

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*October 14, 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 large print editions of the bulletin and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

*Centering Words*

**See, I am doing a new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
Isaiah 43:19

*As you prepare for worship, consider the new things that God is doing in your life.  
Is there a way in the wilderness? Are there streams in the wastelands?*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in D Major"

**Choral Introit**

John Bell

"Alleluia"

The musical score for "Alleluia" by John Bell is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a piano accompaniment (left hand and right hand) and a vocal line (soprano and alto). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex, flowing pattern in the left hand. The vocal line is a simple, melodic line that follows the rhythm of the piano accompaniment. The lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia" are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating the syllables. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a measure rest (9) indicating a continuation of the previous system.

## *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Elder Leslie Pendleton

Leader: In times of trouble, in times of joy...

**People: We call upon the name of the Lord.**

Leader: With steadfast faith, with wavering doubt...

**People: We call upon the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Basking in God's presence aching in God's absence...

**People: We call upon the name of God.**

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

### **\* Processional Hymn No. 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Jeannine Gury

**Mysterious One, we cry out in our times of need –**

**For hope in times of despair, for faith in times of doubt, for comfort in times of grief, for grace in times of sin, and for love in times of loneliness. Answer our cry. Be our refuge and our help.**

**Restore our lives. Restore our hope. Return us to the path of discipleship, where we may walk with you anew in confidence and joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

Russian Orthodox Chant

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Draw near to Christ, who is our mercy and our grace.

**People: For in Christ, we are restored and made whole.**

Leader: In the name of Christ we are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Christ we are reconciled to God.**

### **\* 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*

### **Minute for Mission: Stewardship**

Todd Webster and Vicki Nowak

### **Children's Moment**

Rev. David Wigger

*Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon*

### **\* Hymn No. 647**

"Give Thanks"

## **Scripture Lesson**

### **Mark 10: 17-31**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*After the reading*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Lentz

"Give it All"

**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**

*Children may return to their families*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Scottish folk tune, arr. John Bell (Iona Community)  
"Sing Hey For the Carpenter"

