

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*October 20, 2019 at 11:00 am*  
*Children's Sabbath*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.  
Please sign in and join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

*Centering Words*

"It is a spiritually impoverished nation that permits infants and children to be the poorest Americans."  
-Marian Wright Edelman, Founder of the Children's Defense Fund

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Pablo Sosa (Argentina)

"Heaven Is Singing for Joy"  
Descant Choir

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship:**

Debbie Wilber

We gather on this Children's Sabbath Sunday to worship God  
**who loves each and every child;**  
in the name of Christ  
**who welcomed the children when others would keep them away;**  
moved by the Holy Spirit  
**to seek justice and create community.**  
Our hearts are united  
**by concern for children, especially children without those things that all children need.**  
Our voices are united  
**in the faith-filled cry for justice and plenty for all.**  
Come, let us worship God.

**\* Opening Hymn No. 475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession (*in unison*):**

Tara Beverly

**O God, we confess that too often our hearts are hardened to the struggles of others, including children in poverty; our hearts are narrowed in the circle of those we love, excluding children not our "own." We confess that too often our voices are silent in the face of injustice, our voices are soft in the presence of the powerful, and our voices talk over those whom we want to help. Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts to love as you do and instill in us hope so that we do not lose heart. Agitate us, we pray, to call out injustice, strengthen our voices to speak up for change, and humble us to hear those unheard. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Imant Raminsh (Latvia)

Sine Nomine Choir

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.

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!

Recitation

The Body of Christ  
(based on I Corinthians 12:12-27)

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment "I have the right to Be a Child" Rev. David Wigger  
Children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon.

\*Hymn No. 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Scripture Passages

Genesis 21:8-10, 14-21 (page 15); Luke 18:1-8a (page 853) Debbie Wilber

After the readings

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

Sermon Rev. David Wigger  
"God Hears"

Prayers of the People (Responsive)

Let us pray not only for our own needs but for all people, young and old, near and far, saying,  
"God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice."

For the holy Church of God, that we proclaim the message of your love for children and your call for justice, we pray  
**God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.**

For all the peoples of the world, especially the children and families living in poverty, we pray  
**God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.**

For our nation and our leaders, that they swiftly grant justice for all children and heed the pleas of those who advocate on their behalf, we pray  
**God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.**

For ourselves and our community, that we support each other in the struggle to put children first and end child poverty, we pray  
**God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.**

For all the children, that they know their precious worth, we pray

God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.

For all who have died, especially the children who have died from the effects of poverty, we pray  
God, hear your children cry, and give us hope as we pray and work for justice.

O God, who heard the cries of Ishmael, hear our prayers now and grant justice to those who cry to you day and night, as Christ taught us to prayer...

**The 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/ Offering**

**Offertory**

Carlos Colón (El Salvador)

“Love Shall Overcome”

*This piece was written to commemorate the martyrdom of six Jesuit priests and two women on the campus of Universidad Centro Americana in El Salvador in 1989.*

**\*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*

**\* Sending Hymn No. 313**

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

St. 1—Descant Choir  
St. 2—Sine Nomine Choir  
St. 3 and 4—All sing

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction No. 701**

“Sanctuary”

The image shows a musical score for a choral benediction. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked '3'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and'. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: 'ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv-ing, I'll be a'. The third staff concludes the phrase: 'liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.' The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, with hyphens used to indicate syllables across measures.

**\* Passing of the Peace**

“In Thee is Gladness”



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

Chancel Flowers:

- Two arrangements were donated to those in need.

**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:** Cheryl Anderson, Barb Cloud, David Dorer, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas Grace Uhle.

**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 Jericho Care Group* will assist our pastors 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 leader, Sue McCauley**.

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

**Thank You to all office volunteers** (Kathy Hanna- Stauffer, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat Jenkins, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith). You are appreciated!

**The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 11/14/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**To stay up to date on family programming**, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ceNewsletter).

