



Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
Easter: The Day of Resurrection
April 1, 2018 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

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) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
We also provide a gluten-free alternative.

Centering Words

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Taizé Community 1998

Welcome

Prelude

Carl Maria von Weber

"Concertino"

Hannah Messenger, French Horn

Choral Introit

Marty Haugen

"Easter Alleluia"

Clayton Minder, tenor

Call to Worship

Elder Jennifer Blakeney

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ is risen!

People: But we watched him die.

Leader: Sing the good news: Christ is alive!

People: But we saw him buried in the tomb.

Leader: Share the good news. Death has lost its sting!

People: We will sing with the angels and laugh with the saints of God:

"Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

*** Processional Hymn No. 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

**please stand if able*

Easter Collect

Shannon Headen

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude before they shout that Christ is alive and has called us by name.

Gloria

J. S. Bach

“Gloria in Excelsis” from *Mass in B Minor*

Family Meditation

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Scripture Lessons

Psalms 118: 1, 14, 21-24

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

People: **The Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Shannon Headen

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you

to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the readings

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Sermon

Dr. Lentz

“Get On Up to Galilee!”

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

William Billings

“The Lord Is Risen Indeed!”

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell



*** Prayer of Dedication**

Eucharist of New Life

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 our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Anne Wilson

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

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Graham Kendrick

"Alleluia"

John Bell

Prayer after Communion

We thank you for this invitation to new life. We will seek to follow the risen Christ in joy and gladness. By your Spirit free us from fear and set our feet on the holy way, that our lives may be signs of new life, and all we have may show forth Christ's love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Hymn No. 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Congregation, please sing refrain

* Commission and Blessing

Leader: Christ is risen! Go forth in joy.

People: From darkness and despair, we go to share Christ's hope and joy.

Leader: Christ is risen! Go forth in faith.

People: From doubt and betrayal, we go to walk in faith and fidelity.

Leader: Christ is risen! Go forth to live.

People: From suffering and death, we go to heal a broken world.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.

"Sanctuary"

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and

6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

* Choral Benediction

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

* Passing of the Peace

“Toccata”
from Symphony No. 5

Liturgy shaped by B.J. Beu, The Abington Worship Manual 2018



Welcome Visitors!

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! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

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.

Notes & Announcements

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Penny Chapman, Max Harmon, Elizabeth Hansen, Florence and Ron Klein, Wafa Kuri, Linda Martin, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Bob and Linda Uhle, Wesley Washington and Connor White.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

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 assisting the clergy in 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.

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

This Month's Ushers 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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: Please welcome guest French hornist Hannah Messenger, a student at Case Western Reserve University.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20: 19-31

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

Pacesetters: We will gather in the church kitchen this Friday, April 6 at 6:30 to make soup for the guests at Transplant House of Cleveland. Details have been sent by email; RSVP to Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-669-4885).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Dr. Sheila McGinn from John Carroll University will speak about her recent book, ***By Bread Alone***.

Labre Project Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball season! Forest Hill Church is looking for new players to join the recreation softball team. From late April to the end of July, the team plays every Sunday afternoon. We need 4 – 6 new players to join this year. If you are interested, contact Jason Hidek (Jason.hidek@att.net or 440-264-3296). Spring practice starts mid-April.

Cookies for troops: A group of women meet each month and pack boxes of cookies (as well as books and toiletries) to send to deployed men and women, and they would like names and addresses of any folks you know who are serving overseas. Please send addresses to Doris Bartlett (grkitty6@aol.com or 216-382-5663) or Nancy Burcham (burcham@roadrunner.com or 440-446-0832).

April 21: Diana Butler Bass, author of ***Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks***, will lead a program from 9:30 – 12:30 at First Presbyterian Church, Willoughby. Flyers are available in the foyers.

April 28: The Great Spiritual Migration

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 8:30am to 5:00pm

Come hear Brian McLaren elaborate on his belief that Christian faith is not dying, but embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. Bring your questions and curiosity to speak with one of the foremost leaders engaging the future of Christianity today. Gather for coffee and conversation at 8:30am. The retreat begins promptly at 9:00. The fee of \$75 includes lunch and snack breaks. Please notify us of dietary restrictions. Call St Paul's (216-932-6815) or go to <http://www.stpauls-church.org/> to register.

Youth News

Sundays: Classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

April 6 and 8: Ruah Room painting parties

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Calendar: April 1-8, 2018

<p>Sunday, April 1: Easter Classes and children's choirs will not meet 9:00 am Child care begins Worship (in chapel) 10:30 am Egg Hunt Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 am WORSHIP 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Monday, April 2 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 3 12:00 pm Abundance Lunch 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:30 pm Adult Ed team mtg 7:00 pm Friends of HOLA mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, April 4 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA 7:00 pm Long Range Planning meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, April 5 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, April 6 10:00 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal 6:00 pm Youth – paint in Ruah Rm 6:30 pm Pacesetters</p> <p>Saturday, April 7 2:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor</p> <p>Sunday, April 8 9:00 am Child care begins Nominating Committee 9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 am Descant Choir activity 10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 am WORSHIP Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Youth – paint in Ruah Rm Black Caucus mtg 5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>
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The Easter Lilies are donated by

Chris and Dave Bell, to celebrate their family
Nancy Burcham, in honor of FHC's Sanctuary family.
The Cameron family, in memory of all their loved ones
Betty Clark, in memory of the Clark and Fritz families
Jeff Dyck and Lara Troyer, in memory of Gordon Dyck
Bill & Rachel Finn, to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild
 Juniper Rae Finn
Lyn Hale and Debbie Chapman, in memory of their loved ones
Judy Hammer, in memory of David Hammer
Barbara Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet
Patricia Bowman Jenkins, in memory of Edwin and Katherine Bowman
Morag & Tom Keefe, in memory of their parents Andrew and Mary
 MacMorran and Thomas and Barbara Keefe
Jane & Cliff Kowall, in memory of parents Walter & Elaine Grasson and
 Paul & Dorothy Kowall
Carol Leslie, in honor of the Strachan Richards and Macklin crew
Linda Martin
Robin Mervine, in memory of Mel Mervine and Betty Miller
Joan Tracy Neubecker, in memory of her mother Florence Neubecker,
 who passed away on April 1, 2017
Joyce Pope, in thanksgiving for Bible and Bagels
Jean Reinhold, in memory of Bruce Reinhold
Rev. Martha and Asa Shiverick, in memory of Don Ebright, Marty Ebright,
 and Marty Lou Grabner
Carolyn Sloan Smith, in memory of Robert and Grace Sloan and Dr.
 Dwight
 and Josephine Smith
Jeff and Anne Smith, in honor of the students across the nation who are
 leading us in the anti-gun campaign

Joy Stang

Kathy & Derry Stauffer, in memory of Dwight Stauffer and in honor of
Margie Stauffer

Peg Weissbrod and Steve Marunowski, in memory of their parents

Anne Wilson, in memory of Joan and Bill Ferguson

Dene Young, in memory of loved ones

The family of Diona Shaw would like to thank the Forest Hill Church faith community for your incredible outpouring of love, support, kindness and prayers. We are experiencing God's grace through your faithful acts. We appreciate all that you have done to help us through our time of grief.

The Washington and Shaw families





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