

Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
October 6, 2019 at 11:00 am
World Communion Sunday

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.
Our ushers have directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Centering Words

Take a deep breath. Know that the Spirit of the Lord is in this place. Trust that you are God’s beloved child and be at peace.

Welcome

Prelude

Muscogee (Creek) hymn

“Heleluyan”

Descant Choir; Dan Fernandez, guest drummer

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Jessica Owusu

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,

We are the beloved community of Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus,

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

*** Opening Hymn No. 853**

“We Are Marching In the Light of God”
(South Africa)

You may alternate languages with the
choir or sing all in English

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Lord of all, we have been thankful for our abundance. Help us to be generous in our sharing.

We have known times of sadness and weeping. Help us to expand our concern for those in need around the world. We have been aware of feeling left out and not heard. Help us to welcome all and listen. Forgive us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Taiwan trad.

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives
The Assurance of Pardon
 May we trust the forgiveness of God that sets us free and enables us joyfully to be the beloved community.

***Gloria** **Gloria a Dios (Peru)**

Congregation repeats cantor's words.
 Carl Jenks, cantor

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word
 Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Passages Jessica Owusu
 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (page 966)

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Jr.

“To Lois and Eunice”


Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory Vida, arr. Matthew Culloton


“Famine Song”
 Soloists: Laura Minder and Emily Abel
This song, inspired by stories of Sudanese basket weavers, expresses the pain and hope experienced by those living during the famine of the 1980s. In the midst of hardship, a wonderful new sense of creativity emerged when women began weaving baskets as a means of survival.

The choir will sing first in Swahili, then the congregation is invited to sing in English.


O, Who Will Build the Church Now? Kenya
Swahili song




Kan - i - sa Li - ta - jen - gua__ na -ni - ni__ na-na - ni. Kan
 O, who will build the church now?_We'll build it__ to-geth-er. O,



i - sa Li - ta - jen - gua__ na - ni - ni__ na -na - ni. I -
 who will build the church now? We'll build it__ to - geth - er.



yo yo__ yo__ yo i - yo yo__ yo__ yo i -



yo yo_ yo_ yo i - yo yo_ yo_ yo i - yo!

* Prayer of Dedication

Children's Moment (preamble for communion)

Rev. David Wigger

Eucharist/ Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?

People: We give thanks for God's creation, for making us in God's image. We give thanks because God never gave up on us, even though we were not faithful to God. We give thanks because when it was time, God sent his only son, Jesus, to show God's love for us.

Children: How do we praise God for all of this?

Leader: With all the faithful of every time and place. This is said to God's glory:

Sanctus

I-to-Loh (Taiwan)

Children: What do we remember at this table?

People: We remember God's Son, Jesus: He healed the sick and restored sight to the blind; He welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts. Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.

Children: How are we able to remember?

People: We are able to remember because of the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's first gift to those who believe, who will complete God's work in the world.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Leader: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed and gave it to his friends. He told them to eat it and remember him. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Leader: After the meal, Jesus took the cup, and gave it to them as the promise that our sins are forgiven. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: But this is everyday bread and grape juice.

Leader: Let us pray that the everyday bread and juice will become holy: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Since this meal brings us together with all Christians, let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all of God's children.

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 Psalm 136 (Tanzania)

