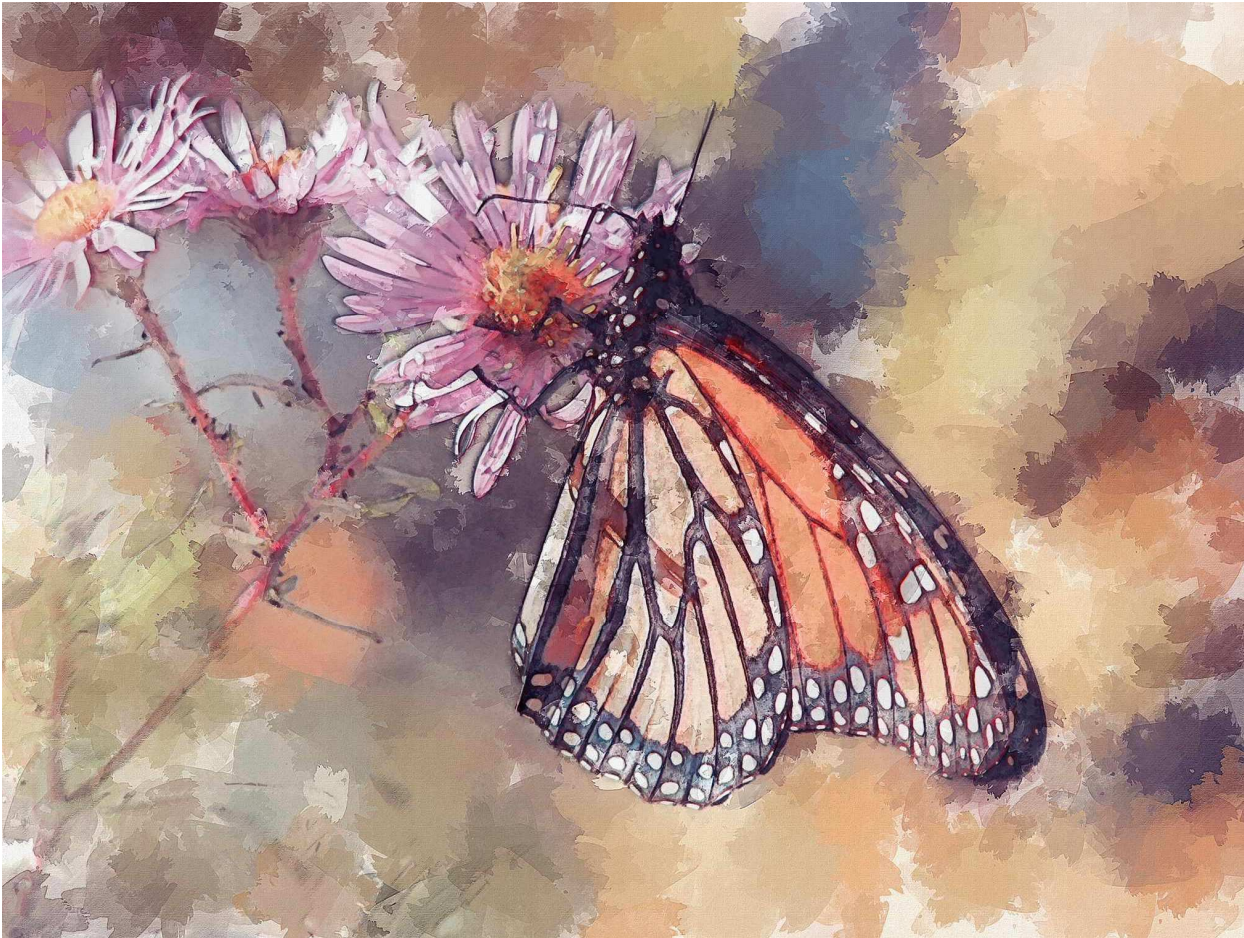


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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*May 27, 2018 at 11:00 am*

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*

Little girls with dreams become women with vision. *Unknown*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Anne Wilson

“The Wolf Also Shall Dwell with the Lamb”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Recognition of High School Graduates**

**Call to Worship** (*adapted from The African American Lectionary*) Quentin Smith

**Leader:** Lift up your heads! Lift up your voices with shouts of praise.

**All:** **For behold, salvation is coming out of Zion!**

**Leader:** Let us honor our God with a spirit of gratefulness that banishes despair.

**All:** **Honor him with a spirit of love that eradicates suffering.**

**Leader:** Honor her with a spirit of joy that restores hope through his coming redemption.

**All:** **Let us honor him with a spirit of thanksgiving that revokes worry.**

**Leader:** Lift your hands in praise that God may strengthen your arms in her service.

**All:** **Let us sing together, let us pray together, let us dance together,**

**Leader:** Let us prepare the way of our God!

**\* Processional Hymn No. 339**

**“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

*\*please stand if able*

***Renewing Our Relationship with God***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Will Burleigh**

**God, you know everything about me.  
Every word I speak,  
every thought I think,  
every deed I do—  
You know them all, even before I do.  
So take a good look at me now.  
Look deep into my heart and soul.  
Point out the things that displease you,  
the thoughts and actions I need to change.  
Show me how to live as you would want me to live.  
Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)**

**John Merbecke**

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Assurance of Pardon** *(read responsively)*

Chip Vandall

Leader: In front of us, behind us, to our right,  
to our left: look! God is there!  
In our past, beside us today, waiting  
in the future: look! God is there!  
in the shadows, in the light:  
look! God is there!

