

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

## *Service of Worship*

*June 18, 2017 at 10:00 am*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

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.

### *Preparation for Worship*

- ❖ Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
- ❖ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
- ❖ Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

J. S. Bach

“Ach Bleib Bei Uns, Herr Jesu Christ” (Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ)

Fern Jennings, guest organist

### **Choral Introit**

Nigerian song

“Imela”

Jed Koops, cantor

translation: *Thank you, great God. Thank you because you are good.*

## *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Elder Jennifer Blakeney

Leader: We call to the Lord,

**People: and God hears our prayers.**

Leader: We lift up our praise,

**People: and God hears our songs.**

Leader: We wait for the Lord,

**People: and God answers our hope.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### **\* Opening Hymn No. 406**

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

*Sing 3 times*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, be with us in our weakness. When we fear, give us courage. When we doubt, give us hope. When we are confused, give us wisdom. When we are lost in the shadows, may we light the candle of faith. Save us! In Jesus’ name we pray.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

John Merbecke

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response**

Paul Vasile

**“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 a single treble clef staff in 12/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a 3-measure rest, followed by notes for 'Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the'. The second line continues with 'Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has'. The third line continues with 'set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is'. The fourth line concludes with 'now and ev-er shall be. A-men.' and ends with a double bar line.

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Sacrament of Baptism for Elly Wigger**

**Congregational Welcome**

**Elly, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**Hymn No. 480**

**“Take Me to the Water”**

*Choir will sing st. 1; Congregation join on st. 2, 3, 4  
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

## Scripture Lessons

### 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Matthew 10: 1, 5-7

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”

*After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Dr. Lentz

“Right Here on This Corner!”

# 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

### Offering

### Offertory

spiritual

“Down to the River to Pray”

### \* 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*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\* Closing Hymn No. 733**

“We All Are One in Mission”

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

*Postlude*

Dietrich Buxtehude

“Fugue in C Major”



*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](http://www.fhcpresb.org), lists upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

*Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius, Elena and Monika in loving memory of Jennifer's mother and father and Marius' father; and by the Manista family in memory of Peter Benjamin Manista.

**Prayers are requested this week for:**

Max Harmon, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Dorothy Turick, Rabbi Stephen Weiss and Pat Weissbrod.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

**Please pray for Paula Harvey and her family;** Paula's sister Julia Bodwell Welsh died last week.

**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.**

***Care Group***

The Deacons Care Group is 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.

**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.



## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Music:** Today we welcome guest organist Fern Jennings. Fern is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and was the Director of Music at the First Unitarian Church in Shaker Heights before retiring. Anne Wilson is in Montreat, North Carolina serving on the staff of the Montreat Conferences on Worship and Music.

**Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth Wigger (Ellie), daughter of Amy Wadsworth and David Wigger. Kurt Haas is the attending Elder. The baptismal blessing is given by Elly's grandparents, the Rev. Jane Larsen-Wigger and the Rev. Dr. J. Bradley Wigger.

**Exploring Membership:** Have you been attending Forest Hill Church for a while? Wondering if you should take the leap towards membership? You are welcome to join the Exploring Membership class held after worship today.

**Softball:** Today we play St Ann's at 3:15 in Forest Hill Park.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: **Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39.**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Adult Education:** Bible study, 9:00 in the Jin Room through July.

**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 to learn, and families with children are particularly invited to come and sit together. When it's time to sing, the singing members stand, and the others just remain seated (perhaps coloring or reading stories?). Give it a try!

**Congregational meeting:** There will be a meeting of the congregation following worship next Sunday, June 25. All are welcome to attend; all active members may vote.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Iris Circle:** We will meet on June 20, 2017 at 12 noon for a potluck lunch at the home of Nancy Burcham (301 Rosebury Circle, Mayfield Hts OH) and to plan the 2017-18 calendar. Come with ideas for good programs! RSVP to Nancy Burcham (440-446-0832 or [burcham@roadrunner.com](mailto:burcham@roadrunner.com)).

## *Youth News*

**Coming up: See Shannon Headen for details and to RSVP**

**June 28,** Mid High Mission Day

**June 30,** Trip to Cedar Point

## Staff Emails

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## Calendar: June 18 - 25, 2017

<p><b>Sunday, June 18</b>            9:00 am Child care begins            9:30 am Continental Breakfast                    Summer Choir            10:00 am WORSHIP: Baptism            11:15 am Coffee and Conversation                    Exploring Membership class            12:00 pm Culture Camp set-up            5:30 pm Small Plates class: Food and Faith                    (off site)</p> <p><b>Monday, June 19</b>  <b>Culture Camp meets from 9:30 – 3:30            every day this week</b>            6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)            7:00 pm Al Anon            7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 20</b>            12:00 pm Iris Circle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 21</b>            7:30 am Bible &amp; Bagels            10:00 am <b>TOWER</b> assembly            12:00 pm Bullshevicks            12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 25</b>            8:30 am Nominating Committee            9:00 am Child care begins            9:30 am Continental Breakfast                    Summer Choir            10:00 am WORSHIP            11:00 am Congregational meeting            11:15 am Coffee and Conversation            5:30 pm Small Plates class: Food and Faith</p>
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