

Forest Hill Church Service of Worship

June 14, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

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Centering Words

BREATHE! Deeply. Know that God loves you.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Frederic Chopin

Aeolian Harp

CHORAL INTROIT

Mark Miller

How Long?

Virginia Weiss, Caleb Wright

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call to the Lord, who hears our prayers.

People: Sing to the Lord, who delights in our songs.

Leader: Wait for the Lord, the source of our hope.

People: Worship the Lord, who is worthy of our praise.

HYMN NO. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND YEARNING:

Steadfast source of mercy and grace, we long for you to touch our lives. We desire to feel in our very bones that no problem we face is beyond your care. But it is hard Lord. These days, it is very hard. Don't let us give up hope or give in to cynicism. Grant us the wisdom to put our trust in you. Give us the spirit to stand up and speak out. May we offer our songs of praise to you in this moment of personal and national wailing and pain.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In God’s faithfulness we are made well. In Christ’s love, we discover righteousness and peace. In the Spirit’s sustaining power, we find strength for the journey. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Leader

All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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ANTHEM

Caleb Wright

Change is Gonna Come

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

FROM THE LIVING WORD

Matthew 9:35-10:23

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to

your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. ¹⁶ ‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

After the readings

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

HYMN NO. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

The Inner Work

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.

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OFFERTORY

Robert Schumann

Kleine Study

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
O Christ, Surround Me

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me;
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

Courante



Notes & Announcements

Prayer Requests:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) for inclusion next week’s congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Mark Davidson, the family of Joanne and Bob Dawson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, the family of David and Anne Hunter, Chuck Ishler, Joanna Klingenstein, Mamie Peterson, the family of Baldwin Sawyer, and Harold Thomas.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: The Jerusalem Care Group will assist our pastors with members’ needs in **June**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Laura Minder**.

Thank you, all office volunteers: Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Ellen McChesney.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **August 13 (for September TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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

Coming Up

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17, Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10: 24-39**.

Forest Hill Church welcomes our new members!

Gail Larson was born and raised in Hopkins, Minnesota. Gail’s family belonged to a UCC church. She graduated with a degree in Speech Pathology from Moorhead State College, Minnesota. While working as a therapist in the public schools in Olympia, Washington, Gail met her husband, Jim. They have one daughter who teaches at Noble Elementary in Cleveland Heights. Jim and Gail moved here in 2007 to be closer to her. When Jim passed away in 2013, Gail moved to Cleveland Heights and bought a home in 2014. In 2015 Gail joined Fairmount Presbyterian. During that time, she joined the Friends of Immigration. *“I live in Noble Neighborhood, and I am also active in the GCC Housing Task Force. FHC walks the walk of inclusivity and diversity and compassion for those most vulnerable in our society, I am transferring my membership to FHC. I look forward to meeting more of you when we can join in worship in the sanctuary.”*



Suzanne Seifert is a life-long Clevelander who is transferring her membership from University Circle United Methodist Church. Suzanne is a non-profit consultant and an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University. She shares her home in Lakewood with her dog and her cat. FHC is beyond please to have Suzanne for as a member.

Dierdre (Deedee) Pim is a Cleveland Heights native and proud graduate of Cleveland Heights High School and John Carroll University. Deedee is currently a Sr. Software Engineer for Optum (part of UnitedHealth Group). *“I’m excited to join Forest Hill Church and to be a part of an organization who is willing to open their doors and hearts to people in need like Leonor and our current guests from Burkina Faso and those who come to our food pantry”.*



Walter Scott Stepanenko is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at John Carroll University. He specializes in Philosophy of Religion and is interested in issues that emerge at the intersection of science and theology. In his spare time, he watches science fiction, plays with his cat, Tiny, and blogs about Eco theology.

Calendar: June 14-21

<p>Sunday, June 14: 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p>Monday, June 15: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p>Tuesday, June 16: 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, June 17: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call)</p>	<p>Thursday, June 18: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Friday, June 19: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, June 20: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Sunday, June 21: 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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