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

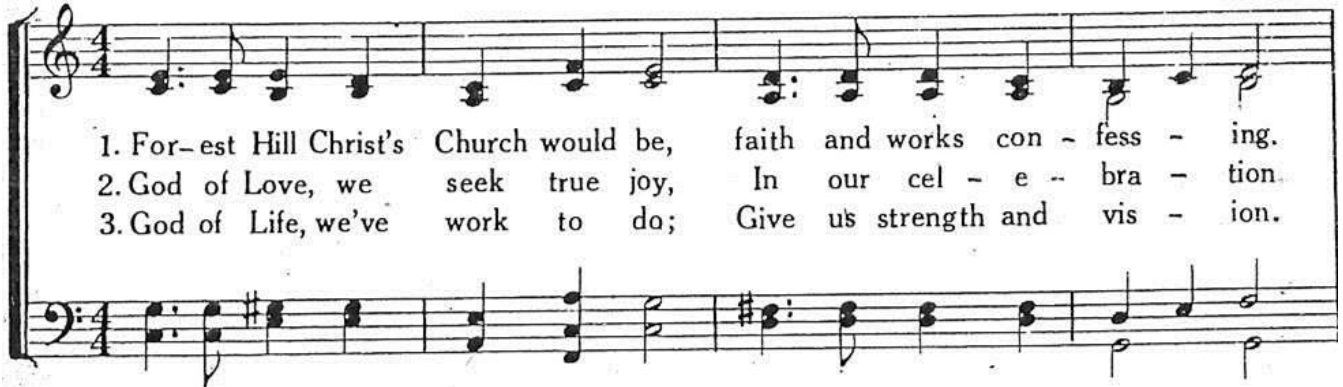
### **\* Closing Hymn**

*"Forest Hill Christ's Church Would Be"*

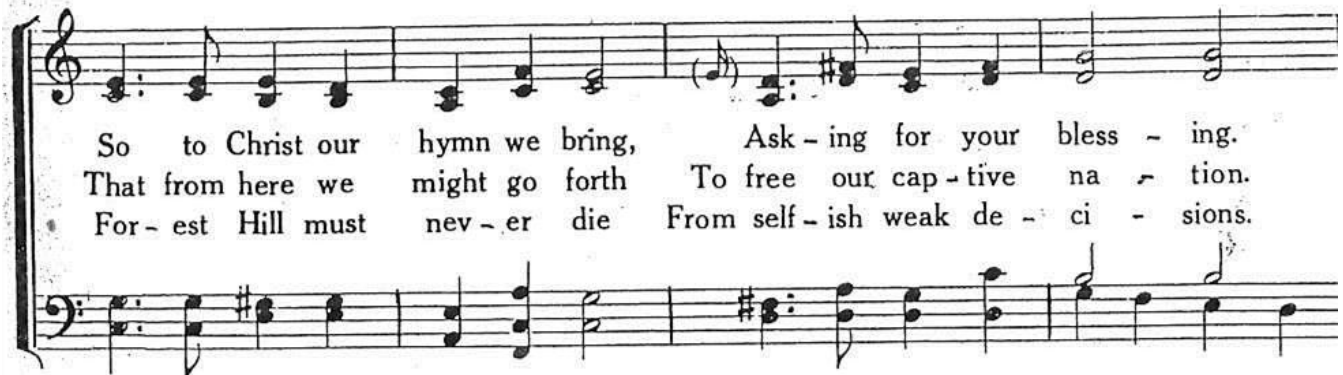
Words by Ned Edwards, Pastor Emeritus; arr. Clair McElfresh

*Ned Edwards joined the Forest Hill staff as the Minister of Christian Education in the spring of 1963. In 1970, Senior Pastor Yoder Leith retired and Rev. Edwards resigned in order to be called as Senior Pastor. The months surrounding his election are described as "turbulent" – the church's inner turmoil reflected the changing world around it. Rev. Edwards wrote this hymn shortly after he became Senior Pastor and Forest Hill was embracing the social justice mission to which we continue to be committed. He retired in 1992; after an interim period John Lentz was elected Senior Pastor at the end of 1993.*

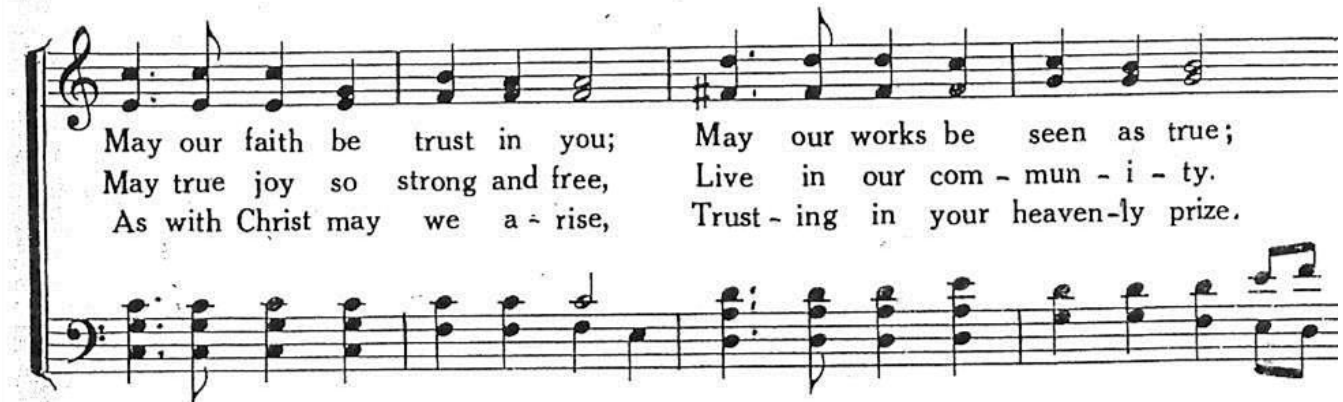
## Forest Hill, Christ's Church Would Be



