

Forest Hill Church

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HOW COOL IS IT THAT
THE SAME GOD, WHO
CREATED MOUNTAINS,
& OCEANS,
& GALAXIES, LOOKED AT YOU &
THOUGHT THE WORLD NEEDED
ONE OF YOU TOO?

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship

September 2, 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.

Prayer of Preparation

Love yourself. Then forget it. Then, love the world.

Mary Oliver

Welcome

Jean Reinhold

Choral Introit

American Shaker melody

“Lord of the Dance”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Quentin Smith

Leader: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who are weary,

All: And I will give you rest.”

Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit

All: Celebrating our hard work,

Leader: Which is done for the building of your kingdom, dear Lord.

All: Celebrating this hour of prayer and praise

Leader: Which is done to know and serve you better.

*** Opening Hymn No. 401 see p. 3**

** Please stand if you are able*

Here in This Place

401

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Seth Ungemach

Gracious God, as we gather together today, we recognize that we are not perfect. When given abundance, we demand more. When given love and care, we struggle to return it. When given an opportunity to serve you, we hesitate. Forgive us. Let your love pour deep into our hearts, and wash away our doubts, our insecurities, our fears. Bring us closer to you, O God, so that we may rejoice in your presence, and align ourselves more closely to you.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ukraine

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 lyrics are: '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.'

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Elizabeth Shaw

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

4 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn No. 752

Dona nobis pacem

Part 1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

9
Part 2
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

17
Part 3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Sermon

Elder Jean Reinhold

“What Is Commanded”

A Litany of Labor

(Modified from a prayer by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel)

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living. Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live. By our labor, you enrich the world.

All: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

Leader: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

All: By our labor, our lives are made more secure.

Leader: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who heal, help us live and help us die:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and accountants; for those who market products and for those who move them:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for poets and preachers, for public servants, those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those whose labor is cleanliness and transportation; for custodians and Bus drivers, those who tend to us after our work is done and get us to the places we need to be:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who sail the seas and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who make and enforce the laws that keep all of us safe in our labor and earning a fair wage:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled. Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

All: All of us want to be seen as able and willing.

Leader: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

All: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Leader: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

All: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Leader: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

All: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as well as others.

Leader: Creator Lord, Give all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you.

Each of us come with our own prayers today: let us now pray silently for those whose work we praise, those whose help we need, and those who may be lifted with our merciful love:

Silence

Leader: Loving God, Thank you for the Holy Spirit, who pulls us to our passions. And thank you for your Son who worked wonders when he lived and is working wonders through us all now. He taught us to pray, saying:

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

Scott Lafferty

Offering

Offertory

Stephen Paulus

"Lord, Here Am I"

* 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. 697**

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Take My Life

697



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*** 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

Improvisation



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, 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 Barbara Cloud in memory of her parents, Marguerite and Thomas Cloud; and by Margaret Sentell in memory of George Sentell.

Today's worship: Members of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee have planned and are leading the worship.

Prayers are requested this week for: Kathleen Corcoran, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Elizabeth Shaw, the family of Chuck Smith (his wife Lora and children Hannah, Harrison, Nathan and Hazel), Jimmy Strong, 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, 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 any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.

Ushers: Thank you to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during September. 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 this month's Care Group are:

Sally Davis, Deacon leader	Karen & Clyde Loughridge
Jon Adams & Pam Conover	Bethany & Joe Pinzone
Clarence & Elsie Boyd	Ron Register
Margaret Brouwer	Jean Reinhold
Chris & Rhonda Chapman	Baldwin Sawyer
Peter & Kathryn Eloff	Mollie & Dick Secor
Sharon Hansen	Doug & Lisa Vahey
Kemp Jaycox & Cindy Fink & family	Carolyn Vrtunski
Morag & Tom Keefe	Amy Wadsworth & David Wigger
	Beth & Tom Zych

Thank you to the Jerusalem Care Group for their work in August.

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: Many thanks to today's music leaders: Beth Zych, Lisa Koops, Carl Jenks, Seth Ungemach and Ian Zych. Also thanks to our Orcha-Band players:

Garrett Vandall, violin; Anne Hunter, viola; Lisa Koops, flute; Linnea and Jed Koops, bassoons; Ralph Dise, Kurt Haas, Gary Lustic and Best Panathon, guitars; Carolyn Smith, small percussion.

Survey reminder: If you have not completed the survey for the Long-Range Planning Committee, please take time to do so. It may be done on line or on paper. Thank you to those who have already done so! Each person – member, friend, youth – in a household is invited to complete the survey (once!). Paper copies may be picked up in the foyer and returned to the office or to one of the designated baskets. Please refer to last week's email news for a link to the online form.

Ruah Room Work Day: Today after worship, David Wigger will be working on getting the Ruah Room set for the program year. This includes cleaning up clutter and arranging the room to be ready for Youth Education on September 9. All youth, parents/families, volunteers and others are invited to stop by to help. This is a very informal event. Show up to say hello, stay to help, and leave when you feel like it.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37.**

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

Choirs: The choir/bell season will soon be resuming. If you or your child are interested in joining a musical group at FHC, please contact Anne Wilson, Director of Music (annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729). Details are in the September Tower.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education Adult Education classes begin next Sunday. See p. 14 for details.

