

*Service of Worship*  
*July 21, 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*

Take several deep breaths, and allow yourself to grow still.  
Be aware of God's loving presence within you.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Joe Utterback

"Flutedance"

**Choral Introit**

arr. David Evans

"Christ Be Beside Me"

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Linnea Koops

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

**In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

**As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us.**

— From the Seekers Church website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>

**\* Opening Hymn No. 1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Brothers and Sisters, and Siblings, look at your hands...Jesus used his hands to heal, bless and lift.

**Forgive us when we misuse our hands.**

Look at your feet... Jesus used his feet to walk alongside with, to lead, to show us the way.

**Forgive us when our feet are stagnant and still.**

Place your hand on your mouth... Jesus used his mouth to teach, forgive, bless and to welcome.

**Forgive us when our mouths are silent or rude.**

Place your hand on your head...Jesus used his mind, his intellect, his imagination to envision ultimate truth and reality, a world more perfect than we could ever conceive. A just world, a kind world, where human constructs like race, gender, sexuality, and economy don't dictate and determine privilege. Labels like felon, undocumented, addict, or black juvenile are replaced with terms of love, like "my beloved brother, my beautiful sister, my precious sibling".

**Forgive us when our minds become cluttered with hate, fear, and ignorance, and ego. Help us to think, dream, and imagine like you.**

Place your hand over your heart... Jesus used his heart to love, to liberate and redeem.

**Forgive us when our heart is hard and shackled. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit.**

***Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming***

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Bill Carter

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear this, we are the body of Christ. Our hands, our feet, our mouth, our mind, our heart are not ordinary, we are extraordinary. We are chosen. We are set apart. We are set free. We have been cleansed. We have been endowed with the Holy Spirit. We have been brought down low and lifted up high. We will make mistakes and fall but through power of Christ, we will rise. We are redeemed through God’s outstretched arm. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us now forgive ourselves. 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 African American Spiritual, arr. Melva Costen

“When Israel Was in Egypt's Land”  
Soloists: Grant Heineman and Lisa Koops

*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*

**From the Living Word** Linnea Koops

Exodus 6:1-8 (page 46) and Psalm 135:5-14 (page 501)

*After the readings*

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

\* Hymn No. 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Sermon Shannon Headen

“Home”

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

Chuck Marohnic

“Just One Thing”  
Soloists: Lisa Koops and Grant Heineman

\*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*

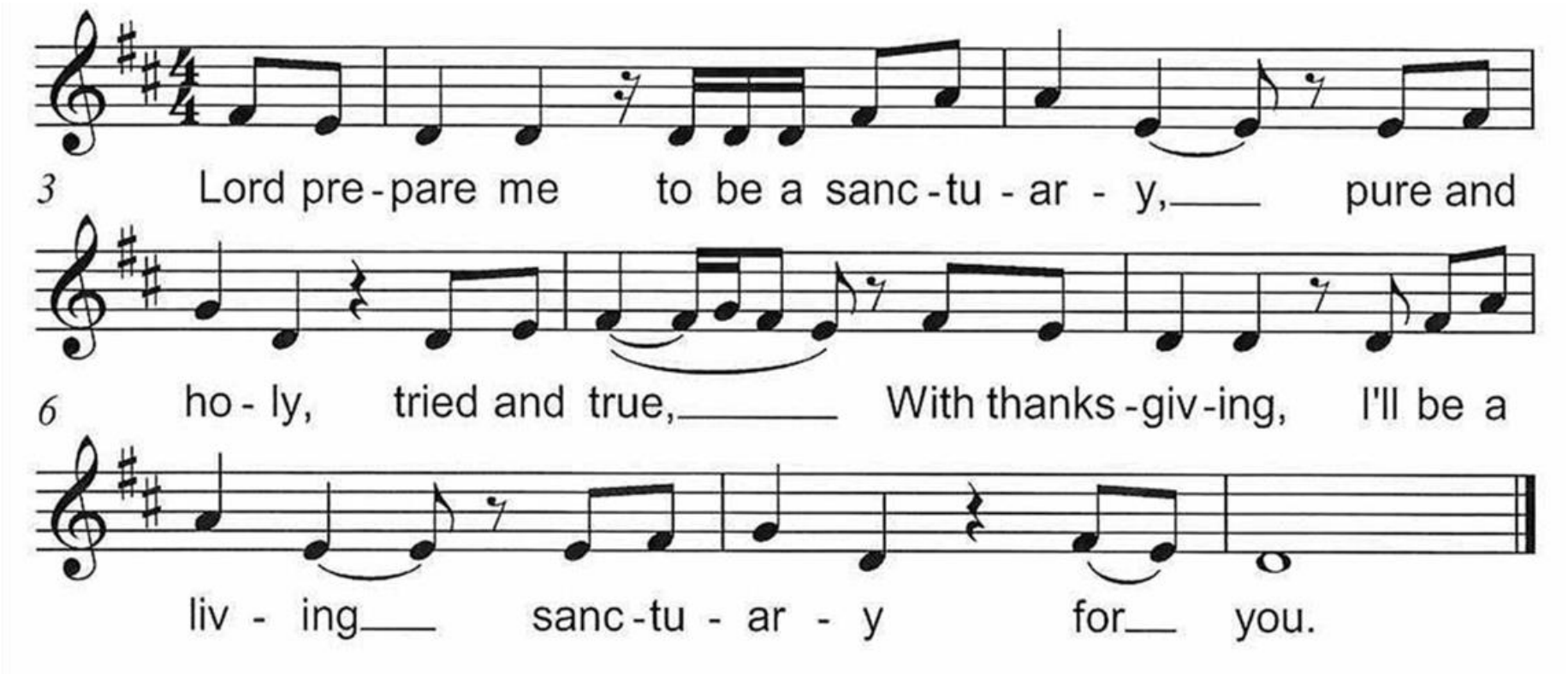
\* Closing Hymn No. 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk With 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

liv - ing — sanc-tu - ar - y for — you.

\* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J.S. Bach

“Prelude in D 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.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org), for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

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.

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 Jerusalem Care Group** will assist our pastors in meeting members’ needs during **July**. 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 (Laura Minder)**.

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

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

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

**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](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Please register for the 2019-20** Family, Youth, and Children program year at: [bit.ly/Registration2019-20](http://bit.ly/Registration2019-20).

**In partnership with St. Joseph's Church**, Strongsville, our 7th annual Labre ministry picnic is this afternoon at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland. **We need on-site volunteers and food providers** please contact Jack Breisch (440-241-5149 or [jackbreisch@gmail.com](mailto:jackbreisch@gmail.com)).

### **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: **Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85, Luke 11:1-13 and Colossians 2:6-19.**

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, is the last Summer Choir Sunday, so if you'd like to try it, come to the rehearsal on Sunday morning in the Choir Room underneath Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM before the 10:00 AM worship service. Many thanks to all who participated this summer!

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Are you interested in becoming part of our Forest Hill Church Community?** If so, our next Exploring Membership Classes will be offered: Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>. **If/when you know you want to attend, email [Diana@ninthrung.com](mailto:Diana@ninthrung.com).**

### **Last Chance! 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:

- The Sixteen Street Baptist Church – where four young girls preparing for Sunday school in the basement were killed.
- The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute – take a walk through history through the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's.
- Kelly Ingram Park – the focal point of grassroots resistance to the inhumanities of racism and discrimination by law.
- 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
- The National Memorial for Peace and Justice - acknowledging the victims of racial terror lynchings.
- Rosa Parks Library and Museum – located at the site where the actual arrest of Mrs. Parks took place in 1955.
- The Legacy Museum – site of a former warehouse where black people were enslaved in Montgomery.

- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church – where the Rev. Martin Luther King first preached his message of hope and brotherhood.
- Brown Chapel A.M.E. – where Martin Luther King Jr launched the Voting Rights March. The cost while in Alabama is approximately \$600, which includes the hotel, all museum admissions and bus transportation with a tour guide. Group travel by air is currently estimated to be \$450. Firm reservations will be made in two weeks. **If you are interested in taking this pilgrimage email [vikkinowak@gmail.com](mailto:vikkinowak@gmail.com) or call Jeff Smith at 216-932-2932.**



**Building for our Future: HOLA Ohio's annual fundraiser**  
**Saturday, August 10, 6 - 9 p.m., Family Life Center, Chagrin Falls**

Join members of Forest Hill Church in supporting HOLA Ohio's critical work protecting Northeast Ohio immigrant workers and their families by attending their August 10 fundraiser. The event will include a delicious South-of-the-Border Mexican buffet, festive décor and acoustic music by **Elena y los Fulanos**. An array of unique baskets and auction items will be available, including an item signed by Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Muñoz. Also meet Ohio artist **Alberto “Beto” Marin**, originally of Puebla, Mexico. A signed print of one of Beto’s paintings, created especially for HOLA to acknowledge Ohio's Latino farm workers, will be available for auction. **Tickets are \$50 through July 20. After July 20, ticket price is \$65.** Last year's event sold out fast. Reserve your tickets by seeing Steve Sedam and Jeff Smith in Fellowship Hall after the service or purchase your tickets online at [holaohio2019.eventbrite.com](http://holaohio2019.eventbrite.com). Sponsorship packages and volunteer opportunities are also available. **Contact Jeff Smith at [jeffsmith2756@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsmith2756@gmail.com) or 216.932.2932 for more details.**



**Seeking Great Host Families for 4 AFS Foreign Exchange Students!** Please reach out to your friends and neighbors. There are 4 more AFS Students to be placed. You can host one or two of these students for a short term known as a Welcome Family or for the upcoming school year. The four students (all girls this year) are from Senegal, Thailand, Philippines and Tanzania. Read about us in the Heights Observer: <http://www.heightsobserver.org/read/2019/04/01/meet-heights-high-afs-foreign-exchange-students>. Neighbors, now more than ever, hosting an AFS foreign exchange student, is a very real opportunity to bring our world closer together. AFS has been in the Heights since 1953. Please consider this for you and your family, regardless of whether you have a teen, a toddler, no kids, grandkids or are a single parent home, all are welcome to participate. For some, this experience requires a small step outside of the comfort zone, but I encourage you to take that small step. **Contact Carla Bailey at [seabail45@gmail.com](mailto:seabail45@gmail.com); if you need more information or are interested in hosting one or two of these great AFS students at Heights High next school year.**



Calendar: July 21-28

<p><b>Sunday, July 21:</b> 9:00 am Childcare begins 9:00 am Adult Education Continental Breakfast 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship with seminarian Shannon Headen 11:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p><b>Monday, July 22:</b> 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 <del>Boy Scout Troop #403</del></p> <p><b>Tuesday July 23:</b> 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration and Lunch 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 24:</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 25:</b> 1:30 pm English Country Dance <del>4:00 pm ICE vigil</del> 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p><b>Friday, July 26:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 27:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, July 28:</b> 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</p>
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