

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
April 7, 2019 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
Please join us in wearing a nametag 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.

Prayer of Preparation

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am
about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Welcome

Choral Introit

Thomas Tallis

“I Heard the Voice”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Jack Breisch

The one who parted the waters to save Israel will set our feet on dry land.

We will walk forward in faith.

The one who restored the fortunes of Zion will fill our mouths with laughter.

We will dream of life renewed.

The one who raised Jesus from the dead will do a new thing in our lives.

We will rest in the peace of Christ.

Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.

*** Processional Hymn No. 401**

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession (Ps. 126, John 12)

Elder Elizabeth Shaw

Merciful One, signs of your love and compassion surround us every waking minute of each day. As we come before you with our quiet hopes and our secret fears, we long to be like those who dream. We yearn for hearts that are filled with laughter and for tongues that are lifted in shouts of joy. But too often, our quiet hopes remain unspoken, and our secret fears remain hidden away. You alone are our hope and our salvation, O God. Anoint us with your mercy and compassion, that we might have the courage to claim the life that springs forth all around us. Transform us into people who meet doubt with hope, and despair with determination. In your loving mercy, we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Hold fast to God’s saving acts of old. For the one who parted the waters for Israel is the one who raised Jesus from the dead. This is the one who will raise us also from all that holds and binds us.

*Be Still and Know

John Bell

All sing first time; 2nd time lower voices begin;
upper voices begin 1 measure later

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for 'Be still and know that I am God.' is written on this staff. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for 'Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__' is written on this staff, with the lyrics under the notes. The first staff has a measure number '5' at the beginning. The second staff has a measure number '5' at the beginning.

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

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

Scripture Lesson

Jack Breisch

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do 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. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

After the reading

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“Unhitch the Trailer”

We Welcome New Members

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

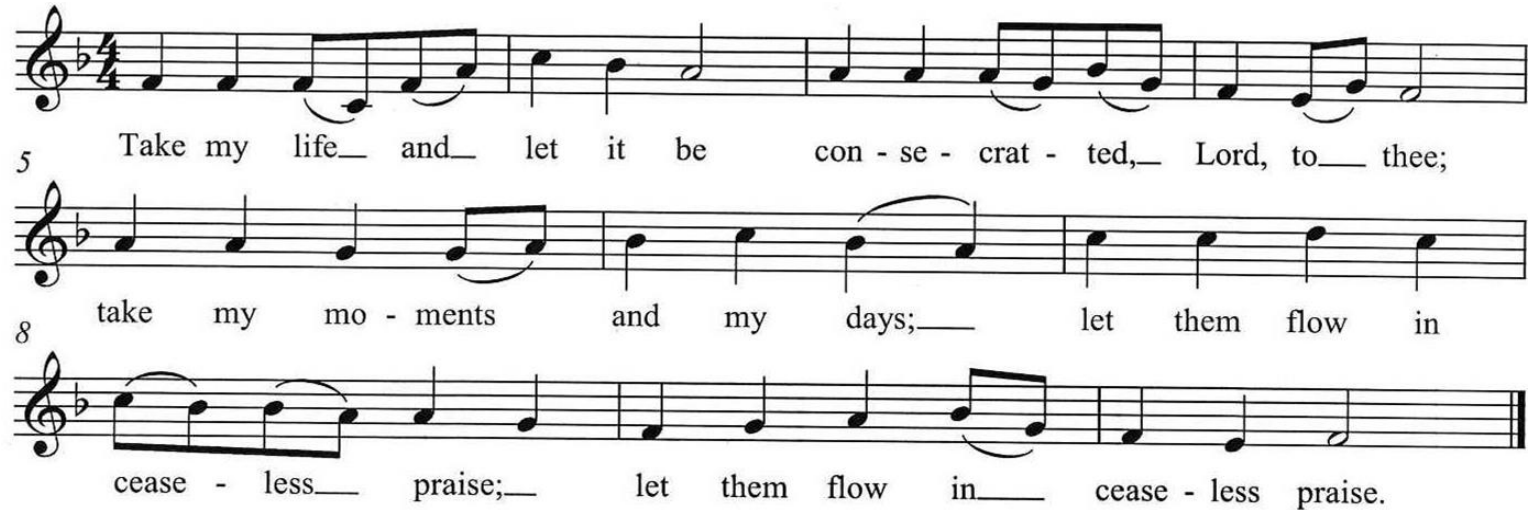
Bill Carter

“Welcome Home”

Jack Lentz and Emily Abel, soloist

* Response

Hymn No. 697



5 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ted, Lord, to thee;

8 take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.

