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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
May 6, 2018 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion
6 Easter

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

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord – one in love and forgiveness, one in hope and expectation, one in justice and mercy, one in grace and peace. We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord.

Welcome

Choral Introit

South African song

"We Walk His Way"
Sine Nomine Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Karen Loughridge

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song. Let the mountains quake.

People: We worship a God of wonder.

Leader: Sing praises to our God. Let the musicians join the heavenly chorus.

People: We worship a God of saving love.

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the rivers clap their hands.

People: We worship a God of majesty and might.

Leader: Come! Worship the Lord.

Psalms 98

*** Processional Hymn No. 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Shannon Headen

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but that can be a difficult thing. You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love, yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift. You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the chains that bind us, yet we cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways. Heal us, O God. Help us live as children of your love. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Richard Feliciano

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

Scripture Lesson

John 15: 7-17

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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.

"Bide a Wee"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

Andrea Ramsey

"Through the Dark"

Lyrics adapted from the writings of Helen Keller:

Through the dark, I sense a holy passion,

Music that beats with the pulses of God. God is in me.

The light in my darkness, the voice in my silence.

I feel the flames of eternity in my soul. I possess the light,

which shall give me vision a thousand-fold when death sets me free.

* Alleluia

Jeannette Sorrell

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.

Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?

People: We give thanks for God's creation, for making us in God's image. We give thanks because God never gave up on us, even though we were not faithful to God. We give thanks because when it was time, God sent his only son, Jesus, to show God's love for us.

Children: How do we praise God for all this?

Leader: With all the faithful of every time and place. This is said to God's glory:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Children: What do we remember at this table?

People: We remember God's Son, Jesus: He healed the sick and restored sight to the blind; He welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts. Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.

Children: How are we able to remember?

People: We are able to remember because of the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's first gift to those who believe who will complete God's work in the world.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Leader: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed and gave it to his friends. He told them to eat it and remember him. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Leader: After the meal, Jesus took the cup, and gave it to them as the promise that our sins are forgiven. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: But this is everyday bread and grape juice.

Leader: Let us pray that the everyday bread and juice will become holy: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Since this meal brings us together with all Christians, let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all of God's children.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Lois Annich

