

Forest Hill Church

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Easter
Service of Worship
April 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative.

The Death of Death

Put fear aside. Now that He has entered into death on our behalf, all who live no longer die as all once died.

That ephemeral occasion has met its utter end.

As seeds cast to the earth, we will not perish, but like those seeds shall rise again—the shroud of death itself having been burst to tatters by love's immensity.

Love's Immensity: Mystics on the Endless Life, by Scott Cairns

Welcome

Prelude

The Iona Community

Reading: "The Three Women"

Shelly Jesberger, Julie Minder, Laura Minder

Easter Fanfare

Anne Wilson

Richard King, French horn

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He has been raised!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Easter Collect

Rev. Clover Beal

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ’s resurrection, that in the midst of the sinful world, we may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Clayton Minder, tenor

Family Meditation

Rev. Clover Beal

Anthem

William Albright

“Look There, the Christ!”

Scripture Lessons (*Led by Elder Doris Bartlett*)

Psalm 118, selected verses

Mark 16: 1-8

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“The Leap from Fear to Faith”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory

Ludwig van Beethoven

“Hallelujah” (from *Mount of Olives*)

*** 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.

Eucharist of New Life

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.

Sanctus

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

"O the Lamb"

John Bell

"The Trumpet Sounds, the Angel Sings"

Graham Kendrick

Elizabeth Shaw, steel pan

Prayer after Communion

We thank you for the invitation to new life. We will seek to follow the risen Christ in joy and gladness. By your Spirit free us from fear and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

* Closing Hymn No. 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus" (from *Messiah*)

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

C. M. Widor

"Toccata"

**please stand if able*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Congregational Notes

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Kay Currie, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, Ron Register, George Seidel, Margaret and George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

Thank you to today's ushers and to head usher Roger Heineman. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lessons this week are from **Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20: 19-31.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education

April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10 – 9:30 am, South Hall: DVD series

Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture:

Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today's "Pharaohs"

Discussion will be facilitated by Tim Beal, PhD

April 12, 19, 26 – 12:20 pm in South Hall: Book Discussion

Reality, Grief and Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks

by Walter Brueggemann

Kermit Lind will facilitate a discussion of this very engaging book by one of the century's most preeminent biblical scholars and theologians. This will be vital groundwork for Dr. Brueggemann's visit June 14 at FHC. Brueggemann will lead an adult education class at 9:30 am, preach at 11 am, and then offer a public lecture at 2 pm. We are delighted to be hosting him!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Groups and Circles

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The Young Adults' Second Sunday Brunch will be held at *Fire* on Shaker Square on April 12. Contact Lane Baldwin (lshetz@gmail.com) for more information.

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Pacesetters will be celebrating with their Annual Poetry Night on Saturday, April 18 at 7 pm at the home of Scott and Sue Lafferty, 1969 Bromton Drive, Lyndhurst. Please see the weekly enews for details, or contact Sue Lafferty ([440-449-2361](tel:440-449-2361) salaff@sbcglobal.net).

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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 leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Gretchen Reynolds, Deacon leader	Ginie Mast
Shawn Bittner	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	Jeanette Nemcek
Lisa Chuppa	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Libby Dolan	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Joy Stang
Callie Janor	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Allan & Zivile Khoury	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	LeAnn West
Laurie & Keith Logan	Peggy Yeager

Softball

Softball season is approaching. The 9-time Heights Church League Champion FHC softball team is looking for members and visitors to join the softball team for the 2015 season. If you are interested, please contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net).

Youth News

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

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The Easter lilies are given by

Doris Allen, in memory of Wendell Allen

Betsy and Joe Andrews, in honor of Cooper and Cameron Andrews

Mary Ball, in honor of grandchildren Keara, Caiden and Mykelti

Chris and Dave Bell , in memory of and in honor of beloved family friends

The Cameron family, in loving memory of Dr. Donald B. Cameron,

Ann Cameron, Mary Margaret Cameron and Alan Scott Cameron

Don and Betty Clark, in memory of Ray and Irma Clark and

Herbert and Betty Fritz

Leslie and Lia Clement, in memory of Harry and Inez Clement,

Dr. Kenneth and Ruth Clement, and Judy Hubach

Bill Finn and Rachel Martinez-Finn, in memory of Dianne Martinez and

Mark McCormack

Al Gilbert, in memory of Walda Ann Gilbert and Charles Gilbert

Ron and Marcia Grant , in memory of their parents Hazel and Art Grant

and Louise and Bob Boylan

The Hales family, in honor of, in memory of, and in thanksgiving for family members