**Please start saving your egg cartons again!** Place all donated egg cartons in the pantry shopping cart.

**2020 Stewardship Campaign:** We are off to a great start! We are happy to share that 100% of the church leadership have submitted their pledges. We are also starting to receive pledges from the members. Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 100 years in this corner of Monticello and Lee because our members have given year after year not out of duty, obligation, guilt or fear but

because our members have counted themselves blessed for God Has Smiled on them and therefore on the Church. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please consider how God has smiled at you and give generously and joyfully in support of our ministries and their works.

## *Coming Up*

### **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: **Jer. 31:27-34, Psalm 119:197-104, Luke 18:1-8 and 2 Tim.3:14-4:5.**

**Formerly known as Sew and Knit-"Fiber and Fellowship"** -Our first meeting was a wonderful success with 4 knitters and 3 quilters attending. We had a stitchin' good time! Next meeting is **Tuesday, October 22 at 9 am.** Please contact Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com) for more details.

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES OCTOBER 26 AT 7 PM!** The Pacesetters plan to watch "The Last Black Man In San Francisco" at the home of Mark & Carol Wedell (5645 Hartshire Dr, Willoughby) also hosted by Leslie Clement. Bring a snack to share. Some beverages will be available, but if you have a favorite, bring it along. Visitors and those new to the church are particularly encouraged to come. **Questions? Contact Leslie at 216-702-9444 or clemscomet@sbcglobal.net or Carol at 216-470-0152 or carolwedell@gmail.com.**

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall through November: "Job And The Life Of Faith."** This is the last week to receive the resource book. If you would like more information or if you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please contact Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com).

**Adult Education with Pastor Lentz 9:30 am in the Chapel:** "Saving Jesus," a video series listening to scholars talk about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century.

**Stewardship 2020-October 27: Recommitment Sunday and Celebration Lunch.** Turn in your pledge cards during service then meet us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and to celebrate the generosity of the FHC family. There will be fun Stewardship activities and the FHC "swag" winners will be announced.

**The Orcha-band** will accompany the hymns next Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> (Reformation Sunday). Contact Anne Wilson (annew@fhcpresb.org) if you would like to play and she will send you the music.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women on Saturday, November 2** at The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue. Cost is \$10 – make check out to PW-PWR and send to Suzan Plautz, 7295 Connie Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. **If you need more information, please contact Gladys Kershaw at 440-238-2363.**

**Exploring the racial equity buddy concept!** Please join us on **November 10** at 12:30 pm in Bodwell Hall. Dr. Mark Joseph will lead the workshop that will focus on exploring and encourage the expansion of formations of racial equity throughout the church. Want to help? We need table facilitators, who will help lead a brief reflective conversation at the start of our session. If you are interested in assisting, join us **November 3** after church for a brief training (we'll share conversation prompts and handouts!). **You may pre-register at <http://bit.ly/RacialEquityBuddiesRegistrationForm>.** We look forward to working with you!

## InterReligious Task Force

On December 2, 1980 four US women paid with their lives for their decision to stay in solidarity with poor, marginalized victims of violence in El Salvador. Since 1981, the InterReligious Task Force (IRTF) has been promoting peace and justice in Central America by engaging Ohioans in education and action. **On Sunday, November 3, 2019**, IRTF will commemorate the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sacrifice of these Cleveland missionaries at its annual Human Rights Banquet, being held at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights, 4-8 pm. The guest speaker from Bogotá, Columbia, is Natalia Garcia Cortés of War Resisters International. Tables of 8 are being formed for Forest Hill Church congregants and their friends. The price of admission is \$35 in advance or \$31 each for 8 or more. **Please contact Jeff Smith (jeffsmith2756@gmail.com, 216-932-2932) by October 31** if you would like to attend this important event. Let Jeff know how many tickets you want and if any of the meals should be vegan or vegetarian.

## Small Plates

For many years, Forest Hill has offered the Faith Leader program. Participants in this program meet once a week for about seven months to develop spiritual practices that help them grow closer to God and discern God's call in their lives. During the off years when Faith Leader is not offered, Forest Hill has started offering Small Plates. Each of these experiences focuses on just one spiritual practice and is relatively short in duration. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Forest Hill will offer the following Small Plates experiences to nurture and stretch our spiritual growth.