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

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Billema Kwilla

Voices in Bronze and Chancel Choir

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

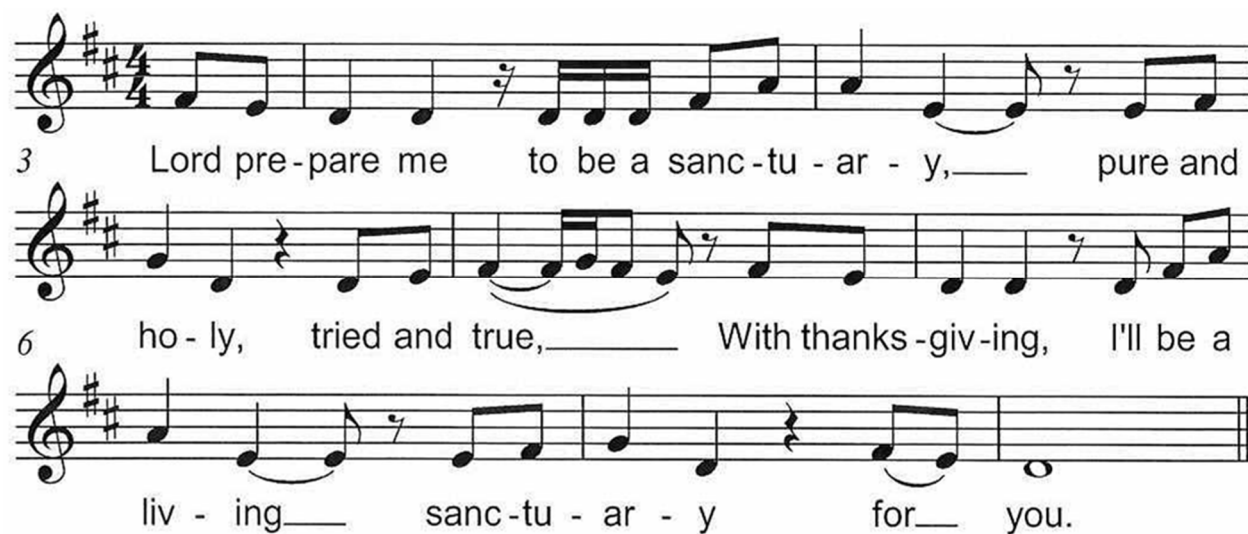
*** Closing Hymn No. 767**

"Together We Serve"

*** 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

William Walton

"Crown Imperial March"

Liturgy shaped by B.J. Beu, The Abington Worship Manual 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

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Charlotte and John McCumber and family in loving memory of William and Kay Currie on their wedding anniversary; and by the Koops family in honor of their grandparents.

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 January. 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.

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

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 Education began our 3 Weeks of Shalom series today. Did you know Absalom (father of peace) and Jerusalem (foundation of peace) trace their roots to shalom? See how it is used in Judges 8:9: And he spoke also unto the men of Penuel, saying: "When I come back in peace, I will break down this tower."

ט ויאמר גם-לאנשי פנואל, לאמר: בשובי בשלום, אחץ את-המגדל הזה. (פ)
Shalom

Today's class continues in South Hall after worship. Jessica Kelley, Elder on the Ministry of Justice and Mission, and a friend from Sanctuary will speak about mission. A light lunch will be served; childcare will be available.

The Annual May Cabaret (TONIGHT!) 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, Olivia Smoraz and Mary Jane Reinhardt.

Softball: Today we play New Life at 4 pm in Forest Hill Park. There's no game next week.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19.**

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

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. Childcare and lunch will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Adult Ed will continue with their study of "Shalom." Bible study meets at 9:30 am; at 12:15 Paul Jennings from Abundance Pantry and Jack Breisch from Labre will speak about their ministries at 12:15 pm.

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.

Hats! In honor of Mother's Day, wear your favorite, fanciest or only hat to church next Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

GCC Mini-Training: This is a great opportunity to learn more about GCC and about their approach to power and self-interest. See p. 10 for details.

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!

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Youth News

Sundays: Mid High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today: Sine Nomine choir will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship.



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

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.

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



Long-Range Planning: Forest Hill Church 2024

In the next five years, God is calling Forest Hill Church to follow Jesus by being and doing the following:

- Modeling a welcoming congregation that is warm, diverse, and inclusive.
- Creating opportunities for spiritual transformation.
- Being just and generous, invested in being a change agent both inside and outside the walls of the church.
- Engaging in transformative social action.
- Offering exciting, innovative worship experiences that meet the needs and desires of our diverse faith community.

To achieve these goals, we need your help! We need you to answer one (or both) of these questions (use the sticky notes in the pews):

Change: How should Forest Hill Church change in the next 5 years? What should we do differently?

Challenge: What is the biggest challenge Forest Hill Church needs to address in the next 5 years?

There will be easels as you leave the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall to post your answers and for you to see others' answers.

Calendar: May 6 - 13, 2018

<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 Children's Worship program</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir Adult Ed program</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> <p>Monday, May 7</p> <p>5:45 pm Board of Elections set-up</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) Apollo's Fire Musettes rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, May 8: Election Day Abundance Pantry is CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am – 7:30 pm Polls open</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:15 pm Black History Team mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 9</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p>6:00 pm Apollo's Fire Musettes rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministries meet</p> <p>Thursday, May 10</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>2:30 pm Cleveland Food Bank meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, May 11</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, May 12</p> <p>9 am – 12 n Spring Work Day</p> <p>Sunday, May 13: 7 Easter Mother's Day</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 Adult Ed program</p>
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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 Presbyterian 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%;"> <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