

Service of Worship
June 23, 2019 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 large print hymns and
directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

We thought death was always the end of the story, until God showed us new life in the resurrection.
We thought enemies were always enemies, until God showed us new love on the road to Damascus.
We thought despair was always paralyzing, until God showed us new hope in bulging fish nets. What
is God waiting to show us today?

Welcome

Prelude

arr. Hale Smith

“This Little Light of Mine”
Lavert Stuart, guest organist

Choral Introit

African American spiritual

“Kum ba Yah”
Patty Console, soloist

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Eileen Vizcaino

Loving God, when we were aliens and foreigners, you called us from the corners of the world, to
come home to belong.

Thank you for your faithfulness and justice.

We thank you for calling us to your ministry.

Let all we do be done to your glory that it may strengthen your Church.

We commit to being agents of your peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Empower us for this great work, and prepare us now, body, soul, and spirit to worship you.

Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn: See page 9 of bulletin**

“Have You Got Good Religion”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Lia Clement

God of love, peace, and unity, you have welcomed us all just as we are. Thank you for making us equal as your children, for giving us your blessings as your children and for making us belong. But, we confess that too often we forget who and whose we are. Help us realize that we are all made in your image and likeness as one people belonging to you. Restore us to your mission as ambassadors of peace, unity, and justice to all your creation. This we ask through Christ our Savior, our brother, and our friend. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Ghana

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

“...You are a royal priesthood...God’s own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen! —1 Peter 2:9-20

*Response

Paul Vasil

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.

Anthem

Traditional

“Oh, Freedom”
Medley

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Children’s Moment/Family Meditation

Rev. David Wigger

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

* Hymn No. 401

“Gather Us In”

People: Thanks be to God.

“The Emmons Road to Juneteenth”

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.

Children may return to their families

“Deep River”
Caleb Wright, bass

South Africa

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

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

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

13 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
repeat first part
 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News.

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction No. 701

“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

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
Lavert Stuart, guest organist



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 Flowers

- Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of loved ones.
- Dorothy Herd in loving memory of her husband John.

Prayer Requests:

- **If you would like to request prayers** for a personal concern, please use one of the slips of paper in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the requests during the middle hymn and pastors will include them in the congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mark Davidson, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, The family of Ramses Hurley, Tyiah Madison, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, and Wesley Washington.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Nan Dorer, 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 Corinth Care Group will assist our pastors in 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 leader (Margie Ravas).

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

Thank You to all office volunteers (Nancy, Ellen, Cathy, and Anne). You are appreciated!

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.**

Abundance Pantry News: Volunteers are needed at this time. For more information, **please email Paul Jennings (jennings_paul@att.net).**

Communion Volunteers Needed! Anyone who is an active member of FHC may serve communion. **If you are willing to add your name to the list of servers please email worship@fhcpresb.org.**

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 08/15/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

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!

Subscribe to the Family, Youth & Children Newsletter at: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Today we welcome guest organist/director Lavert Stuart. Lavert is Assistant Director of Music and Arts and Organist at the University Circle United Methodist Church. He has been a conductor/pianist for several theater productions at Karamu and the Ensemble Theater.

The Black History Education committee invites everyone to come and enjoy the Celebration of Juneteenth - Independence Day, following worship. Juneteenth celebrates the events of June 19, 1865, when Union Troops came to Galveston, Texas, to inform the slaves in Texas of their freedom, almost two years after Emancipation. This date is now a State Holiday in Texas and marked in many communities around the country. Come and enjoy a day of fun, food, information and entertainment. We will offer music, African dance, a presentation about Juneteenth from Pastor Goines and hopefully quilts! This is a joyful time of food, music, and fellowship. All ages are invited! Our menu includes burgers, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks. All Pot Luck food will be welcomed!

CALLING ALL KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, AND FABRIC TIE-ERS! We have been blessed with a growing congregation with new adult and young adult members, and new babies! The Deacons like to provide a car seat/lap blanket (blankets in cribs are currently medically discouraged due to concerns over inhaled fibers) for the newest members of God’s Kingdom. You may have seen some folks knitting at Continental Breakfast, Coffee Hour, or even during church – knitting in God’s Word and Love right along with the yarn. We have simple knitting patterns, some lovely yarns, and even some needles. I don’t currently have crochet hooks or patterns, or fleece for tied blankets, but will get some if there’s an interest. I can help beginning knitters, but who out there crochets? We are looking for a resource person to field those questions. Tied blankets are also easy to do if someone wants to learn that technique. Please contact Chris Bell (216-932-6992 or Chris3040@aol.com) if you have an interest in making a blanket (or two...), or have a willingness to help guide others. I will have copies of knitting patterns in Fellowship Hall after service today.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are: **2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2,11-20, Luke 9:51-62 and Galatians 5:1,13-25.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Through the month of July at 9:00 am Adult Ed will be doing a video study from Living the Question 2.0 in South Hall.

