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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
April 22, 2018 at 11:00 am
4 Easter: Earth Day

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.

Centering Words

God is the foundation for everything

This God undertakes, God gives.

Such that nothing that is necessary for life is lacking.

Now humankind needs a body that at all times honors and praises God.

This body is supported in every way through the earth.

Thus the earth glorifies the power of God.

~St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Welcome

Prelude

Rich Mullins

“Awesome God”

Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Peter Williams

One: Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead! The Spirit is poured out. Lives are transformed.

All: God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.

One: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

All: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

One: Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

All: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's creation.

One: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

All: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!

(From Eco-Justice Ministries, <http://www.eco-justice.org>)

*** Processional Hymn No. 26**

“Earth and All Stars!”

Please use alternative words to stanza 3:

Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

*please stand if able

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Elder Todd Webster

Creator God, maker of all that is, seen and unseen: You have given us a place in your creation, and entrusted us with its care. We confess that we have not been faithful stewards. We have allowed anxiety and self-absorption to dull our sense of curiosity and awe. We have put profits before protecting Mother Earth, our fragile island home. We have turned beautiful creatures into commodities rather than fellow travelers on this earthly journey. Forgive our selfishness, greed, and indifference. In this season of resurrection, grant us grace to start again, vision to see creation as you see it, and courage to work for healing that all people and creatures might delight in the resources you so generously provide. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Anne Wilson

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

Taizé

*All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin;
high voices enter two measures later; children and
youth enter two measures after that.*

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

*** Hymn**

"In Chaos and Nothingness"

See separate sheet

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 8 *(responsively)*

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Colossians 1: 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

“Holding the Vision”

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

Anne Wilson

"Love Thy Neighbor"

* Alleluia

Jeannette Sorrell

5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -
- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score for the Alleluia is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The first staff starts with a measure number of 5. The second staff continues the melody.

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 24 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

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.

The musical score for the Choral Benediction is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics: "Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you." The first staff starts with a measure number of 3, and the second staff starts with a measure number of 6.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in Bb Major"



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.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers The flowers today are given by Joan Bacon in gratitude for Forest Hill Church, and by the Dolan family in honor of Millie's birthday and the anniversary of her baptism.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Penny Chapman, Max Harmon, Kemp Jaycox, Florence and Ron Klein, Wafa Kuri, Linda Martin, Connie Sekerak, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, and Wesley Washington.

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.

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

Co-Pastor Nominating Committee: You are invited to join the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC) for a chat in South Hall after church today. Members of the committee would like to share updates, but most importantly we would like to hear from you. We hope to see you there!

TED Talk for Earth Day and beyond: For a beautiful TED talk particularly appropriate to Earth Day, do an internet search for **Nature's Beauty Inspires Gratitude** – you will come to a talk by Louis Schwartzberg, an American director, producer, and cinematographer. Schwartzberg is recognized as a pioneer in high-end time-lapse cinematography.

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-12; John 15: 1-8.**

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

GCC Criminal Justice Action: Tuesday, April 24, 7-8:30 pm
St John's AME Church (2261 E. 40th, Cleveland)

Come join 400 other GCC and community members to keep pressure on Prosecutor O'Malley and Judge John Russo, who have been working with GCC toward a more fair and equitable criminal justice system (including combating overcharging, and promoting mental health crisis centers). The

power of a large assembly will hold these public servants accountable to the commitments they have made, and ask them to make additional commitments to further these efforts. We will also receive updates on all GCC's work. Please sign up with Jennifer Blakeney, Diana Woodbridge or Eileen Vizcaino. To carpool from FHC, please contact Eileen (eileen.spirit76@gmail.com).

Hilltoppers (April 27): All are invited to come at 1 pm to hear Dave Neff talk about Yellowstone National Park in wintertime, accompanied by photos.

The Great Spiritual Migration (April 28) St Paul's Episcopal Church, 8:30am-5pm

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

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering (April 28) at St Mark's Presbyterian Church, 22111 Chagrin Blvd, 8:30am – 1:30pm. The topic is "Immigrant / Refugee: What Is the Difference?" The cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; to register, contact Gladys Kershaw (gmkershaw@aol.com) or Lee Lohr (3864 Long Rd, Avon OH 44011).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: The class will conclude the study of Raymond Brown's book ***A Risen Christ in Eastertime***. On May 6 a new series, "Three Weeks of Shalom," will begin.

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. Want more information about the Labre program? Want to get involved? Contact Jack Breisch (440- 241-5149 or jbrei@hawken.edu).

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).

Crime of Complicity: The Bystander from the Holocaust to Today (May 1 at the Maltz Museum) *If you are a bystander and witness a crime, should you be legally obligated to intervene or is moral responsibility enough?* Bystander complicity is part of the headlines today, from cases of sexual assault on college campuses to Harvey Weinstein to the former USA Gymnastics abuse scandal. Join Professor Amos Guiora as he shares how lessons from the Holocaust can help us navigate responding to injustices in today's world. He'll draw from the experiences of his parents and grandparents during the Holocaust, along with a wide range of historical material and interviews, to provide questioning and insight into the moral responsibility people faced.

Amos N. Guiora, J.D., Professor of Law at S.J. Quinney College of Law, addresses this important and timely issue from the Holocaust to today. Professor Guiora is the author of ***The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust*** and is a significant contributor to “Bystander—Duty to Act” legislation in Utah.

Free with registration via the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage (maltzmuseum.org, go to the calendar, scroll down to May 1).

The Annual May Cabaret (May 6) begins with a pizza dinner at 6:15; the inter-generational show kicks off at 7 pm. Highlights will include songs from ***Mary Poppins*** (Descant Choir), a performance by the Heights High Barbershoppers, Voices in Bronze ringing the *Bashful Bell Rag* (starring Clayton Minder as the bashful one!), and vocal solos by Chip Vandall, Grant Heineman and Mary Jane Reinhardt.

Youth News

Every Sunday: Logos (Mid High) meets from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Ruah Room.

Today: Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

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Calendar: April 22-29, 2018

<p>Sunday, April 22: 4 Easter 9:00 am Child care begins Nominating Committee meeting 9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir Exploring Membership class 10:15 am Descant Choir activity 10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir Cherub Choir 11:00 am WORSHIP Pathways children stay in worship Children's Worship program 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation CPNC Q&A Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>Monday, April 23 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 24 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>Wednesday, April 25 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA 7:00 pm Session meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, April 26 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:00 pm Long Range Planning meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, April 27 10:00 am Al Anon 1:00 pm Hilltoppers</p> <p>Saturday, April 28 8:00 am Men's Group CRCC Program: Girls in Power 4:00 pm Memorial Service for Rosaneil Schenk (at Laurel School)</p> <p>Sunday, April 29: 5 Easter 9:00 am Child care begins 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 Children's Worship program 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation 1:00 pm Apollo's Fire: Musettes rehearsal</p>
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Morning Poem

Every morning the world is created.

Under the orange

sticks of the sun

the heaped ashes of the night

turn into leaves again

and fasten themselves to the high branches ---

and the ponds appear

like black cloth on which are painted islands

of summer lilies.

If it is your nature to be happy

you will swim away along the soft trails

for hours, your imagination alighting everywhere.

And if your spirit carries within it

the thorn

that is heavier than lead ---

if it's all you can do to keep on trudging ---

there is still somewhere deep within you

a beast shouting that the earth

is exactly what it wanted ---

each pond with its blazing lilies

is a prayer heard and answered lavishly, every morning,

whether or not

you have ever dared to be happy,

whether or not

you have ever dared to pray.

from Dream Work (1986) by Mary Oliver



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