Judy Hammer, in memory of David Hammer

Barbara Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet

Dorothy Herd, in thanksgiving for Forest Hill Church

Jenny and Caty Himmelman, in memory of Phil Harper

Joan Kandare, in memory of loved ones

The Keefe family, in memory of and in honor of loved ones

Cliff and Jane Kowall, in memory of parents Walter and Elaine Grasson and Paul and Dorothy Kowall

Carol Leslie, in thanksgiving for Leslie, Tim, Chelsea, Rob, Alicia and Carter

Suzanne Marcy, in loving memory of dear family members

Diane McFiggen, in memory of Frances Mika and Frank Mika

Robin Mervine, in memory of Betty Miller

The Smith-Polderman family, in memory of Grace Elaine Smith

Joyce Pope, in honor of Grace Uhle and Don and Betty Clark; and in thanksgiving for the Bible and Bagels class

Jean Reinhold, in honor of Bruce Reinhold

Carol Scott, in memory of W. Leighton Scott

Steve Sedam and Virginia Weiss, in honor of Hope Adelstein and in memory of Stanley Adelstein

Jim and Pat Seeders, in memory of Pat's brother Boyd Kevin Rice

Anne and Jeff Smith, in thanksgiving for family and friends

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer and Derry Stauffer, in honor of Margie and Dwight Stauffer

Alisha Trammell, in memory of Rebecca Fiddler

Dorothy Ann Turick, in memory of Frank and Ida Turick

Peg Weissbrod and Steve Marunowski, in honor of Ray and Pat Weissbrod and in memory of Stan and Kay Marunowski

Ann and Peter Williams, in memory of their mothers, Betty Williams and Dorothy Sawyer

Anne Wilson, in memory of William L. Ferguson

The Winters family, in memory of Ray and Barbara Henning, Andrew
Celeri, Max Scarborough, and Charles Winters

Julie Wolfram Smith and Andy Smith, in loving memory of their
grandparents, Millard and Marion Wolfram, Orville and Zetta Pyle,
Ralph and Vera Smith and Philip and Norine Marvin

The Wollaeger family, in memory of Mary Carino

The Wollaeger and Olson families, in memory of Nancy and Bill Olson

Dene Young, in memory of loved ones

Bob and Ginny Young, in memory of loved ones

The Zych family, in memory of Tony Zych and in thanksgiving for
Irene Zych and Gary and Nancy Cubbison

**“GOD
LIFTS UP THE
DOWNTRODDEN”**

-Psalm 147:6

So can you.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Calendar: April 5-12, 2015

Sunday, April 5: Easter

8:45 Child care begins
9:00 Worship (Chapel)
10:15 Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
12:15 Coffee hour

Monday, April 6, 2015

8:45 am Tai Chi
6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm Al Anon
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, April 7

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
7:00 pm Ministry meetings

Thursday, April 9

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:30 pm FH Swim Club

Friday, April 10

10:00 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday, April 11

9:00 am Sacred Space meeting
6:30 pm The Group (at Musicks')

Sunday, April 12

8:30 Nominating Committee
9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship class
Pathways
12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
12:30 Young Adults: Brunch
Brueggemann class
4:40 Labre project

Habitat for Humanity - Apostles Build Project

Forest Hill Church will be taking part in this year's **Habitat for Humanity - Apostles Build Project**. This will provide the chance for us to serve others, in the way Jesus' apostles served. We have committed to provide part of the funds and the labor to build a house in the East Cleveland area, in partnership with a local family. We are looking for 6 to 8 volunteers per day to help build or rehab our assigned house. If building is not your strong suit, we are also looking for volunteers to provide lunch on site for the build team each of the three days. A typical construction day runs from 9am - 3:30pm with a break for lunch around noon.

Volunteers will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until the dates are full. Please contact Nathan Baldwin (n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com or [216- 392-1313](tel:216-392-1313)).

DATES

Saturday, May 9
Saturday, May 16
Thursday, July 16

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20: 19-31. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

Today:

Psalm 118 (selected verses)

O give thanks to the Lord for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my might, the Lord has become my salvation!

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

That we might enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

I thank you that you have answered me and become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

You are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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