### **Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care**

What memory do you have about bread? Come share stories, faith and recipes as we bake bread together! This small plate offering will meet for five consecutive Saturday mornings starting **October 26 and ending November 23. We will meet from 10:00 am until noon in the church kitchen.** We'll bake bread from different cultures, and even try our hand at making bread for our own Forest Hill communion service. Cost is \$5 per class. Registration will be for each class individually, and is limited to eight people per class. This class will be led by Deanne Lentz, Chris Henry and special guests! Registration information will be available soon. "I knead bread to experience God" - Deanne Lentz

### **Yoga for People of Color**

While yoga originated in ancient India, its popularity among white people in the United States has made it so people of color do not always feel safe or welcome in yoga studios and classes. In the development of this small plate, God's call for Forest Hill to provide a safe place to those who have been wronged has grown louder. People of color are invited to join a yoga class lead by Dawn Rivers of Daybreak Yoga. The cost is \$12 per each of five sessions which will be **November 16, 23, 30, 14, and 21.** Specific times for the sessions will be available soon. Spread the word! This small plate is intended for any person of color, whether they attend Forest Hill Church or not. For more information, contact Marcie Denton at marciedenton70@gmail.com.

### **"White Fragility" Book Discussion Group:**

Come explore the book "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin DiAngelo. This small group will read together and uncover the issues that make racism such a challenging topic for white people to deeply engage. Through study and conversation, become more aware of the barriers that prevent each of us from becoming active allies in the work of racial justice and reconciliation. **Beginning on October 20, we will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons from 5 - 6. The class will conclude on November 24.** COST: \$15 will cover the cost of the text and supporting materials. Email Todd Webster with any questions toddwebster1967@gmail.com. **Forest Hill is a community, and we are here to help each other out. If the cost for any of these Small Plates could be a barrier to your participation, please contact one of the organizers.**

**A memorial service (celebration) for Nan Dorer will be held at Forest Hill Church Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am. There will be a lunch reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.**

I (David) set up an email address (nan.dorer27@gmail.com) so that people can RSVP for lunch after the service. You can also send in a written reflection about my Mom, either in the body of the email or as an attachment. I will gather these into a booklet that I will distribute at lunch. I will also email (or regular mail) the booklet out to people who were unable to attend. So people should send an email regardless. The service that my mom wrote says "NO TESTIMONIALS." That would be her! The booklet will be in keeping with her wishes by letting people "speak" through their contribution to the "memories" booklet without talking during the service. If some would prefer mailing me a paper copy of a writing, my address is:

David Dorer  
26 Beals St  
Brookline MA 02446.

I really enjoyed reading the memories that people had of Judy, my sister. Thanks again!

Blessings,  
Dave Dorer

**Today's Service: Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty Now**



Liturgy for today's service comes from the Children's Sabbath project of the Children's Defense Fund. The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly—inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of children.

Children's Sabbaths Worship services are focused on children, justice, and the moral/spiritual/ethical imperative to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children.

**Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care**

Registration is now open for Deanne Lentz's Bread Making classes! The classes are on Saturdays as follows:

- 10/26 3:00--5:00 PM Basic Yeast Bread
- 11/2 10:00 – noon Bread for Communion
- 11/9 10:00 -- noon Hot Water Cornbread, with guest chef Robin Hales
- 11/16 10:00 – noon Irish Soda Bread with guest chef Bill Finn
- 11/23 10:00 – noon Thanksgiving Bread, TBD

Each class is \$10. Limit of eight participants in each class. Registration is for one class at a time, so as many people as possible can enjoy the communal bread making experience. To register email Chris Henry at [cehenry@ameritech.net](mailto:cehenry@ameritech.net).



