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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
May 20, 2018 at 11:00 am
Day of Pentecost
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. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Centering Words / Prayer of Preparation

In mighty winds, in trembling earth, in groaning, inward need, the Holy Spirit calls. Not just on the day of Pentecost, but anytime we are in need, the Holy Spirit comes.

Welcome

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Dorothy Herd

Leader: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Acts 2:17

Karmen Garrett, French

Sampson Tedunjaiye, Yoruba

Stavros Gazis, Greek

Delilah Dervic, Arabic

Leonor Garcia, Spanish

Ginie Mast, German

Zivile Khoury, Lithuanian

All: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn** "I'm Goin'-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

St 2: I'm goin' –a PRAY when the Spirit says PRAY

St 3: I'm goin' –a MOAN when the Spirit says MOAN

St 4: I'm goin' –a SHOUT when the Spirit says SHOUT

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, arranged in four systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes a vocal line starting with '1. I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing.' The subsequent systems continue the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics across the systems are: '1. I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing.', 'I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing.', 'I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, — and o -', and 'bey the Spi - rit of the Lord.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings like '(b)'.

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bey the Spi - rit of the Lord.

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Shannon Headen

Come into our presence, Holy Spirit. Speak truth to our troubled hearts. Discomfort us in our complacency. Stir up a yearning within us for justice and love. Guide us away from paths of sin and sorrow onto paths of truth and righteousness. Come into our hearts, Holy Spirit, with your power and your love. Cleanse us and make us new. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Bob Chilcott

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

We Welcome New Members

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit

within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Are These Bones Going to Live?”

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

arr. Paul Halley

“Hold to God’s Unchangin’ Hand”

Beth Zych, soprano

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

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 our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Leon Roberts

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

Bob Chilcott

"Benedictus"

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for sharing your life with us. Send us forth as a light to the nations. Send us forth as a people with a blessing. Send us forth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* 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

arr. Chuck Marohnic

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Liturgy adapted from Mary J. Scifres in the Abingdon Worship Annual 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

Music: Please welcome today's guest musicians Eric Seddon, clarinet and Bryan Thomas, bass. Eric is a free-lance clarinetist and leads *Eric Seddon's Hot Club*. Bryan is the double bass instructor at Kent State University; he also teaches in the jazz program at Cuyahoga Community College

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Gary Sampson in memory of Betty Laura Sampson and James Brady Salsich; and by Mike and Margie Glaros in memory of their dear friend Ann.

Prayers are requested this week for: Rita Byrd, 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 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.

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

Adult Ed – Shalom, part 3: At 12:15 Ann Williams will share her experience with Camp Lilac. Pizza will be served for lunch.

Youth: Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal after worship; brunch at First Watch afterwards

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 in Forest Hill Park after worship for a picnic. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

If you plan to attend the post-worship Adult Ed session, join the picnic afterwards!

Softball: We play Church of the Saviour at 4 pm. There are no games next Sunday.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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, as well as the day this year's high school graduates will be recognized.

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

Summer Schedule: Beginning June 3, worship will be at 10 am.

The Sunday schedule is as follows:

8:45 Bible Study (begins June 24)

9:30 Summer Choir (June-July)

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Saturday, June 16: The Group's annual trip to Rabbit Run Theater. Details have been emailed; for information, contact Kathy Hanna-Stauffer f (216-544-0916 or khannas@sbcglobal.net).

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 fundraiser. Eight FHC members have already each pledged \$50 toward the sponsorship. We are looking for 2 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)

or put a check (made out to Forest Hill Church with HOLA in the memo) in his mailbox.

Tickets to the HOLA fundraiser will be sold in Fellowship Hall before and after the Sunday worship on May 20 and May 27. Tickets are \$50 each.

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Calendar: May 20-27, 2018

<p>Sunday, May 20: Day of Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins Nominating Committee</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir</p> <p>10:00 am Elders and New Members meet</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP: Communion Children's Worship program Pathways to the Promise Land</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Adult Ed program Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal Young(ish) Adults picnic</p> <p>4:00 pm Softball vs Church of the Saviour Reconnecting with God's Creation class</p> <p>Monday, May 21</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, May 22</p> <p>8:00 am UCC Retreat</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 23</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>8:00 am UCC Retreat</p> <p>10:00 am TOWER assembly</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p>Thursday, May 24</p> <p>7:00 am TOWER deadline</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:15 pm BHT meeting</p> <p>Friday, May 25</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>3:00 pm Excell graduation</p> <p>Sunday, May 27: Trinity Sunday</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</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>The summer schedule begins June 3 – worship will be at 10 am. See p. 9 for the schedule</p>
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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

One of four PC(USA) Special Offerings is the Pentecost offering to benefit children at risk, youth, and young adults. See the insert for information on ways to donate. If you choose to donate through Forest Hill Church, please make checks payable to Forest Hill Church and write “Pentecost Offering” on the memo line. Donations may be made thru the end of May.

O Holy One, take the gifts that we have offered this day, and use them to ignite the world with the fire of your presence. Take the prayers that we have offered this day, and use them to breathe life into the valleys of dry bones. Take the gifts of the Pentecost Offering, and use them to teach and nurture young people, that they might share their visions with the world and proclaim to all your wondrous deeds. Amen.

*From liturgy by Rev. Anna George Traynhamon,
Presbyterianmission.org*

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an Offering that nurtures the faith of children, youth, and young adults. As one of four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.



40%

stays with this congregation

to develop and support programs for young people
in our own church and community.



25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV),

serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders
through transformative Christian service.



25%

supports Ministries with Youth

to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ
and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word



10%

is devoted to children at-risk

to improve education and provide safe havens.