The Summer Choir will continue through July with rehearsals in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 AM before the 10:00 AM worship service. Singers of all ages (even babes-in-arms) are most welcome to participate. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from *the other side!*

LOOKING AHEAD

Caleb Wright is pleased to announce that he has been selected as a Karamu House “Artist in Residence”. This residency is funded by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture through a Support for Artists grant. The goal of this residency is to empower artists by providing space and support at Karamu’s Theatre Arts Facility and with a space to perform live musical performance. Caleb along with the band, Alexander Wright & The Collective will be featured in concert at The Karamu House on July 12, at 7:30 pm. Please be in attendance, Cleveland! Caleb is so honored to have this wonderful opportunity at the historic Karamu House! He will also be presenting a collaborative Opera Masterclass & Recital on Sunday July, 20 at 3:00 pm in The Jelliffe Theatre at Karamu. His residency will kick off with a live recording on Sunday, July 7, at 6:30 pm at Forest Hill Church! Please follow Alexander Wright, The Collective and The Wright Family Singers on Facebook for updates on the concert series and future endeavors!

Attention: The Group and Friends! The annual outing to the Hanna-Stauffer cottage in Madison, Ohio, is Sunday, **July 28**. Come any time after 2 pm to enjoy views of the lake. Bring a potluck dish to share; dinner will be about 5 pm. Then we'll go to Rabbit Run Theater to see Mamma Mia; curtain time is 7:30. **Please RSVP to Kathy (khannas@sbcglobal.net) by July 7 (firm deadline).**

**Civil Rights Tour and Pilgrimage
Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery
October 17-20, 2019**

The FHC Racial Inclusion Committee is planning a very memorable trip to Alabama to experience together the history of the struggle for civil rights in our Nation. Highlights of this inspirational trip include:

- Birmingham’s Civil Rights District – richly detailed exhibits reveal black and white life from the late 1800s to the present.
- Selma Edmund Pettus Bridge – where voting rights marchers were confronted violently.
- The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail – the march that participated President Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act
- Montgomery’s National Memorial for Peace and Justice - acknowledging the victims of racial terror lynching.
- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church – where the Rev. Martin Luther King first preached his message of hope and brotherhood.
- Martin Luther King’s parsonage home – where Martin Luther King began his career as minister and legendary civil rights leader.
- Sixteenth Street Baptist Church - where white supremacists placed a bomb, killing four young African-America girls.

The cost while in Alabama is approximately \$600, which includes the hotels, all museum admissions, three breakfasts, and bus transportation. Group travel by air is currently estimated to be \$450. Individual travel by car or air is being investigated.

Firm reservations will be needed by the end of June. For now we just need to know your interest in taking this pilgrimage and getting more detailed information. If interested, please contact the church office, email vikkinowak@gmail.com, or tear off the following and place in the collection plate.