Prayer after Communion

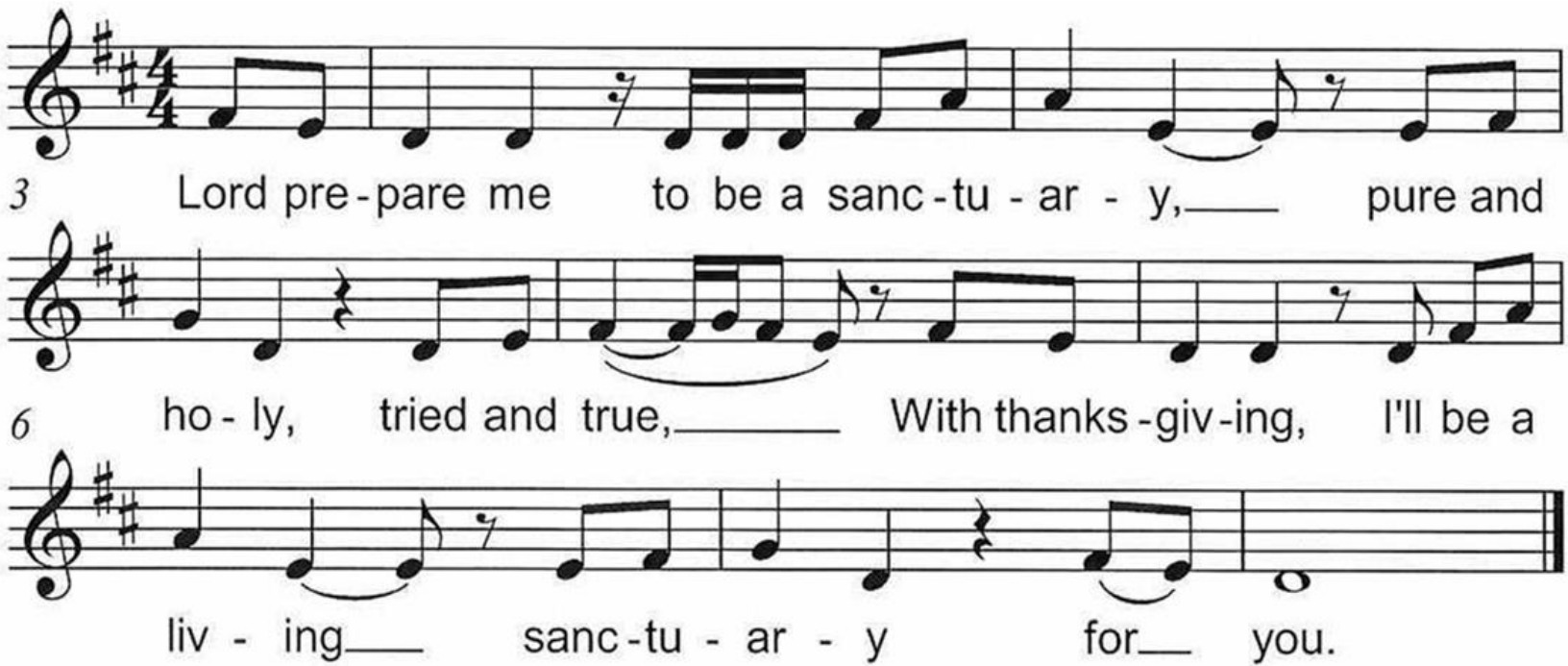
Gracious God, thank you for sharing your life with us. Send us forth as a light to the nations. Send us forth as a people with a blessing. Send us forth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

* Closing Hymn No. 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
(Jamaica)

* 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 Drum Circle

All are welcome to come forward to participate!

Immediately following our worship service, the Black History Education Committee is sponsoring a special guest speaker – Margaret Mwale, from the Presbyterian Church USA national office. She is the Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations of the Committee of Self-Development of People.



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:

- Margie and Mike Glaros in memory of their dear friend Ann Jones, and Margie's mom Eleanor Luff, and in honor of their dear daughter-in-law Lauren Glaros.
- Margaret Sentell in loving memory of George Sentell, Jr. (birthday 10.25).

Two types of 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.
- **Guests who attend the monthly Abundance Pantry Luncheon** are offered prayer request forms which they turn in if they would like a member of the congregation to pray for them. The following Sunday a member of the church will stand at each exit from the sanctuary after worship to distribute those requests to people who would like to connect with the guests in prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Cheryl Anderson, Mark Davidson, the family of Peter Van Dijk, David Dorer, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas.

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 (on average) 50 pounds of groceries to over 150 families each week.

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 10/17/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Coming Up

TODAY

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

Today we welcome guest percussionist Dan Fernandez. Dan attended the Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts and now plays with such groups as the Xela/Cutty Combo, The Joe Hunter Trio and the Dan Wilson Group.

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. 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19 and 2 Tim. 2:8-15.**

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall through November: “Job And The Life Of Faith.” Please contact Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Formerly known as Sew and Knit- our first meeting was a wonderful success with 4 knitters and 3 quilters attending. We had a stitchin’ good time! Next meeting is **October 8.** Please contact Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com) for more details.

LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES OCTOBER 26 AT 7 PM! The October Pacesetters event is a movie night 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.**

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. Jane Granzier of FrontLine Service and Rev. Robin Craig will be the featured speakers for our “Lives at Risk” program to help us understand and deal with the increasing number of suicides in our country. 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 email or call Gladys Kershaw at 440-238-2363.

