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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
May 13, 2018 at 11:00 am
7 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.

Prayer of Preparation

For all who nurture life we give you thanks. We praise you for the many ways you have blessed us and ask for one more thing – hearts that overflow with love and gratitude. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in E Major”

Choral Introit

Scottish trad.

“I Will Always Bless the Lord”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Robyn Hales

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers who bore and cradled us as infants.

All: We also remember mothers who have lost their children through illness or violence, whose tears still flow from their broken hearts.

Leader: We cherish our families who have sheltered us from harm and who provided for our daily needs.

All: We remember families who are traumatized by deportation and those exiled from the land of their birth by frontiers, by barbed wire, and by war's violence.

Leader: We express gratitude to our spiritual mothers and fathers who guided us throughout life, modeling for us the love of God.

All: We hold up mothers of diverse religions and creeds who experience life in disparate ways—those who are comforted and encouraged by what they believe and those who struggle to find meaning and hope in their faith.

Leader: We pray for those whom we love and hold dear to our hearts—children, youth, young adults, and elders;

All: And we pray for those we know and do not hold dear, and those who we do not know and whose suffering we have not embraced.

Leader: On this Mother's Day, we come to worship the living God, to honor our mothers, and to find solace and peace in the goodness that life brings;

All: Acknowledging the joys and sorrows of life, we hope to depart this place transformed by Christ's Spirit that we may express compassion, seek justice, show mercy, and pursue peace wherever our lives may lead. Let us worship God!

*Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Paul Hayes, pastor
Noank Baptist Church, Noank, CT
on www.bpfna.org*

*** Processional Hymn No. 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Holy God, we come before you in humility,

For we do not live as we ought.

We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

So we pray, in all humility,

That you will change our hearts and minds,

That you will show us again how to love others the way you love us,

That you will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.

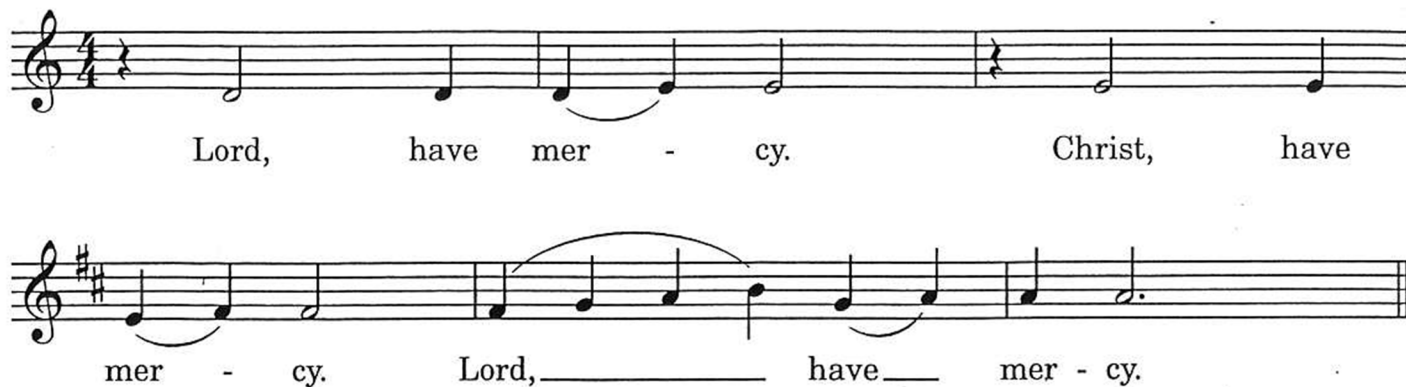
This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

from HoldFastToWhatIsGood.com

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Craig Phillips



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!

Anthem

Sandi Patty

"Love in Any Language"
Descant Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Presentation of Mariana Ramirez Hernandez

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 139:1-18 *read responsively; the people read the lines in boldface*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

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

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

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

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

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

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

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

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

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

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.

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

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

1 John 4: 7-19

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

"Mothering God"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

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

1..Moth - er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright morn - ing
2..Moth - er-ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing me your
3..Moth - er-ing Spi - it, nur-tur-ing one, in arms of pa - tience

of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry breath,
food of light, grain of life, and grape of love,
hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow

you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
un - til I flow - er, un - til I know.

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

"Signposts on the Way to God"

Prayers of the People

Shannon Headen

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

Morten Lauridsen
poem by Dana Gioia

"Prayer"

*Echo of the clocktower, footstep in the alleyway,
Sweep of the wind sifting the leaves.*

*Jeweller of the spiderweb, connoisseur of autumn's opulence,
blade of lightning harvesting the sky.*

*Keeper of the small gate, choreographer of entrances and exits,
Midnight whisper travelling the wires.*

*Seducer, healer, deity, or thief, I will see you soon enough--
in the shadow of the rainfall, in the brief violet darkening a sunset --
but until then I pray watch over him as a mountain guards its covert
ore
and the harsh falcon its flightless young.*

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

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

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*** 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

J. S. Bach

"Fugue in Eb" (St. Anne)



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 Elizabeth Shaw in memory of her parents, Odency and Josephine Johnson; and by John and Sheryl Dugard in memory of Mildred L. Sinkler.