* Prayer of Dedication

Eucharist

Invitation/Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John Merbecke

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Paul Halley

"Ubi caritas"

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

- * Closing Hymn No. 686
 - * Commission and Blessing
 - * Choral Benediction
- "God of Our Life"
- 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

Girolamo Frescobaldi

"Toccata Quinta"

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.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flower Donations:

Barb Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, 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 Canaan Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members’ needs during April. 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.

Pantry Prayer Requests: During the monthly lunch, guests at the Abundance Pantry are offered the opportunity to write prayer requests. If you would like to be a pray-er please pick up a request as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

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

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, which serves food to over 150 families each week.

Coming Up

TODAY

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? Please reach out to the Church Growth Team (churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) for more information!

Flower donations are needed! Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. **Please email office @fhcpresb.org if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.**

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are **Luke 19: 28-40; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14-23,56; Luke 23: 1-47.**

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is April 11 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to **office@fhcpresb.com**.

You are invited to BIG SING tomorrow at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary, led by Scottish composer, author and Pastor John Bell. We sing a lot of music by John Bell, and he leads singing sessions that are meant for all people to enjoy, regardless of music ability. You will enjoy his Scottish accent and his somewhat eccentric ways!

Friday, April 12: Fish Fry - Intergenerational Outing-All are Welcome (we plan to carpool in groups at 5 and 6:30 pm) please RSVP to **ce@fhcpresb.org**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education's new three-week series on salvation entitled "Why Did Jesus Have To Die?" led by Tom Zych. All are welcome! Classes start at 9:30 am in South Hall. The program will run through April 14th.

Engaging the Spiritual Practices on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 am in the Chapel (Lenten Study/practicum). **Please notify the office (office@fhcpresb.org) if you plan to attend.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Beating Guns - On Tuesday, April 16 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland) nationally known Christian leaders Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin will be present for an inspirational gathering to talk and pray and sing about gun violence in our culture. The event is free but registration is required. Donated guns will be melted down and turned into garden tools.

Please register using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/y5nhtofw>.

On Sunday, April 28, Adult Ed and Justice and Mission will meet in South Hall at 9:30 am to discuss their Lenten experience. Come join us!

Softball Spring Training is here!!! The (aging) Forest Hill softball team is looking for the next generation of players to join the team. Starting the last week in April through the last weekend of July, the softball team plays other churches on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 across the street at Forest Hill Park. We are looking for a handful or more of new players to join the team. **Members, visitors, friends, or family 16 and over should contact Jason Hidek at jason.hidek@att.net or 440-264-3296 if interested.**

Join the Pacesetters! Please join us on Saturday, Apr. 27 for a docent-led history tour of Lake View Cemetery aboard Lolly the Trolley. Meet at Forest Hill Church parking lot. Lolly the Trolley will transport us from church to the tour. The 2.5 hour tour begins at 9:30 am *SHARP* and the cost is \$25.00 per person. **Please RSVP to: Sheryl Dugard @ dugard.sheryl@gmail.com or Deborah Erwin @ deberwinnash@aol.com**

New small groups are forming! They will meet weekly at different times but all will provide an opportunity to grow in faith. Requested commitment: 5 meetings. To sign up for a group, please email the group leader listed below. To lead an additional group please email Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com).

