

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*June 10, 2018 at 10:00 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.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in D Major”

**Choral Introit**

Mwalimu Glenn T. Boyd (Kenya)

“Psalm 136”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Rosanna Sprague

**Leader: Mother-Father God,**

People: Call us to this time of worship.

**Leader: Sister-Brother Christ,**

People: Gather us in your loving embrace.

**Leader: Wise, fiery Spirit,**

People: Teach us the mysterious nature of relationships rejected,  
reclaimed, rewritten, renewed.

**Leader: May we feel in our very bones, Loving One,**

People: That we are your children, your family, your beloved.

**Leader: Let us worship God.**

**\* Opening Hymn No. 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

When we call your teachings crazy, bring us back to our senses. When we refuse to listen to your guidance, whisper truth that we might really hear. When we demand all the wrong things, calm our minds and show us your wisdom. When we divide your house, restore your unity in our midst. When we confuse our relationships, help us put love at the center of our ways. Restore us as your family – a family open to your wisdom, a family united in your love. AMEN.

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

South Africa

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response**

Paul Vasil

### **"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 double bar line.

## Anthem

Rodolfo Ascencio (Mexican)

"I Am the World's True Light"

## *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

### Family Meditation

Dr. Lentz

### \* Hymn No. 188

"Jesus Loves Me!"

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

### Scripture Lessons

#### **Psalm 138** *read responsively*

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**People: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## **Acts 4: 32-37**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

*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.

"If at First You Don't Succeed"

**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.**

**Ritual of Friendship**

**Offering**

"Come Sunday"

\* Response

South African song

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our

3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he

9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of

13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News.

*repeat first part*

\* Prayer of Dedication

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

\* Closing Hymn No. 591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

\* 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*

P. Yon

"L'Organo Primitivo"



*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*

**Chancel Flowers:** Today's flowers are given by Elizabeth Shaw in honor of her grandchildren Lucy, Elijah and Solomon Washington, and Violet Shaw; and by Nick and Phyllis Baumgartner in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in memory of their parents.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, 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.

<p><b>In Memoriam We Remember Mary Constance Sekerak-Hicks Who died June 5, 2018 I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord</b></p>
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### ***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.

**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.



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.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

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

Mark Joseph, self-proclaimed lifetime member of the Forest Hill Church Fan Club, 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.

***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 15:34 – 16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34**

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Adult Education 8:45 in South Hall:** Juneteenth speaker, the Rev. Barbara Essex

**Sunday, June 17:** Juneteenth celebration! Plan to stay after worship – see p. 12 for more details.

**Summer Choir:** The Summer Choir continues through June and July with a rehearsal (in the choir room underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 am. The music is easy and dress is casual. All ages are welcome (including babes-in-arms) and 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 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 Items of Note**

### **"Come and See!"**

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

### ***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!

### **Summer Adult Education - class begins at 8:45**

**June 17 "Juneteenth"** Also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, this American holiday commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas over TWO YEARS after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Rev. Barbara Essex, the Director of UpCam, will speak. 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.

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*Rev. Lois Annich is away today, joining her husband and St. Paul's Episcopal Church as they celebrate Rich's ministry and retirement:*

Rev. Richard Israel was ordained in April 1978. He was called by the (former) Inter-church Council of Greater Cleveland and Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry as a community organizer to help facilitate the peaceful implementation of the desegregation order in the Cleveland City Schools. As Executive Director of The Long Term Care Ombudsman program, then a program of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, he oversaw the work of a team of advocates for long term care patients and families. He served as Associate Director of Lutheran Chaplaincy Services, where he recruited, hired and supervised chaplains the agency placed in institutions throughout Northeast Ohio. He has served several congregations, and is finally retiring after 12 years from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights.

## *Calendar: June 10-17, 2018*

<p><b>Sunday, June 10</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 am Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>12:00 pm Prof. Mark Joseph: Racial Equity program</p> <p>2:00 pm Private event: Amira's Closet</p> <p>3:00 pm Memorial service for Sheila MacMorran</p> <p><b>Monday, June 11</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>Tuesday, June 12</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of HOLA</p> <p>7:15 pm Black History Team mtg</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 13</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministries meet</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 14</b></p> <p><b>7:00 am TOWER deadline</b> <b>(July-August issue)</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p><b>Friday, June 15</b></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p><b>Saturday, June 16</b></p> <p>9:00 am Culture Camp set-up</p> <p>2:00 pm Memorial Service for Connie Sekerak The Group: Dinner and Theater</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 17</b></p> <p>8:30 am Child care begins</p> <p>8:45 am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30 am Continental Breakfast Summer Choir</p> <p>10:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 am Juneteenth Celebration</p> <p>12:00 pm Culture Camp set-up</p>
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# Celebrate Juneteenth!

Join us on **Sunday, June 17th** as we  
celebrate **FREEDOM** and Family

8:45 AM Juneteenth: History & Traditions  
Featuring Barbara Essex of UPCAM

10:00 AM Church Services

11:15 AM Potluck BBQ

All services will be held at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian  
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