

Forest Hill Church

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Keeping a
Holy Lent

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
April 2, 2017 at 11:00 am
5th Sunday of Lent
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. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Prayer of Preparation

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have won for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Welcome

Prelude

Helen Kemp

"A Lenten Love Song"

Descant Choir; soloists: Henry and Margaret Dyck

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Lia Clement

Leader: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

All: The life we have been given by God,

Leader: The life we share with one another in community,

All: The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Leader: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

All: And let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us.

We run away, and you seek us.

We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way.

We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us.

Help us, we pray; help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living,

That we will bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Brazil

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* Response

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. The first staff has a '5' at the beginning. The second staff has a '5' at the beginning. The lyrics are: 'Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__'.

First, all sing in unison.

Second, lower voices start; higher voices start one measure later.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Family Meditation

Rachel McDonald

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and

bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

"Can These Bones Live?"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

Anne Wilson; poem by Dan Rourke

"Love Is the Only Response"

Laura Minder, soloist

*** Response**

Hymn No. 697



5 Take my life_ and_ let it be con - se - crat - ted, Lord, to_ thee;

8 take my mo - ments and my days;_ let them flow in

cease - less_ praise;_ let them flow in_ cease - less praise.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

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.

Sanctus

Franz Schubert

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

Thomas Tallis

"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 285

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Benin

"Peace Be with You"

Descant Choir; Ryan Hidek, soloist

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Herbert Howells

"Prelude in C Major" (from *Lambert's Clavichord*)



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.

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.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Lee and Cathi Thomas and the Thomas family in memory of the Rev. Clarence "Tommy" Thomas; and by Ellen McChesney in loving memory of Clarence and Marjorie McChesney.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Max Harmon, Wafa Kuri, Keith Logan, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Dorothy Turick.

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, and 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.

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Hts. Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti, and Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

Care Group: The Canaan Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in 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 Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	John Prentice
Lisa Chuppa	Rob Reynolds
Leslie Clement	Margaret & George Sentell
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Muriel Dean	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Libby & Andy Dolan & family	Joy Stang
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Don Ungemach
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Allan & Zivile Khoury	LeAnn West
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	Peggy Yeager
Laurie & Keith Logan	

This Month's Ushers 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

Co-Pastor Conversation: Come to South Hall after worship for more conversation about the Session's acceptance of the Discernment Task Force's recommendation for FHC's future. You may also contact any of the clergy for more information.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: Palms – Matthew 21: 1-11 and Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29. Worship – Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66.

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

Lectio Divina – Praying the Scriptures meets Sundays at 5 pm

The Group: Join the April 8 Progressive Dinner – contact Barb Hansen (440-255-5514 or bjhansen47@gmail.com) or see p. 16 of the April TOWER for details.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Dr. Lentz will continue the 8-week series on the Sacraments: “Equipping the Saints for Ministry.” The next chapter: Communion: Why? Who may receive it? What’s going on? Where did it come from?

NEXT WEEK

Holy Week schedule

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

Beyond Boundaries Concert : 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Please mark your calendars for a very special concert, **Beyond Boundaries**. The Chancel Choir will join with vocalist Amanda Powell and Cleveland jazz legends Howie Smith on sax and Dave Morgan on bass. The concert will consist of an exploration of music from many cultures, styles and genres. Please invite your music-loving friends! A free-will offering will be taken.

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday

6:30 Dinner (use the friendship pad to indicate that you plan to attend)

7:30 Worship

Friday, April 14: Good Friday

12-3 pm Community Worship at St Paul's Episcopal Church

2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts

Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Easter Vigil (begin in front of the Sanctuary)

Easter, April 16

9:00 am Worship in the Chapel

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Classes and children’s choirs will not meet on Easter
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Looking Ahead

FHC Softball: Spring training is here! If you are 16 years and older and wish to join the FHC softball team for the upcoming season, please contact Jason Hidek (440-264-3296 or Jason.hidek@att.net). The season starts April 23.

Calendar: April 2 - 9, 2017

Sunday, April 2: 5 Lent

9:00 Labyrinth open
 9:30 Adult & 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)
 Pathways children will attend church
 12:15 Coffee and Fellowship
 4:00 GCC Teach-In: The Q Funding Issue
 5:00 Lectio Divina: praying the scriptures

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:00 pm Adult Ed Team meeting

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA

Thursday, April 6

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 7

10:00 am Al Anon
 6:00 pm Confirmation class

Saturday, April 8

4:00 pm AA Anniversary Dinner
 6:00 pm The Group: Progressive Dinner

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

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 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
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 Children's Worship Class (preK-K)
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee and Fellowship
 5:00 Lectio Divina
 7:00 Concert: Beyond Boundaries

***Four Questions for Our Modern World:
 How Passover Can Help Us All Heal in a Divisive Time
 Thursday, April 6, 7:45-9:15 am***

A conversation with Rabbi Rob Nosanchuk (Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple) and Dr. John Lentz in the Simon and Rose Mandel Community Rm of the Mandel JCC, 26001 S. Woodland, Beachwood. \$5 for FHC members

Staff Emails

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Legislative Advocacy sign up and training

Would you like to have a say in the decisions our legislators make on our behalf? The Ministry of Justice and Mission, with Roz Peters, is creating a sign up and training for FHC members who would like to know how and when to approach their legislators – by email, phone call or visit.

Sign up with Roz Peters at the table in Fellowship Hall after worship, or contact Jennifer Blakeney (bmlspirit@yahoo.com) if you'd like to get email alerts on timely issues.

We will offer training on April 18 (evening) and April 29 (morning) to help you feel more comfortable taking action.

**You are invited to the ordination of
Rachel Marie McDonald
April 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
5 Baker Hill Rd
Fredonia PA**

Light reception to follow

One Great Hour of Sharing



In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share.

- ***Loose the bonds of injustice*** through the *Self-Development of People (SDOP)* program
- ***Share your bread with the hungry*** through the *Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)*
- ***Bring the homeless poor into your house*** through the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program*

How can you help?

- *Donate through the offering collected on Easter Sunday at FHC*
- *Make an online gift at presbyterianmission.org/donate*
- *Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10*

Thank you for your generosity and support!

The Ministry of Justice and Mission



Easter lilies may be ordered between now and April 11. Please contact the church office with the following information:

Your name: _____

Given by (if different – ie the Smith family)

_____ lilies @ \$12 each TOTAL: _____

Dedication: in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for

You may put this information in the offering (with payment); email or call the office; or order by clicking the link in the weekly email. Payment may be mailed, hand delivered, or placed in the offering with “Easter lilies” on the memo line of your check.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Edwin Hatch (1878)
Hymn No. 286