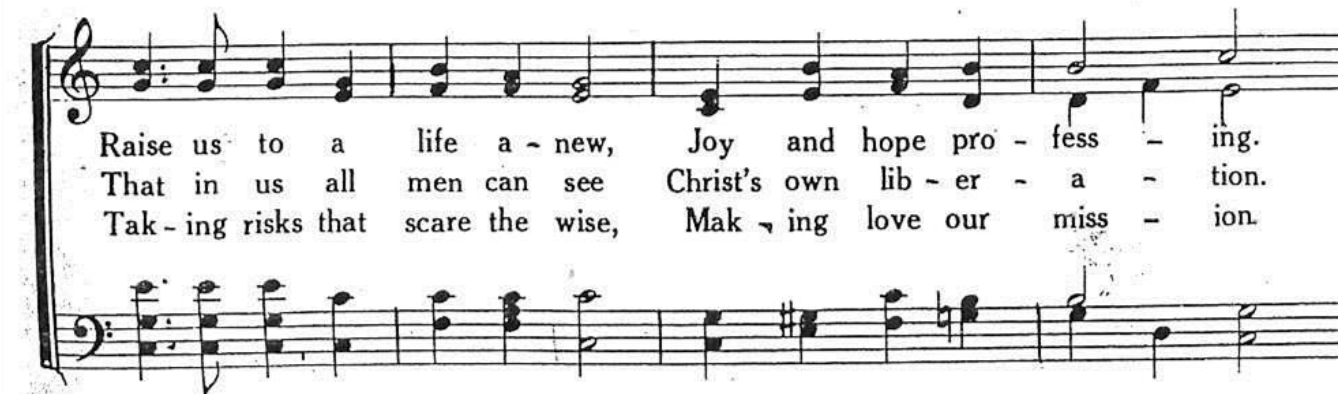
1. For-est Hill Christ's Church would be, faith and works con - fess - ing.  
 2. God of Love, we seek true joy, In our cel - e - bra - tion.  
 3. God of Life, we've work to do; Give us strength and vis - ion.



So to Christ our hymn we bring, Ask - ing for your bless - ing.  
 That from here we might go forth To free our cap - tive na - tion.  
 For - est Hill must nev - er die From self - ish weak de - ci - sions.



May our faith be trust in you; May our works be seen as true;  
 May true joy so strong and free, Live in our com - mun - i - ty.  
 As with Christ may we a - rise, Trust - ing in your heaven - ly prize.



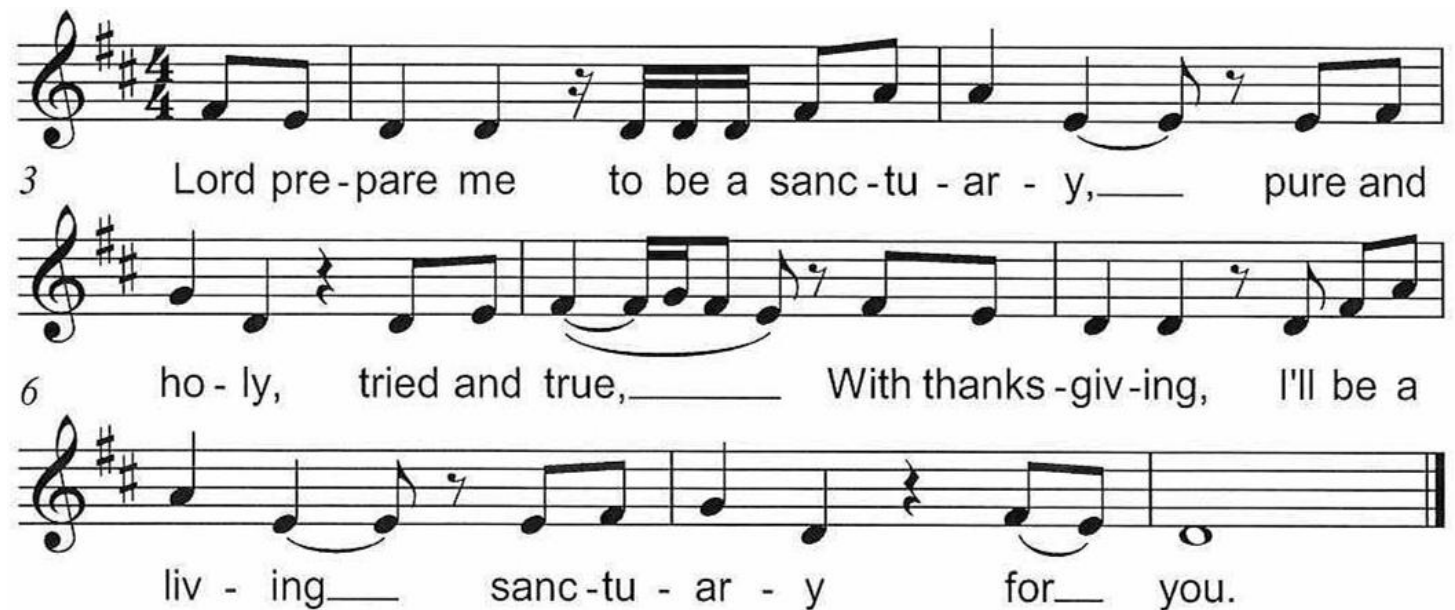
Raise us to a life a - new, Joy and hope pro - fess - ing.  
 That in us all men can see Christ's own lib - er - a - tion.  
 Tak - ing risks that scare the wise, Mak - ing love our miss - ion.