I am interested in the Civil Rights Tour and Pilgrimage

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

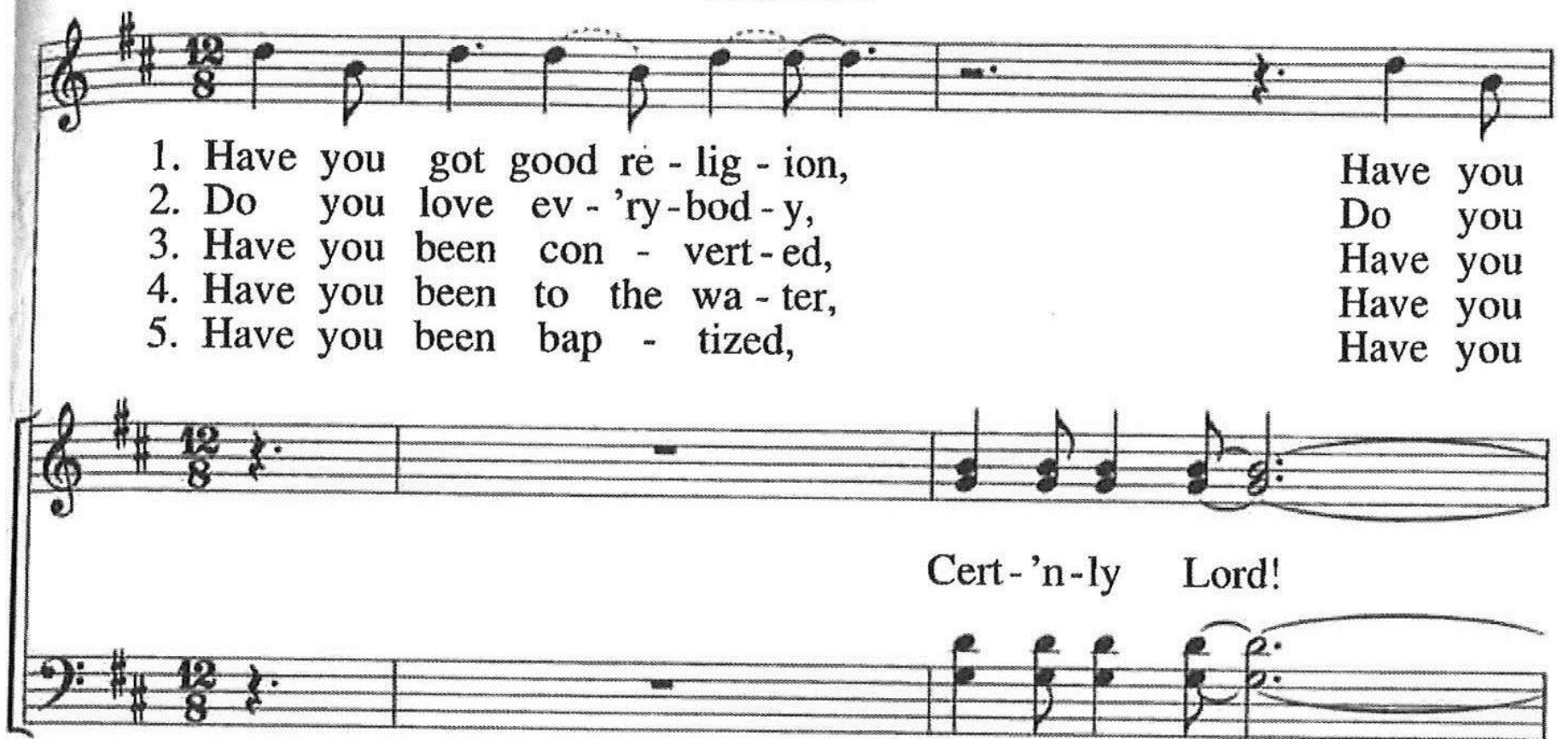
Questions/Comments: _____

Calendar: June 23-30

<p>Sunday, June 23: 9:00 am Childcare begins 9:00 am Adult Education Continental Breakfast 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Juneteenth Celebration</p> <p>Monday, June 24: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope OA Big Book Meeting 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday June 25: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Safety Town 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, June 27: 1:30 pm English Country Dance 4:00 pm ICE vigil 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>Friday, June 28: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand 1:00 pm Hilltoppers Meeting 2:00 pm The Group Outing</p> <p>Saturday, June 29:</p> <p>Sunday, June 30: 9:00 am Childcare begins 9:00 am Adult Education Continental Breakfast 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Black Caucus Meeting</p>
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CERTAINLY LORD 678

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those He redeemed from trouble.
Psalm 107:2



1. Have you got good re - lig - ion,
2. Do you love ev - 'ry-bod - y,
3. Have you been con - vert - ed,
4. Have you been to the wa - ter,
5. Have you been bap - tized,

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Cert - 'n - ly Lord!



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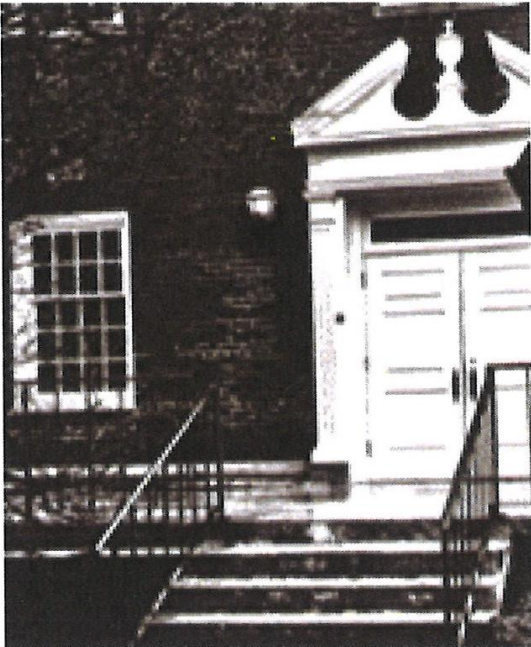


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Last time

*In July 1965, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
spoke from a porch of Heights Christian Church
to a large crowd assembled on the church property*

**This summer, the work to achieve Dr. King's vision goes on through
a speaker series focused on the continued call toward social justice**



Porch Talks for a Beloved Community

2nd Talk: SUNDAY, June 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Heights Christian Church

17300 Van Aken Blvd. Shaker Heights

**Our next speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mendle Adams
Member, Board of Directors, Ohioans to Stop Executions**

Music by *Elegie*

***Porch Talks* will be held outdoors (weather permitting)
Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on**

In the event of rain, we will move into the church's sanctuary

**And a facilitated conversation session with Rev. Adams
Will be held at Plymouth Church
2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights
Tuesday, June 25—7:00 p.m.**

Both events are Free and open to the public

**Presented by Heights Christian Church
with special support from Plymouth Church UCC of Shaker Heights**

**Visit heightsccc.org/porchtalks for updates on July's Porch Talk
Or call the church office at 216.561.4800**



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Racial Equity Vigilance



Constant self-education
Listen more to people different from you
Get a racial equity buddy
Interrogate your assumptions
Lean into discomfort and get a tougher skin
Build antiracist muscle
Focus on micro-intentional actions
Use your Racial Equity Lens!

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