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Calendar: October 6-13

<p>Sunday, October 6: World Communion</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p> Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm House Church with the Wiggers’</p> <p>7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> <p>Monday, October 7:</p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p> OA Big Book Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>Tuesday October 8:</p> <p>10:00 am Sew and Knitting Group</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p> Registration and lunch</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p> Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>6:30 pm Nominating Committee</p> <p>Wednesday, October 9:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study</p> <p> Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, October 10:</p> <p>1:30 pm English Country Dance</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>5:30 pm HCC Program</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, October 11:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>7:30 pm Russian Concert</p> <p>Saturday, October 12:</p> <p>10:00 am Sew and Knitting Group</p> <p>Sunday, October 13:</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p> Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p> Justice and Mission Fair</p> <p>2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm Civil Rights Pilgrimage</p> <p>7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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Message from David Dorer

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

“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.”

Let us continue to hold in prayer the family of Nan Dorer, who died on Wednesday, September 18. She is survived by her son David. Nan was a leader in our Presbytery, serving as the Moderator. She was an avid reader of theology. A former member of Noble Road Presbyterian Church, Nan moved her membership to Forest Hill in 2015. Nan was funny but tough, sharp yet soft, petite but super-sized when it came to justice and compassion. She was a friend to all. Thanks be to God for Nan Dorer!

A memorial service (celebration) for Nan 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.

"For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure."
2 Corinthians 4:17

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Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music

Margaret Mwale is Associate for Community Development & Constituent Relations for Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP). She provides leadership and guidance for the program by working with disadvantaged communities in developing partnerships; interprets the SDOP ministry to Mid Councils and congregations and oversees the Mid Council grant process. Margaret has a bachelor's degree in economics from Bluffton University, OH, a master's degree in economics from Eastern Illinois University and has completed certification training at the Chalmers Center for economic and community development at Covenant College. She has 19 years of experience working with economically disadvantaged communities having previously worked as Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator and Director of a Community Ministries Urban Youth program with PC (USA) congregations in Mobile, AL and Indianapolis, IN. Margaret is a native of Zambia.



Open Letter in Support of Demands for Justice at the Jail

Cuyahoga County is in the midst of a crisis of conscience. We cannot unsee the horrors that we have witnessed in videos of torture released from the Jail. We cannot ignore the lived experiences relayed by affected individuals. We cannot forget what we have read in reports from journalists and from the federal government.

It is clear that people at the Cuyahoga County jail are subject to physical abuse, malnourishment, overcrowding, medical neglect, and extended isolation. It is also clear that our county's leadership has been unable, or unwilling to stop the inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail. For too long, we have seen them finger-point, delay decisions, and defend themselves and their agencies.

We will not stand by with complacency or cynicism. These circumstances require us to confront injustice with a clear and sensible set of reforms. We share our vision in hopes that together, we can promote equality and humanity, and prevent further deaths and abuses at the Cuyahoga County Jail.

We ask that our leaders alleviate much of the suffering immediately through the following measures:

- Ensure all county jails in compliance with minimum standards for jails in Ohio
- Provide full access to healthcare services
- Ensure that all detainees' nutritional requirements for proper growth, development, health, and wellness are met
- Ensure full staffing of jail and end red-zoning, which is preventing full access to legal counsel
- Ensure all detainees are duly notified of court appearances
- End the transfer of children to adult correctional facilities
- Increase funding for reentry support services
- End the use of criminal history in determining eligibility for accessing rights and resources
#BanTheBox
- Carry out swift implementation of bail reform, including release without payment for every person who does not pose an identifiable threat of harm to the community
- Begin systematic data collection, reporting, and transparency
- Set up independent oversight governed and led by a committee of affected community members
- Acknowledge, apologize, assure future protection from harm, and advocate for reparations

We the undersigned stand in public support of the above demands put forth by the Coalition to Stop the Inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail. We believe that our actions surrounding this crisis will, in large part, define our legacy in this community. We believe that these concrete and actionable reforms are essential to protect the safety and dignity of our fellow community members, and we urge all people of conscience to stand with us in demanding their immediate implementation.

Onward towards justice,

Carol Steiner

Coalition to Stop the Inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail

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 1st. 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



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.