All Ages / Any and Every one Small Group

Leader: Debbie Wilber, debbiedooski@yahoo.com

Location: Wilbers' House in Shaker Hts.-Every other Thursday 6:30 to 8pm, starting May 2

Lectio Divina / Divine Reading Small Group

Leader: Liz Wollaeger, lizwollaeger@gmail.com

Location: Forest Hill Church-Thursday, 7:00-7:45PM, April 25-May 23

Family and Faith Small Group

Leaders: Lisa & Jed Koops, lisa.koops@gmail.com

Location: Koops's House in Shaker Heights-One Saturday a month, 4:30-6:30 PM, starting Saturday, May 4

Soul Tending series at Ghost Ranch this summer! Many of you attended the Soul Tending workshop last summer led by Rev. Anita Amstutz (cousin of Sharon Shumaker). The workshop was an introduction to her book *Soul Tending: a guide to Sabbath keeping for your modern life*. Reverend Amstutz will be offering a Soul Tending retreat for three weeks at the Ghost Ranch this summer **7/7-7/27**. More information is available on the Ghost Ranch website. Search Anita Amstutz under Instructors. **Please contact Sharon Shumaker (sms2924@gmail.com) for more details!**

The Ministry of Justice and Mission announces the beginning of the community grant (application due June 1st) and endowment cycle (application due April 15th). We hope you will help us reach out to groups connected to FHC as well as community programs and organizations which seek to serve those in need and to work for justice and self-empowerment. **Please contact Jennifer Blakeney (jablakeney.13@gmail.com) for details on each application or refer to future weekly emails.**

Lenten Privilege Fast: As part of the One Great Hour of Sharing, the Ministry of Justice and Mission and the pastors encourage you to consider a “Privilege Fast” for Lent. Look at aspects of your life that so many in our country and around the world must do without. We don't ask you to give these up, but put aside a coin or a dollar bill for each privilege you have as guided by the One Great Hour of Sharing brochure or try one of the ideas below. Consider:

- Students without adequate resources. Give a coin for every textbook you have.
- Persons experiencing unjust imprisonment. Give 10 coins if you've never been jailed without legal representation.
- Families living in tight quarters. Give 2 coins for every room in your house.

You might also contemplate your education and career opportunities: What skills and talents do you have that you might share with someone in the community? Ex.: mentor or tutor a student, help an entrepreneur develop a business plan, or offer your legal services pro bono. **Please contact (jablakeney.13@gmail.com or ajah412@gmail.com) for more details.**

Youth News

Every Sunday:

Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 9:30 am in the Ruah Room.

Looking ahead for the Youth (watch email for details):

Sign-up for youth news at: bit.ly/FHCyouth.

LENTEN PRIVILEGE FAST WITH JUSTICE AND MISSION UPCOMING DINNER

Name(s) _____
How many individuals attending dinner? _____
Yes, I/we will attend ____ on April 12
You may place this in the offering plate



EASTER LILIES, 2019: PLEASE ORDER BY APRIL 15

Name of Donor _____
“Given by” if different from donor _____
Indicate which form of dedication: In memory of / In honor of / In
thanksgiving for/ To celebrate

Of plants @ \$20.00 per plant _____ Total cost _____
Of plants to be donated _____

Donated lilies will be taken to members who are ill or shut-in. Thank you for your donation. Please put this in the offering, mail or deliver it to the church office. Please write Easter lilies on the memo line of your check.



RESERVATIONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER: APRIL 18, 6:30 PM

Name _____
Number attending _____
Do you need child care during the worship service at 7:30? _____
You may place this in the offering plate