Calendar: October 20-27

<p><b>Sunday, October 20:</b> 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Youth Sky Zone Trip 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 pm Small Plates Discussion 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> <p><b>Monday, October 21:</b> 9:30 am AMIS Board Meeting 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</p> <p><b>Tuesday October 22:</b> 10:00 am Fiber and Fellowship 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 23:</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 24:</b> 1:30 pm English Country Dance 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir HCC Program</p> <p><b>Friday, October 25:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 26:</b> 10:30 am Nan Dorer Memorial Service 3:00 pm Bread Making with Small Plates</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 27:</b> 9:15 am Childcare begins 9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir 10:10 am Pathways 10:30 pm Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir Rehearsal Stewardship Lunch 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 pm Small Plates Discussion 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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Rev. David Wigger, Interim Dir. of Family, Youth & Children’s Ministries  
Tara Beverly, Youth Leader  
Anne Wilson, Director of Music





**BELOVED COMMUNITY** manifests and protects agape love as guiding principle and expresses in the following ways:

1. Offers radical hospitality to everyone, an inclusive family rather than exclusive club.
2. Recognizes and honors the image of God in every human being.
3. Exhibits personal authenticity, true respect, and validation of others.
4. Recognizes and affirms, not eradicates, differences.
5. Listens emotionally (with the heart); fosters empathy and compassion for others.
6. Tolerates ambiguity; realizes that sometimes a clear-cut answer is not readily available.
7. Builds increasing levels of trust and works to avoid fear of difference and others.
8. Acknowledges limitations, lack of knowledge or understanding, and seeks to learn.
9. Acknowledges conflict or pain in order to work on difficult issues.
10. Speaks truth in love, always considering ways to be compassionate with one another.
11. Avoids physical aggression and verbal abuse.
12. Resolves conflicts peacefully, without violence, recognizing that peacefully doesn't always mean comfortably for everybody.
13. Releases resentment and bitterness through self-purification (avoiding internal violence through spiritual, physical, and psychological care).
14. Focuses energy on removing evil forces (unjust systems), not destroying persons.
15. Persists unyieldingly and unwaveringly committed to justice.
16. Achieves friendship and understanding through negotiation, compromise, or consensus, considering each circumstance to discern which will be most helpful.
17. Righteously opposes and takes direct action against poverty, hunger, and homelessness.
18. Advocates thoroughgoing, extensive neighborhood revitalization without displacement (this also applies to the Church, working toward responsible and equitable growth, discipleship, and worship).
19. Blends faith and action to generate a commitment to defeating injustice (not forgetting that injustice can also be found *within* the Church).
20. Encourages and embraces artistic expressions of faith from diverse perspectives.
21. Fosters dynamic and active spirituality; recognizes that we serve a dynamic God who is not left behind by a changing world or people, and that a passive approach will not work.
22. Gathers together regularly for table fellowship and meets the needs of everyone in the community.
23. Relies on scripture reading, prayer, and corporate worship for inner strength.
24. Promotes human rights and works to create a non-racist society.
25. Shares power and acknowledges the inescapable network of mutuality among the human family.



## ***Exciting News for Greater Cleveland Congregations!***

Keisha Krumm, an IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) Organizer for more than 17 years will become GCC's new Lead Organizer on **November 1**. We can't wait! John Lentz and I were privileged to be part of the interview/selection process, and I know I speak for both of us in saying how thrilled we are that Keisha said an enthusiastic *Yes!* to GCC's invitation. To play on Dr. Seuss, "Oh the places you will go," GCC. Keisha is a strong and proven leader and community-builder; she has committed her life to seeking justice where injustice reigns and to empowering others – individuals and congregations – to be part of this important work.



Keisha has a master's degree from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Christian Community Development. She and her husband Stuart have a daughter, Olivia. Keisha comes to us from our sister IAF organization, Common Ground Milwaukee, where she has been Lead Organizer for the past 8½ years. Prior to that she was an IAF Organizer in Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma.

I had the opportunity to represent GCC at Keisha's farewell party. About 80 leaders gathered from multiple congregations, Black, White and Latino – and impressively, they seemed to all know each other. The program was chock full of memories and appreciations that characterized Keisha as a caring friend, a devoted mother and a leader passionate about injustice, full of the cold anger that stands firm in the face of power. Though I didn't think it possible, I came home even more excited about the gifts Keisha will bring to Cleveland and the work we will do together as GCC.

*-Diana Woodbridge*