

# Forest Hill Church

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## *Service of Worship*

*June 3, 2018 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.

### *Centering Words*

Mold us today, O God we pray.  
Sculpt us as your jars of clay.  
Brimming with Spirit, alive and new:  
Visible bearers of life, of you. Amen

### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

Billy Strayhorn

"Lotus Blossom"

Lavert Stuart, guest organist

### *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **Call to Worship**

Elder Linda Martin

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God, we gather as your children.

**People: The Spirit calls, inviting us to listen.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Christ, we sit at your feet.

**People: The Divine Parent calls, adopting us as family.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Spirit, we come to worship.

**People: Let us worship God.**

#### **\* Opening Hymn No. 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, Spirit of love, when we neglect the needs of your world or harden our hearts to the needs of mercy and compassion. Forgive us, Spirit of God, when we neglect your guidance or close our spirits to your presence. Blow where you will, Spirit of freedom, but please blow through our lives. Open our minds. Open our hearts. Open our spirits, that our spirits may blow through your world with love, compassion, justice and truth. In your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

### **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 five staves in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord on the fifth staff.

# *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

## **Family Meditation**

Pastor Lentz

### **Scripture Lessons**

#### **Psalm 139** *(responsively)*

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**People: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## **Mark 2:23 - 3:6**

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

*After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C Lentz, Jr.

"Can't Box God In"

**Ritual of Friendship**

**Offering**

## Offertory

American traditional

### "Amazing Grace"

## \* Alleluia

Jeannette Sorrell



## *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

### 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**

James Clemmens

**"God, We Honor You"**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

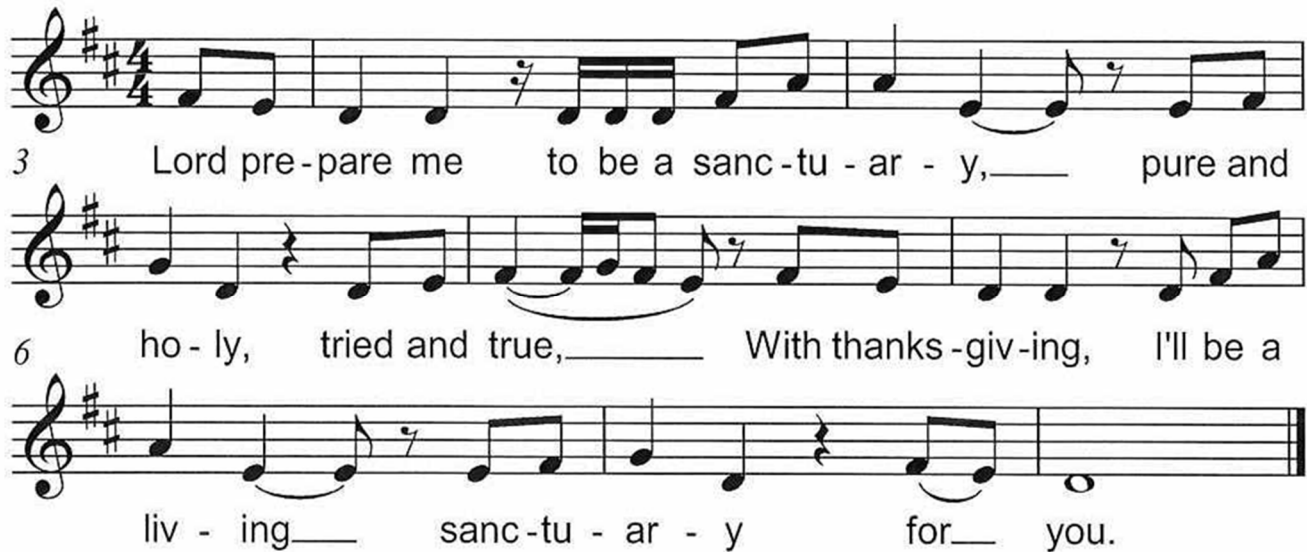
## *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

### **\* Closing Hymn No. 37**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

### **\* 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.

## \* Passing of the Peace

*Postlude*

André Campra

“Rigaudon”



***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*

**Today's Music:** Thank you to today's music leader, Lavert Stuart. Lavert is the Assistant Director of Music and Arts and the organist at University Circle United Methodist Church. Anne Wilson is visiting her daughter Rachel in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**In Memoriam We Remember  
Joan Elizabeth Kandare  
Who died May 26, 2018  
I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord**

**Chancel Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Dr. and Mrs. William Mast in loving memory of their parents; by Karen and Clyde Loughridge in memory of loved ones; and by Nancy Burcham in memory of loved ones.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, Wafa Kuri, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Garrett Vandall, and Wesley Washington.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Connie Sekerak, 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 any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.**

## ***Care Group***

The Forest Hill 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.