**\* 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*

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in F Minor”



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

## *Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers** The flowers today are given by Jon Newton in memory of his son Jeffrey Robert Newton, his father John A. “Pa” Newton, and his mother Nora L. Newton; and by the Tapié, Schenk, and Fay families in celebration of Elaine Tapié’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Kathleen Corcoran, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Kurt Haas, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Jackie Behrens Tolbert, Wesley Washington, Mother Willie Wright (of the Wright Family Singers), and Ollie.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Judy Sieck, 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 Nazareth Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members’ needs during October. 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.

**Thank you** to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today’s usher team.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

***Please Join Us!*** The Justice and Mission Ministry will host **Christy Lafferty** in South Hall immediately after church. A light lunch will be served. Christy (daughter of Sue and Scott Lafferty) works with AMOS Health and Hope in **Nicaragua** on conflict transformation, responding to trauma among its citizens, and peacemaking efforts. She has been living and working in Nicaragua for 10 years. Since 2012, she has worked in communications and development with AMOS. AMOS serves 60,000 people in Nicaragua by accompanying and supporting community health workers serving vulnerable populations.

FHC supported AMOS through its Peace and Global Witness offering that concluded on October 7. Did you forget to support? Fear not! You have an opportunity to donate today!

***Today is your final opportunity*** to complete the Long Range Planning survey.

***The Sine Nomine Choir*** will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

### **THIS WEEK**

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **Job 38: 1-7; Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45**

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

***Margaret Brouwer's oratorio "Voice of the Lake"*** for solo voices, choirs, and instruments will be performed on Friday, October 19 at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Kulas Hall. The performance runs from 7 – 8:20 pm. Domenico Boyagian, Music Director of the Cleveland Opera Theater, will conduct.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education at 9:30:*** Kerygma classes meet in South Hall, the Library and Bodwell Hall. Dr. Lentz's class, Living the Questions, will meet in the Faith Leader room.

***Worship:*** Next Sunday, we'll *Swing to the Lord a New Song* with jazz trombonist Paul Ferguson and bassist Dave Morgan.

***The Group*** will go to a Suburban Symphony concert at 4:30, and then have dinner at Nighttown. RSVP to Anne Hunter (anneshunter8@gmail.com).

***Exploring Membership Class:*** The next class will meet on ***October 21 and Nov 4*** at 12:30 pm. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

**Our Greater Cleveland Congregations Core Team  
invites you to explore actions for justice.  
October 21, 12:15- 2 in South Hall**

Share your passion for justice  
Discover others with similar concerns  
Explore how your passion can become an action  
that actually makes a difference.

Whether you've been a long-time GCC participant or you are unsure what it's all about, come to this discussion to learn and explore:

- How has community organizing with GCC impacted the greater Cleveland area?
- What methods are being used?
- How can you and other concerned individuals or groups make the world as you hope it will be?

**Come because you want the rights of all to be lifted up.**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

***October 27***

**Fall Work Day, 9-12: Save the date and watch for information**

**Unexpected Guest** dinners (see p. 18 for details) The deadline to sign up is October 19.

***October 28:*** If you'd like to join the Orcha-Band on Sunday, October 28, let Music Director Anne Wilson ([annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org)) know so she can send music.

***November 3:*** FHC Matinee Movie: Pixar's ***Coco***. Ages 0-104 welcome.

**November 4:** The Group and Hilltoppers will go to see Hts High's production of ***Mary Poppins***. Watch for details.

***Mondays in November, 7-8 pm:*** The Black History Team will lead a 4-week discussion of ***Stand Your Ground***, by Kelly Brown Douglas. The weekly email has information and a sign-up link.

