a part of an effort to create jobs on Greater Cleveland? We are also seeking leaders for this initiative, and looking for information to create a long-term strategy. Please see Jeff Smith, Leslie Pendleton or Charity McDonald in Fellowship Hall today.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Choir: The Summer Choir continues 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”!

Summer Pathways: Children entering grades 1-6 are invited to the art room at 10:00 for Summer Pathways.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are **1 Kings 21: 1-21a; Psalm 5: 1-8; Galatians 2: 15-21; Luke 7:36 – 8:3.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next week's psalm and Gospel on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Adult Ed - Bible Study begins Sunday, June 26 at 9 am.

Hilltoppers (retired): Come to Nancy Burcham's (301 Rosebury Ct, Mayfield Hts.) at 1 pm on Friday, June 17 to plan for 2016-17. Bring ideas for programs; beverages and dessert will be served. RSVP to Dene Young (216-291-2915).

Iris Circle (women of FHC): Join us on Tuesday, June 21 at the home of LeAnn West (22171 Harms Rd, Euclid, OH) at noon for a salad potluck lunch. RSVP to LeAnn ([216 692-0917](tel:2166920917) or kleannwest@sbcglobal.net). Bring lots of ideas for planning for Iris Circle for 2016-2017.

Staff Emails

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Movie, June 11, 2 pm: Refugee Kids

This movie was filmed at International Rescue Committee's Refugee Youth Summer Academy (<http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-new-york-ny/refugee-youth-summer-academy-full-swing>). It tells stories of how 120 kids speaking 26 languages from the world's hot spots – Iraq, Egypt, West Africa, Tibet, Burma and Bhutan – were transformed from tongue-tied newcomers into confident, savvy New Yorkers over the course of the six week program.

USTogether (a local refugee organization) will show this film to the children that plan to attend the UST kids' summer camp as well as high schoolers enrolled in their mentoring program. There will also be a Q & A and discussion with former refugee high school students in the mentorship program, as well as resettlement staff with a focus on why summer programs for English Language learners are so important.

Calendar: June 5 - 12, 2016

Sunday, June 5

Summer schedule begins

9:30 am Child care begins
Continental Breakfast
Summer Choir
10:00 am WORSHIP: Communion
11:15 pm Coffee and Conversation
Piano Recital: Students of Anne Wilson
3:15 pm Softball vs Fairmount PC

Monday, June 6

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm Al Anon
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, June 7

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
2:00 pm Directory Photos
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion
6:30 pm Discernment Task Force mtg

Wednesday, June 8

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA
7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, June 9

2:00 pm Directory Photos
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion

Friday, June 10

9:30 am Al Anon
2:00 pm Directory Photos

Saturday, June 11

10:00 am Directory Photos
2:00 pm Movie: "Refugee Kids"

Sunday, June 12

8:30 am Nominating Committee
9:30 am Child care begins
Continental Breakfast
Summer Choir
10:00 am WORSHIP
Summer Pathways
11:15 pm Coffee and Conversation
3:15 pm Softball vs St. John

Dear Members, Visitors, and Friends of Forest Hill Church,

The discernment task force needs your feedback! Our team has been hard at work listening to our staff and ministry leaders. We have also been building a spirit of prayer and community among our group, seeking to be Spirit-filled in all we do.

Yet the work of discernment does not belong to the task force alone. As a congregation, we need to be faithfully in communication with one another to best discern God's mission for our community. Today, we are beginning a congregation wide opportunity for prayer and conversation. Yellow questionnaires will be available throughout June. Fill them out in conversation with your family and friends. They will be a great conversation starter in fellowship hall or a way to ask a church friend out for lunch. You can return them to the purple boxes on the stage in fellowship hall or at the back of the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, we invite you to come talk to one of the members of the discernment task force. We'd love to share with you how we've already seen God at work at Forest Hill Church.

Discernment Task Force Members:

Barb Cloud	Jean Reinhold
Clyde Loughridge	Elizabeth Shaw
Rachel Martinez-Finn	Quentin Smith
Rachel McDonald	Seth Ungemach
Ron Polderman	

*"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven."*

CO- MISSIONED!

**A BIBLE STUDY ON
BECOMING A
MISSIONAL PEOPLE**

WHEN:

7:30PM THURSDAYS

JUNE 30, JULY 7, 14, 21, 28, AUGUST 4

WHERE:

**FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
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