Staff Emails

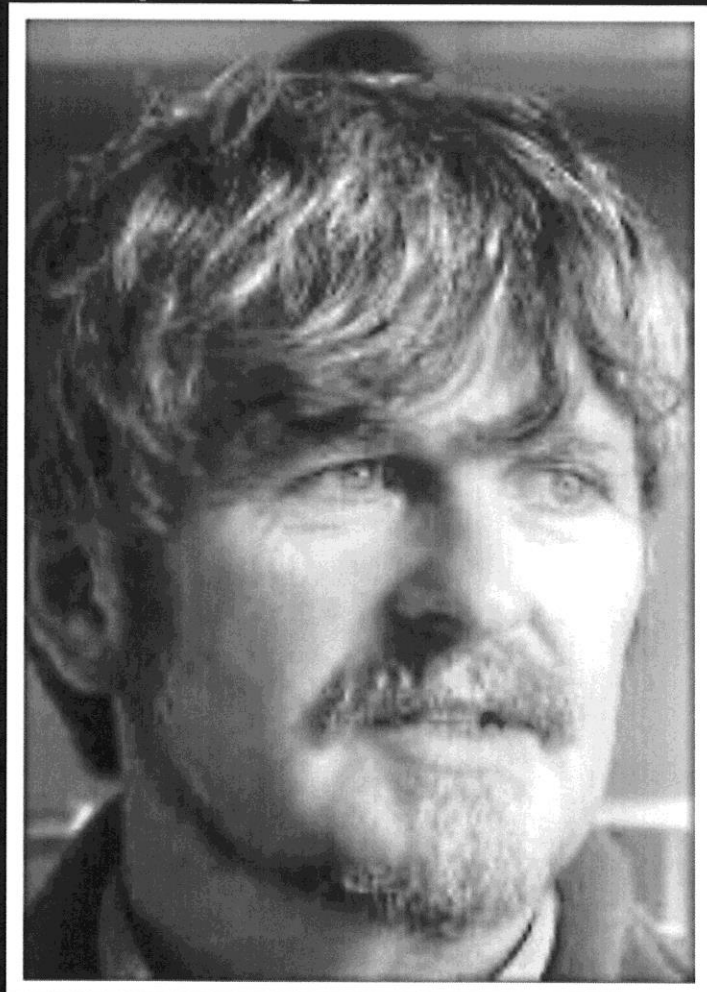
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Calendar: April 7-14

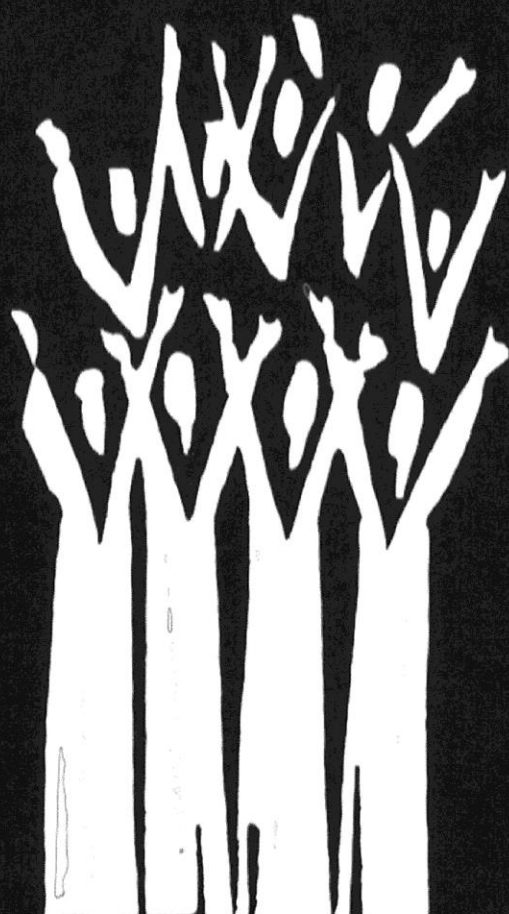
<p>Sunday, April 7:</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir</p> <p> Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> Boy Scout Troop</p> <p> fundraiser</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconnecting with</p> <p> God’s Creation class</p> <p>Monday, April 8:</p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p> Big Sing led by John Bell</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p> Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 9:</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p> Registration</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p> Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>7:00 pm Black History Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, April 10:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p> AA: Wednesday</p> <p> Women’s Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministry Meetings</p>	<p>Thursday, April 11:</p> <p>8:00 am TOWER Deadline</p> <p>1:30 pm English Country Dance</p> <p>4:00 pm ICE vigil</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill</p> <p> Team Practice)</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p> Swim Club Meeting</p> <p>Friday, April 12:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, April 13:</p> <p>2:00 pm AA Dinner</p> <p>4:00 pm The Group Outing to</p> <p> Fantasy Candies</p> <p>5:30 pm Easter Cookie</p> <p> Decorating</p> <p>Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> (gr. 6-12)</p> <p> Engaging in Spiritual</p> <p> Practices</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir</p> <p> Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> Sine Nomine Rehearsal</p> <p>12:30 pm LRP Team Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconnecting with</p> <p> God’s Creation class</p> <p> Boy Scout Dinner</p>
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Big Sing

Led by composer, author & theologian



John Bell, from Scotland



Monday April 8th, 2019 7:00 PM
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Liturgy taken from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019