

Service of Worship
June 30, 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

Sweet spirit, grant us the faith to resist our resistance to Thee. Oh God, God, I pray that you will bless us with a mighty increase in the gift of prayer amongst our people and in every culture, other culture, race and nation on this abused planet. Liberate us for service in the ministries of word, deed, and sacrament. May we rediscover our oneness in the unyielding, yet often belittled fact of our own diversity, indeed the diversity of creation itself.

James Melvin Washington

From the Schomburg Center's "Invoking the Spirit" Exhibition Forum , as printed in ***Standing in the Need of Prayer (a Celebration of Black Prayer)*** p. 209

Welcome

Choral Introit

M. Thomas Thangaraj (India)

"Rejoice, Hallelu"
Carl Jenks, cantor

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (from Barefeet and Buttercups by Ruth Burgess)

Scott Lafferty

Stepping into this moment, we gather together

Celebrating a dance of diversity.

Stepping into this space, we bring ourselves.

Celebrating uniqueness and openness.

Stepping into this community, we acknowledge the other

Celebrating the presence of the dancer of love.

Stepping gently on the earth with friendship and wonder

We join new dancing partners

Stepping into a dance unrehearsed

We find our feet, our faith and our future.

*** Processional Hymn No. 66**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come this morning confessing that it is hard to look in the mirror with candor. The negative biases, prejudices and stereotypes we carry about others and ourselves are not easy to admit. It's challenging to be honest about how these beliefs impact our day to day actions and how these actions collectively drive a system of discrimination which diminishes the wholeness of all of us. God of forgiveness, help us in confronting these beliefs in others and owning them in ourselves. Give us the strength to pursue justice for all your children. Release us from shame and help us seek your beloved community, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Appalachian melody

Virginia Weiss, soprano

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news!
For those who have been left out, **God offers welcome.**
For those who are hurting or in despair, **God offers wholeness.**
For all of us, forgiveness and grace are ours in the One who calls us beloved and walks with us still: Jesus the Christ. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***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

Fritz Kreisler

“Liebesleid”
Mari Sato, violin

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. 451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Psalm 146 from the Iona Abbey Worship book (see below), Mark 8:22-26 (page 820)

ALL: ALLELUIA!
GIVE PRAISE TO THE HOLY ONE! PRAISE GOD, O MY SOUL. I WILL PRAISE THE MAKER AS LONG AS I LIVE; I WILL SING TO GOD ALL MY LIFE.

A: Put no trust in earthly rulers; human beings cannot save you. They breathe their last and return to dust, and their plans come to nothing.

B. Happy those whose help those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Maker, their God, the God of heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them.

A: It is God who keeps faith for ever, who secures justice for the oppressed and feeds the hungry.

B: It is God who sets the captives free, who restores the sight of the blind, who raises up those that were bowed down, and loves the just.

A: It is God who protects the stranger, who sustains the widow and orphan, and thwarts the wicked.

ALL: THE MAKER WILL REIGN FOR EVER, OUR GOD THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS. GIVE PRAISE TO THE HOLY ONE. ALLELUIA!

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Carol Wedell

“A Work in Progress”

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

Rodolfo Ascencio (Mexico)

“I Am the World’s True Light”

*Response

South Africa

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. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* 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
9 liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Fritz Kreisler

"Liebesfreud"
Mari Sato, violin
(Please remain seated for the postlude)



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.
- Sally Wile in honor of her mother Virginia Wile's 93rd birthday.
- Sue McCauley in honor of her daughter Kerri, on her birthday.
- Given by the Young family in honor of Bob's 90th birthday.

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, 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.

<p>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.</p>
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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 (Ellen, Cathy, Anne and Pat Jenkins). 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!

Today, we welcome guest violinist Mari Sato. Mari teaches at the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of the esteemed Cavani String Quartet.

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 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Luke 10:1-11,16-20 and Galatians 6:1-16.**

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!

In partnership with St. Joseph's Church, Strongsville, our 7th annual Labre ministry picnic is coming up on Sunday afternoon 7/21 at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland. **If you would like to help prepare (we need on-site volunteers and food providers) please contact Jack Breisch (440-241-5149 or jackbreisch@gmail.com).** Come and meet our ministry partners from St. Joe's and make merry with our East Cleveland neighbors!

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).**

To those interested in becoming part of our Forest Hill Church Community, our next Exploring Membership Classes will be offered: Sunday, September 22nd & Sunday September 29th. Both classes will be in Bodwell Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. A lite lunch will be provided. Childcare can be available, if needed. Those who decide to join will do so on October 6th. **If/when you know you want to attend, email Diana@ninthrung.com.**

Calendar: June 30- July 7

<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> <p>Monday, July 1: 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 July 2: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration and Lunch 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, July 3: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group</p>	<p>Thursday, July 4: Office is Closed 1:30 pm English Country Dance 4:00 pm ICE vigil 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>Friday, July 5: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, July 6: 8:00 am Men’s Group</p> <p>Sunday, July 7: 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 6:30 pm Caleb Wright’s recording</p>
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SUMMER SCHEDULE

10AM WORSHIP

**ALL AGES WELCOME
IN WORSHIP &
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DURING SERMON**

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IN THE NURSERY**

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