Social Groups

September 21, 1 pm: Hilltoppers are invited to bring their travel stories and pictures to Fellowship Hall for a shared travelogue program.

September 22, 5 pm: All are invited to a family program of the operetta "Green Eggs and Ham," featuring Anne Wilson, Lara Troyer, and Peter Bush, and followed by a potluck supper.

October 16: Hilltoppers and Iris Circle will tour Old Stone Church.

Youth News

Today: Come to the Ruah Room after worship to say hello, check out the room, and help get it ready for the program year.

Staff Emails

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Prayer Warriors

Did you know that "The Prayer Warriors," a group of dedicated church members, have been offering intercessory prayers with sincerity and love for a number of years? Rob Reynolds is now coordinating the team upon Lois' departure. Here's how it works: you can send prayer requests to the office or to Rob (rdraylor@gmail.com) and your request will be shared with the team. Your need will be treated with utmost confidentiality, love and respect. Team members currently include Pat Jenkins, Sandy Ladebue, Nancy Burcham, Rob Reynolds, and Grace Uhle. Team members will not follow up with you, but will invite you to follow up with them at any time because we want you to have ownership of the information of whatever is happening in your life.

Calendar: September 2 - 9, 2018

<p>Sunday, September 2 9:30 am Child care begins 9:30 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation Ruah Room Work Day</p> <p>Monday, September 3: Labor Day Office closed 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 4 12:00 pm Abundance Lunch 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm Friends of HOLA (at St. Dominic's)</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 5 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm AA meeting</p> <p>Thursday, September 6 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion 6:40 pm Choir potluck 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, September 7 10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Sunday, September 9: Fall Schedule begins 9:15 Childcare begins 9:30 Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 Children's Worship Class (kdg) Worship with communion 12:15 Fall Festival</p>
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Fall 2018 Adult Education Offerings

Kerygma (begins September 9): The fall study of the Gospel of Matthew begins next Sunday. There will be three classes (leaders Pat Jenkins and Laury Larson in the Library; Ron Register and Ahren Stock in Bodwell Hall; and Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff in the Chapel on September 9 and in South Hall thereafter). Pat Seeders will be registering and selling handbooks (\$24.00) in South Hall after worship today.

Living the Question (begins September 9): Dr. Lentz will lead a class for anyone who wants to “start at the very beginning” in their understanding of Christianity. You may come to one class, every class, or somewhere in between. The classes will meet Sundays at 9:30 am in the Faith Leader Room (next to the chapel).

A Study of the Book of Revelation, from Ann and Peter Williams: We are interested learning about the Book of Revelation. Would you like to join us? We plan to co-lead a small group study of Revelation this fall, using the Kerygma study guide. We plan to meet every other week for 7 sessions, beginning Monday, September 10. We will set specific meeting times according to the best time for ALL who plan to attend.

Interested? Contact Ann (asw1217@gmail.com or 216-381-2744)

Small Plates: Small Plates is the shorter version of the year-long Faith Leader program. Through a number of small classes, participants get a taste of Faith Leader, especially its central questions of “Where is God in this?” “What are my gifts?” and “What might God be calling me to?” Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements of several exciting classes that will be offered this fall under the direction of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes will include an art experience, Christianity 101, learnings from the Prism program on the Four Levels of Racism, and a meditation retreat in Advent.

Rowan Trammell, a sophomore at Cleveland Heights High School, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 403, is earning his Eagle Scout rank by collecting items and fundraising for Trials For Hope. Trials For Hope is a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless in Cleveland. Rowan is collecting the following items:

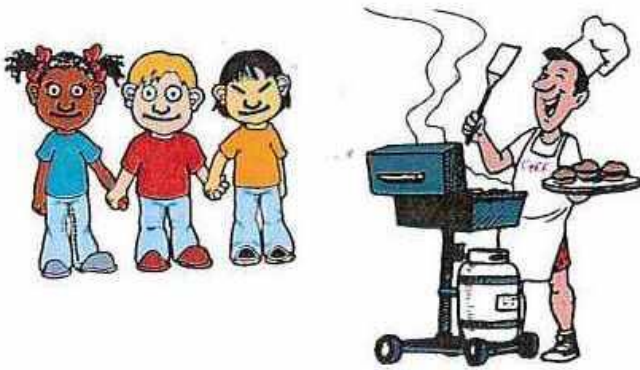
- bottled water
- baby wipes
- canned meat
- washcloths

Donations may be dropped off in the designated box in South Hall. Monetary donations are also much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Rowan
@ rowanseagleproject@gmail.com, or visit “TrialsforHope.org”

Come to the Fall Festival

Next Sunday, Sept. 9



Worship at 11

Festival and lunch
immediately
following

The full Sunday schedule is on p. 13