

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 15, 2017 at 11:00 am
Celebration of the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

Transforming God, leader of all life's journeys, teach us what we need to learn – The ways and graces of creative, active waiting; the cry and the confidence of the psalmist; the honest testimony of the prophet; the clarion vision and the voice of the mystic. Labor may sometimes seem in vain, yet surely you are present; surely you are here to deliver. Grant us eager hearts that we may delight to do your will. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

spirituals

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands / Over My Head”

Caleb and Willie Mae Wright

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

John Dugard

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: Who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

People: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Leader: We gather to worship God.

People: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

*** Processional Hymn No. 39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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| Please use “ <i>O God Creator</i> ” in the first line |
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**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy God, you demand righteousness and justice. You love all your children with a passionate desire that we all might be one. But we confess that we are not one in the spirit, and not one in the Lord. We divide ourselves by race and class, by religion and status, and by politics and sexual orientation. Forgive us for the sin of racism that imprisons us in structures and institutions that give more to some and less to others. Forgive us our suspicion and fear. Forgive our unwillingness to change.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ghana

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria

Taizé

First time: All sing
Second time: Sing in a round starting with low voices; high voices begin two measures later; youth and children 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!

Anthem

Thomas Dorsey

“Precious Lord”

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

From the Living Word

Psalm 40

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: **Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

Leader: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

People: **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Leader: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

People: **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

People: **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Leader: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

John 1: 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 52**

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

*During this hymn, Pathways children may leave for their classes
and prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People
may be passed to the ushers*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Is It the End of the Road?”

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

Offering

Offertory

Dr. C. Ronald Williams

“I’m Blessed”

Caleb Wright, Mary-Francis Miller, Jack Lentz, Michael Hives

*** 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

* **Closing Hymn No. 301**

“Let Us Build a House”

St. 3: High voices

St. 4: Low voices

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Joe Utterback

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”



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: Today's flowers are given by Joe and Betsy Andrews in loving memory of Joe's parents, Mary and Clifford Andrews, and Betsy's parents, Agnes and Leonard Cooper.

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Jane Ishler, Patricia Jenkins, Richard Peterjohn, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, and Joy Stang.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

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 Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during January. 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.

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Grocery Certificates: Support FHC Youth Ministry and buy groceries at the same time! Buy a grocery card (\$25 or \$100) for Dave's, Heinen's, Zagara's or Giant Eagle (they are sold in Fellowship Hall after worship nearly every Sunday). The church gets a percentage of your purchase, and you get the full amount for groceries.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1-4, 9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

The Cleveland Cello Society at Forest Hill Church: On Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm, the Cleveland Cello Society presents *i Cellisti*, its annual fundraiser cello ensemble extravaganza. This year's program features SAKURA, the Los Angeles-based cello quintet, hailed as "brilliant" and "superb" by the *Los Angeles Times*. The program will include works by Debussy, Faure, Rachmaninoff, Schubert, and most importantly, *Lament in Memory of Matthew Shepard* by Director of Music Anne Wilson! Performed and enthusiastically received both at the Piatigorsky International Cello Festival in May 2016, and in Ann Arbor, Michigan in December 2016, this is your chance to hear Anne's stunning work here in our sanctuary.

Tickets: suggested donation is \$25, for sale online at www.clevelandcello.com, via phone at 216-921-3480, or sold at the door. Better yet, be a Supporting Patron for \$100.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall The Kerygma study of John's Gospel continues through February 26.

Family Promise Move-Out Bags: We are again collecting household items to assemble Move-Out bags for families moving into permanent housing. The following items are needed:

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| Paper towels | Toilet bowl cleaner & brushes | Laundry soap |
| Dish soap | All-purpose cleaner | Cash donations are also appreciated! |
| sponges | Shower curtain & rings | |

Items may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall through next Sunday, January 22. Please contact Anne Smith, Deanne Lentz or Sue Lafferty for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Black History Month Requests

Seeking information: We are looking for anything relating to significant issues of Black History – personal or family experiences, anecdotes and/or pictures. Selected materials will be displayed during February. Leave material (with your name and any relevant information) in the church office, or email it to Dorothy Herd (dorothyherd@yahoo.com) or Ann Williams (asw1217@gmail.com).