**All:** From the top of the mountains,  
to the bottom of the seas;  
in the morning, in the evening,  
in every moment: God is with us!  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Adapted from Thom Shuman*

### **\* 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.*



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*

### **A Scripture Pyramid**

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

### **Scripture Lessons**

#### **Psalm 139: 7-12**

read by Leslie Clement

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.

#### **Mark 5: 35-43**

Linnea Koops, Sam Dillenbeck, Lotus Headen,  
Noel Ullom, Jaden Cosgrove, Jessica Owusu,  
Ben Hidek, Harry Vandall, Chip Vandall, Zen Headen

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her,

“Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Stevie Wonder

“They Won’t Go When I Go”

Caleb Wright, soloist

**Sermon**

Shannon Headen

“Talitha Cum”

**Affirmation of Faith**

Garrett Vandall, Linnea Koops

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. John Lentz

**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**

Rev. Lois Annich

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Matthew West

“Do Something”

Seth Ungemach, soloist

**\* 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. 741**

"Guide My Feet"

**\* 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*



## *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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)**, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

## *Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers** Today's flowers are given by Anona Stack in memory of her parents, Joseph and Rachel Wenta; and by Robyn Hales, Ajah Hales and Jordan Dail in memory of Dorothy and Terri Hales and other loved ones.

**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. The FHC Deacons will serve in June.

**Welcome to these new members** who were received last Sunday:

Kianna Eberle

Deborah Erwin

Sandra Moran (and granddaughter Kaylee)

David Murray

### *Coming Up*

#### **TODAY**

**Today's Worship:** Today's worship, led by the youth and by members of the Black Caucus under the leadership of Shannon Headen, Director of Youth Ministries, celebrates many things: the diversity of our worship experience, those youth graduating from high school this spring, and the end of the program year as well as the conclusion of the ministries offered by Shannon and by Kate Burleigh, Director of Children's Ministries.

**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. Send us an email or call Jessica Kelley (410-562-1797).

## **Congratulations to these 2018 graduating seniors:**

**Grant Heineman** graduates from Heights High on May 29 and will attend Berklee College of Music (Boston MA), majoring in Jazz Composition and Voice.

**Laura Peterjohn** graduates from Shaker Heights High School on June 5 and will attend Wooster College (Wooster, OH).

**Mary Jane Reinhardt** graduates from Heights High on May 29 and will attend Case Western Reserve University.

**Adam Stauffer** graduates from Villa Angela St. Joseph on May 29 and will attend John Carroll University.

**Garrett Vandall** graduates from Heights High on May 29 and will study EMT and Firefighting at Tri-C.

**Ian Zych** graduates from Hawken School on June 3 and will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design ("SCAD" in Atlanta GA) as a film major.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: **1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2:23 - 3:6**

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

**Summer Bible Study** (8:45 on June 3 and 10) will discuss the scripture(s) being used as the preaching text that day.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### ***The summer schedule begins Sunday, June 3:***

- 8:45 Bible Study (June and July)
- 9:30 Childcare begins; Summer Choir (June and July)
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Coffee and Conversation

***Summer Choir:*** Beginning next Sunday and continuing through July, the summer choir will rehearse at 9:30 am in the choir room. The music will be easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes-in-arms) are most welcome to participate. Come as you are – there are no hot choir robes. Bring the whole family and experience worship from the other side.

***Softball:*** We play Church of the Saviour at 4 pm.

## LOOKING AHEAD

***Sunday, June 10:*** Mark Joseph will present a program on Racial Equity after worship.

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

***Sunday, June 17:*** Juneteenth celebration! Watch for details and plan to stay after worship.

***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.

***Sanctuary News:*** The HOLA benefit is SOLD OUT!

### ***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***

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<p><b>Sunday, May 27: Trinity Sunday</b></p> <p>10:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Scholarship committee mtg</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 30</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p>5:00 pm PWR meeting – Medina PC</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 28 Memorial Day</b></p> <p><b>Office closed</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 31</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 29</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:00 pm GCC Housing Team CPNC meeting Sanctuary group</p>	<p><b>Friday, June 1</b></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>6:30 pm New Members Dinner Scouts: Strawberry Festival</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, June 3</b></p> <p>8:30 am Child care begins</p> <p>8:45 am Adult Education: Bible study</p> <p>9:30 am Continental Breakfast Summer Choir</p> <p>10:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p>

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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!

**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 in the park 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.

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