Prayers are requested this week for: 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.

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.

Care Group: The Jordan Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during May. 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.

❖ Members of the Jordan CARE Group are:

John Dugard, Deacon Leader

Deborah Adrine

Joseph & Lizbeth Andrews

Bader & Angela Boland

Michael & Danielle Cosgrove

Dale Dannefer

Ralph Dise, Jr. & Kathy Dise

John & Sheryl Dugard

Bob Fox

Ron & Marcia Grant

Roger & Consuelo Heineman

Dorothy Herd

Carl Jenks

Mary McMillan

Neil & Kathleen Molyneaux

Jon O. Newton

Linda & David Rainey

John & Kara Schellenberg

Jim & Pat Seeders

Tori Weisberg

Grace Uhle

Becky & Brian West

Marilyn Wilk

Diana Woodbridge

Coming Up

TODAY

Adult Education The Shalom series continues. At 12:15 Paul Jennings from Abundance Pantry and Jack Breisch from Labre will speak about their ministries. A light lunch will be served; childcare is available.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15.**

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

Iris Circle, May 15, 1 pm: Come share your favorite book.

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 for details.

Greater Cleveland Congregations Mini-training on Power and Self-Interest

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 to 8:30 OR Thursday, May 17, 7:00 to 8:30

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 encouraging participation in these trainings.

RSVP to Diana Woodbridge (Diana@ninthrung.com or 216-291-3745)

NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost! Wear red!

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall Bible study will be led by Tom Zych at 9:30; at 12:15 Ann Williams will share her experience with Camp Lilac.

Young(ish) Adult Picnic

Are you a young(ish) adult? Single? Married? Kids? No kids? Love free pizza? This group is for you! Join us on May 20 at Forest Hill Park for a picnic following worship. Pizza and drinks will be provided; feel free to bring a side or dessert to share. Kids are welcome. Hope to see you there!

We encourage those who are interested in the post-worship Adult Ed session to attend, and join the picnic afterwards!

Softball: We play Church of the Saviour at 4 pm on May 20.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 27 is the last Sunday of the program year. It is also the day we will celebrate the ministries of Shannon Headen and Kate Burleigh with a service led by the youth of the church. It is also the day this year's high school graduates will be recognized.

Saturday, June 16: The Group's annual trip to Rabbit Run Theater. Details have been emailed; for information, contact Kathy Hanna-Stauffer.

Youth News

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

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Calendar: May 13 - 20, 2018

<p>Sunday, May 13: 7 Easter Mother's Day 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 Adult Ed program</p> <p>Monday, May 14 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, May 15 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry Iris Circle 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm GCC Mini-training</p> <p>Wednesday, May 16 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Bullshevicks (at Nighttown) 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA 7:00 pm TransFamily East Long Range Planning mtg</p>	<p>Thursday, May 17 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm GCC Mini-training</p> <p>Friday, May 18 10:00 am Al Anon 7:00 pm HCC "Voices of the Heights" conversation</p> <p>Saturday, May 19 9 am – 12 n Pacesetters to Transplant House Clean-up Day 3:00 pm The Group to Cle Urban Winery</p> <p>Sunday, May 20: Day of Pentecost 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: Communion Children's Worship program 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Adult Ed program Young(ish) Adults picnic 4:00 pm Softball vs Church of the Saviour</p> <p>The summer schedule begins June 3 – worship will be at 10 am.</p>
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Sanctuary News

To support the work of HOLA, the northeast Ohio immigrant support agency, attend their benefit, *Our Adobe Hacienda*, on June 16. Information has been emailed and flyers are available in the foyers.

Some HOLA friends from Forest Hill Church have decided to have FHC be a \$500 sponsor for the HOLA Fundraiser. Four congregants have already pledged \$50 each toward the sponsorship. We are looking for 6 more congregants to pledge \$50 each so that we can get to our goal. For more information or to make a pledge contact Jeff Smith (jeffsmith2756@gmail.com).

CPNC Calling a Co-Pastor

<u>Completed</u>	<u>In process</u>	<u>To be done in the future</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate relationship with Presbytery of Western Reserve ● Elect CPNC ● Prepare Ministry Information Form (a description of what we are seeking in our Co-pastor) ● Gain approval for MIF from Session ● Post MIF on PCUSA matching service ● Define interview process 	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Receive PIFs (Personal Information Forms) from Presbyterial matching service</p> <p>Receive PIFs from self-referral</p> <p>Receive PIFs from ads placed in various media</p> <p>Receive PIFs from people who have been recommended to CPNC</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"> <p>Review PIFs with criteria and discern whether candidates should move forward</p> <p>Discernment</p> <p>Video interviews with consistent set of questions</p> <p>Discernment</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: right;"> <p>Face to face Interviews</p> </div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">This is an ongoing stage wherein the CPNC is doing all of these at the same time: receiving PIFs, evaluating PIFs, and - with certain candidates - conducting video interviews and planning for face-to-face visits.</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attain background and reference checks ● Select nominee ● Extend call ● Negotiate terms ● Report nominee to Session ● Plan for a congregational meeting ● Get approval from Presbytery for suitability of candidate and terms of call ● Hold congregational meeting to vote on approving call