***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.

### *Youth News*

- ***Every Sunday:*** Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room.
- ***Today:*** The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship
- ***Next Sunday:*** Join us for a trip to the movies to see ***The Hate U Give at Shaker Square at 1pm***. Meet in the Ruah Room directly after worship for lunch and to carpool. See David Wigger for more information.

***“See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19***

The verse from Isaiah is the theme of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign that begins today and concludes with Recommitment Sunday and Celebratory Lunch, on October 28. Please participate actively in this year's campaign by completing the Affirmation of Pledge/Gift card that was in your campaign packet.

**Everyone is invited to the Celebratory Lunch on October 28, immediately following worship.** A short program will include greetings from FHC friend Cheryl Stephens, Cleveland Heights Council Member and former Mayor. Plan to join us for wonderful food and fellowship - and bring your family! ***You may reply by indicating the number attending the lunch on the Friendship Register.***

Thank you for your continuing support of the mission and transformative work of Forest Hill Church.

The Ministry of Stewardship

## Calendar, October 14-21

### Sunday, October 14

9:15 Childcare begins  
 9:30 Adult Education  
     Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
     Youth Donut Time  
 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)  
     Youth Education (gr. 6-12)  
 10:30 Chancel Choir  
     Continental Breakfast  
     Cherub Choir  
 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)  
     Worship  
 12:15 Coffee and conversation  
     Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal  
     AMOS Health presentation  
 1:00 PRISM  
 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus  
 4:00 CH Barbershoppers rehearse

### Monday, October 15

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection  
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope  
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group  
     Boy Scout Troop #403

### Tuesday, October 16

11:00 am Iris Circle and Hilltoppers to  
     Old Stone Church  
 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry registration  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food  
     Distribution  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 6:00 pm Adult Education mtg  
 7:00 pm Long Range Planning mtg

### Wednesday, October 17

7:00 am Bible and Bagels  
 12:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club  
 12:30 p AA: Wednesday Women's Grp  
 7:00 pm TransFamily East

### Thursday, October 18

8:00 am GCC Clergy Breakfast  
 9:30 am Pantry Lunch team mtg  
 4:00 pm ICE vigil  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze bell choir  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, October 19

10:00 am Al Anon  
 4:00 pm Wedding rehearsal

### Saturday, October 20

4:00 pm Wedding of Emily Wollaeger  
     and Forrest Ball

### Sunday, October 21

8:30 Nominating Committee  
 9:15 Childcare begins  
 9:30 Adult Education  
     Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
     Youth Donut Time  
 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)  
     Youth Education (gr. 6-12)  
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     Worship: Swing to the Lord a  
     New Song  
 12:15 Coffee and conversation  
     GCC Justice program  
     Blood Pressure check  
     Exploring Membership class  
     Youth – lunch and movie:  
         *The Hate U Give*  
 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus  
 3:30 The Group to Suburban  
     Symphony program  
 4:00 Reconnecting with God's Creation  
     class



***Vigils at the ICE offices:  
Stand With Us! Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Thursdays at 4 pm***

We invite people of faith and conscience to take part in a weekly interfaith prayer vigil to be held outside of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office, 925 Keynote Circle, Brooklyn Heights. Our goal is to unite and amplify many faith voices calling for compassion and justice to guide the actions of ICE and to bear witness to ICE-imposed injustices and human rights violations taking place in our communities. We welcome non-partisan signage that lifts up values of justice, peace, compassion and hospitality to the immigrant. You can help us to stand up with and for our immigrant neighbors with your “ministry of presence.” If you are able, please come to this prayer vigil led by rotating faith leadership every Thursday from 4 to 4:45 pm.

**The Unexpected Guest Dinner Party**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2018, 6:30 pm**

***Sign up by OCTOBER 19***

Make plans to be a guest or a host at this year's Unexpected Guest event. Guests show up and bring their beverage of choice. Hosts plan and present a meal for 8 to 10 people. No one knows their dinner partners until they arrive!

Children are welcome this year, as we'll have some dinner groups planned around families with children of similar ages. No need to get a babysitter – bring the whole family!

To sign up for this year's party, use the link in the weekly email or contact Cindy Fink (216-571-7060). If you would like to host, contact Cindy by phone or email (finkcindy@gmail.com).

***Expect the Unexpected (Guest) – you'll be glad you did!***