

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
April 29, 2018 at 11:00 am
5 Easter

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

Living in God means
God's love is living in you.
So love God, live Love.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Jacques Bertier

"Jubilate Deo"
Descant Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Karen Loughridge

Leader: Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

People: Love is from God.

Leader: We all are called to live God's love.

People: Love is from God.

Leader: When we live in God's love, our love overflows.

People: Love is from God.

Leader: Let us worship together in love.

*** Processional Hymn No. 22**

"God of the Sparrow"

*please stand if able

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Voice 1: Beloved, let us love one another.

Voice 2: But only if others deserve to be loved.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Voice 1: Those who say “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars.

Voice 2: But we only hate the really bad people.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Voice 1: Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Voice 2: The truth is, we have trouble believing anyone is worthy of God’s love, including ourselves.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Voice 1: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Voice 2: But sometimes love just isn’t enough. We need walls and prisons and armies.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Voice 1: God, help us, through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, to comprehend the power of your love.

Voice 2: Open our hearts and our lives to the love that drives out fear, and transforms the world.

All: Lord, we are ready to live in your love.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Plainsong

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.*



5 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

Anthem

Olive Dugan

"Eternal Life"

Mary Jane Reinhardt, soprano

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and

was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

***Hymn No. 451**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Holy Conversation"

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

J.S. Bach

"All Hearts Now Be Joyful"

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 750

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

"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.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Paul Manz

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



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 Bob and Ginny Young in memory of their parents, and by Lee and Cathi Thomas and the Thomas family in memory of Rev. Clarence “Tommy” Thomas.

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

Last Call for Softball Players: The Forest Hill recreational softball team is looking for a few more players to complete their roster. Games are every Sunday at 4pm at Forest Hill Park and run through end of July. If interested, please contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net, 440-264-3296).

The first game is this afternoon at 4 pm against Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

Earth Stewardship

Tree Planting Sunday April 29 1:30 p.m. Meet at East Cleveland FHP tennis courts parking lot. Gloves provided.

Cleveland Hts FH Park Cleanup Saturday May 5, 1-3 p.m. Meet at parking lot opposite the church. Gloves and trash bags provided.

Please confirm participation with Dave Neff.

Both events in conjunction with Doan Brook Watershed Partnership

THIS WEEK

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.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: We will begin a 3-week series on Shalom on May 6 at 9:30 am in South Hall. All are welcome! Please read Leviticus 26: 3-13 and Numbers 6: 22-27 in advance, and spend a few minutes this week thinking about what peace means to you.

שלום *Shalom* Ειρήνη *Eirene*

Next Sunday, Kathryn Eloff and Alex Heston will lead a Bible study at 9:30; after worship Jessica Kelley will speak about the Sanctuary program.

The Annual May Cabaret (May 6) begins with a pizza dinner at 6:15; the family-friendly intergenerational variety 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!), a movie trivia contest, and vocal solos by Chip Vandall, Grant Heineman and Mary Jane Reinhardt.

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

Spring Work Day – May 12, 9 am – 12 pm! All are encouraged to help get Forest Hill Church ready for warm weather. Tasks for all ages and abilities will be available.

Clean-up Day at Transplant House, May 19: Pacesetters and others are invited to help get Transplant House of Cleveland ready for spring – see p. 16 of the May ***TOWER***.

Youth News

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

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Calendar: April 29 – May 6, 2018

<p>Sunday, April 29: 5 Easter</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education 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 Pathways to the Promise Land Children's Worship program</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>1:00 pm Apollo's Fire: Musettes rehearsal</p> <p>4:00 pm Softball vs Fairmount PC</p> <p>Monday, April 30</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) Apollo's Fire: Musettes rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon CPNC meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, May 1</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Lunch</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>Wednesday, May 2</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p>	<p>Thursday, May 3</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:00 pm Long Range Planning meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, May 4</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, May 5</p> <p>9:00 am Scouts: Merit Badge Day</p> <p>9:30 am PRISM</p> <p>Sunday, May 6: 6 Easter</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education 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 Pathways to the Promise Land Children's Worship program</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>1:00 pm Apollo's Fire: Musettes rehearsal</p> <p>4:00 pm Softball vs New Life</p> <p>6:15 pm May Cabaret</p>
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Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) presents . . .

A Mini-Training on Power and Self-Interest

If you have ever wondered what GCC means when it says “We are a power organization,” or when we talk about “a power analysis,” here are two not-to-be-missed opportunities. Choose the date that works best for you:

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 to 8:30 – at Forest Hill Church

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 to 8:30 – at Forest Hill Church

Until now, training on power and self-interest has been offered only as part of the full GCC University curriculum – but because of our Strengthening Power Campaign and the desire to train more leaders in the key components of how GCC and the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF, our parent organization), work for social justice change, GCC is offering these Mini-Trainings. Trainers include Rev. John Lentz, Rev. Jawanza Colvin of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church and others. It will be powerful!

RSVP to Diana Woodbridge (Diana@ninthrung.com or 216-291-3745) if you wish to participate.



Saturday May 12

9am – 12pm

Come one, come all!

No job too large, no job too small!

Childcare available

Lunch provided

*Contact Ann Donkin for more information
(adonkin@fhcpresb.org or 216-701-0598)*