✦ The Forest Hill Deacons are:

Mary Hosier, Care Group leader	Jason Hidek
Chris Bell	Ellen McChesney (Elder)
Wendy Brock	Robin Mervine
Sally Davis	Jeanette Nemcek (Elder)
John Dugard	Margie Ravas
Barbara Hansen (Elder)	Rob Reynolds

**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**

***Softball:*** We play Church of the Saviour at 4 pm in Forest Hill Park.

### **THIS WEEK**

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3: 20-35.**

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

***Summer Bible Study*** (8:45 on June 10) will discuss the scripture(s) being used as the preaching text.

***Call for Proposals: FHC Community Grants*** The Ministry of Justice and Mission is pleased to announce its 2018 Call for Proposals for FHC Community Grants. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial support for community initiatives and programs that support its mission: To increase awareness and encourage actions that respond to injustice and human need. To request an application, send an email to [jm@fhcpresb.org](mailto:jm@fhcpresb.org). **Final Applications are due Friday, June 8.** Justice and Mission welcomes conversations about your ideas and proposed activities. Email us or call Jessica Kelley (410-562-1797).

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education – Bible study, 8:45 in South Hall***

***From Awareness to Vigilance: Ideas about a Path to Achieving Racial Equity and Inclusion –in South Hall after worship***

Self-proclaimed lifetime member of the Forest Hill Church Fan Club Mark Joseph will lead an after-church discussion about everyday strategies for advancing racial equity and inclusion. Joseph is the Leona Bevis and Marguerite Haynam Associate Professor of Community Development at the Mandel School of Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. He is also the Founding Director of the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities. Joseph is the co-author of *Integrating the Inner City: The Promise and Perils of Mixed-Income Public Housing Transformation*. Please join us to discuss practical steps for advancing your personal equity journey and our church's commitment to racial equity and inclusion. Joseph and his family regularly attend FHC and his son Malik is a proud member here. This discussion is co-sponsored by the Forest Hill Racial Inclusion Committee and the Forest Hill Black Caucus.

### ***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.

***Summer Choir:*** The Summer Choir continues through June and July. Come at 9:30 am for a 25-minute rehearsal in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall). 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”!

***Softball:*** We play Fairmount PC at 4 pm in Forest Hill Park.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Social Groups in June**

**June 16: The Group** will go to Rabbit Run Theater in Madison OH

**June 19: Iris Circle** has a planning meeting at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer’s

**June 22: Hilltoppers** have a planning meeting at Nancy Burcham’s

**June 23: Pacesetters** will go to see ***Memphis the Musical*** at Cain Park

*See the **TOWER** or contact the office for details*

***Sunday, June 17:*** Juneteenth celebration! Plan to stay after worship – see p. 14 for more details.

***Sunday, June 24:*** There will be an open Labre meeting in the library after worship to discuss future plans for this outreach ministry. All volunteers are welcome.

## ***Summer Preaching – Picks from the Pew***

Have you ever run across a passage in the Bible and thought "I don't know what to make of this. I sure wish I could hear someone preach on it"? This summer is your chance! Email requests to the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)) or leave a note in the offering. Pastors Lentz and Annich will use the suggestions they receive as the base for their summer sermons.

Please be as specific as you can. Include the chapter and verse (ie John 3:16) or a description of the passage (ie the story where Jesus talks about an injured guy in a ditch that no one will stop to help).

Then -- here's the catch -- come to church each Sunday to see if the preacher has chosen your passage!

### ***Staff Emails***

Rev. Lois Annich	Interim Assoc. Pastor	<a href="mailto:pastorannich@fhcpresb.org">pastorannich@fhcpresb.org</a>
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**Summer Adult Education - class begins at 8:45**

**"Come and See!"**

**Things do NOT slow down at Forest Hill during the summer!**

**Make sure to come and join the inspiration!**

**June 3 and June 10 (8:45)** Pastor Lentz will lead a study conversation about the biblical passages that are being used as the preaching text. This is a wonderful way to engage with the scripture!

**June 10 AFTER WORSHIP (11:15)** Professor Mark Joseph will present "Looking Through the Racial Equity Lens." Professor Joseph is an inspiring presenter who will give you hope! *See p. 11 for details*

**June 17 (8:45) "Juneteenth"** Also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, this is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. state of Texas over TWO YEARS after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Rev. Barbara Essex, the Director of UpCam, will teach at 8:45 am. There will be a celebration after church.

**June 24 - August 5 (8:45) Living the Question: Call to Covenant** Revs. Laury Larson and John Lentz will lead this seven-week series about how our Christian faith is lived out in this world. Each class begins with a 20 minute DVD presentation followed by discussion.

## *Calendar: June 3-10, 2018*

<p><b>Sunday, June 3</b>  8:00 am PRISM  8:30 am Child care begins  8:45 am Adult Education: Bible study  9:00 am Nominating Committee  9:30 am Continental Breakfast  Summer Choir  10:00 am WORSHIP  11:15 am Coffee and Conversation</p> <p><b>Monday, June 4</b>  6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  7:00 pm Al Anon  7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)  Boy Scout Trp #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 5</b>  12:00 pm Abundance Lunch  1:00 pm Abundance Pantry  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  6:30 pm Adult Ed Team meeting  7:00 pm Friends of HOLA  8:00 pm Sanctuary group</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 6</b>  7:30 am Bible and Bagels  12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA  7:00 pm Endowment Committee mtg</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 7</b>  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p><b>Friday, June 8</b>  10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p><b>Saturday, June 9</b>  9:00 am Piano students program</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 10</b>  8:30 am Child care begins  8:45 am Adult Education: Bible study  9:30 am Continental Breakfast  Summer Choir  10:00 am WORSHIP  11:15 am Coffee and Conversation  12:00 pm Prof. Mark Joseph:  Racial Equity program</p>
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