Please do not submit originals; please make and submit copies of any pictures, letters, or other printed materials. We will return anything not used with our sincere thanks.

You may also sign up to contribute to the Soul Food Pot Luck: Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa8aa23a7f49-soul> (the link is in the weekly email) or see Ann Williams in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

Cleveland Hts Democracy Day: In 2013, voters in Cleveland Hts passed Issue 32 in support of a constitutional amendment stating that corporations do not have constitutional right. Issue 32 also established annual hearings to examine the impact of big corporate money in elections. The 4th Annual Public Hearing will be held on January 25 at 7 pm at Cleveland Hts City Hall; this is open to the general public.

The Group (60s – 70s): Super Bowl party Feb 5, 6 pm, Hunters’ – details have been emailed.

Theology on Tap: Do you have a burning question you've always wanted to ask at church, but didn't feel it was appropriate? Do you like to meet over drinks and talk with friends? Join us for a special **Theology on Tap: All Questions Welcome!** Members of Fairmount, Forest Hill and Church of the Covenant will gather at the BottleHouse (2050 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights 44118) on Thursday, February 9, 5-7 pm. Bring a favorite snack to share.

Youth News

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

Friday: Trip to SkyZone (carpool at 5 pm, meet there at 5:45) – please see Shannon Headen for important information

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**Please welcome and hold in your prayers
this year's confirmation class:**

**Allie Peterjohn
Anna Dillenbeck
Colin Burleigh
David Vahey
Ethan Swain
Maggie Peterjohn**

They will be confirmed on the Day of Pentecost, June 4.

Calendar: January 15 - 22, 2017

Sunday, January 15

9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)
12:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Blood Pressure check

Monday, January 16:

Martin Luther King Day

Annual Report information is due today

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

Tuesday, January 17

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
6:00 pm Women and the Spiritual Arts
7:00 pm Black History Month
Coordinators

Wednesday, January 18

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA
7:00 pm Session meeting
TransFamily East meeting

Thursday, January 19

9:30 am Pantry Lunch group
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
6:00 pm Women and the Spiritual Arts
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 20

10:00 am Al Anon
5:00 pm Trip to SkyZone SEE SHANNON
7:30 pm Cello Society concert

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am Mens' group
9:00 am CEIRS class

Sunday, January 22

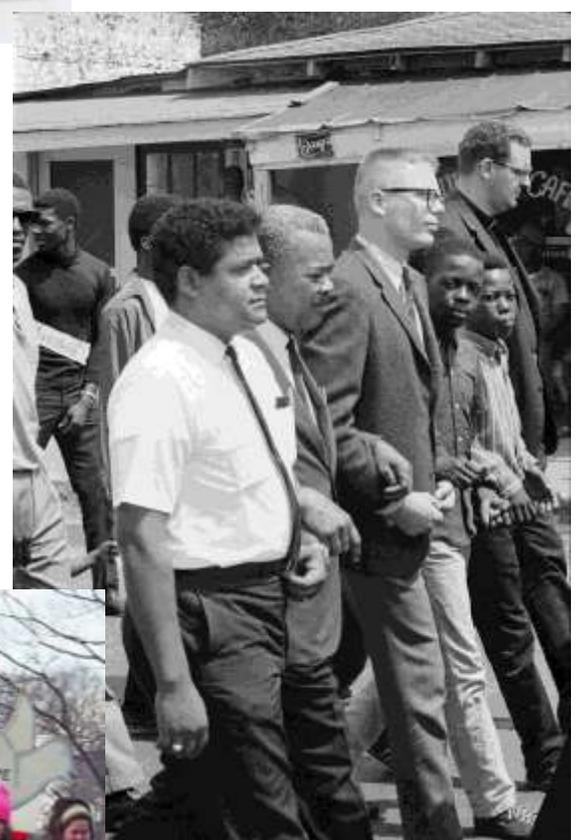
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Sine Nomine Choir
12:30 Youth & parents:
Mission trip meeting



1965
Selma to Montgomery march

As we go marching, marching...

1968



2002

