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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

# *Service of Worship and Sacrament of Baptism*

*May 14, 2017 at 11:00 am*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

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*

*(song by Bob Thiele; first recorded by Louis Armstrong, 1967)*

*I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you,  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky are also on the faces of people going  
by  
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do, but they're really saying I love  
you.*

*I hear babies cry, and I watched them grow; they'll learn much more than I'll ever  
know  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.  
Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Psalm 16:11)*

## **Welcome**

## **Prelude**

Bob Thiele

“What a Wonderful World”

## Choral Introit

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

### Call to Worship

Elder Mary Ball

Leader: What brings us joy?

**People: What slows us down?**

Leader: What gives us hope?

**People: What makes us think?**

Leader: What invites us to wonder?

**People: What makes us change?**

Leader: Might it have something to do with the Holy?

**All: Let us worship God!**

*From holdfasttowhatisgood.com*

**\* Processional Hymn No. 645** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### Prayer of Confession

Dr. John Lentz

**Holy One, Giver of life, hear our prayer:**

**We confess that we are prone to wander from you and your promises.**

**We too often go our own way, mindlessly behaving in ways that lead to dread and disappointment, faithlessness and fear. Help us remember that you offer life in abundance and peace that the world cannot give. Forgive us, turn us around, and let your love and grace wash over us, and through us, to the world. We pray in Jesus’ name and for his sake. Amen.**

### Time of Silent Confession

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Guarani melody

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -  
- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Minute for Mission**

Khalila Worley

“GCC Education Action”

**Sacrament of Baptism for Nora Grace Pinzone**

**Congregational Welcome**

**Nora, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**\* Hymn No. 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn  
Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People  
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

## Scripture Lesson

### John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

“There’s a Place for Us”

## 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

Lars Jansson

“To the Mothers in Brazil”

sung in Latin; translation:

*Hail Mother of mercy. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.*

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.*

*O loving, sweet Virgin Mary,  
and Jesus the blessed fruit of thy womb.*

### \* 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. 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

\* **Commission and Blessing**

\* **Choral Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

*Postlude*

G. F. Handel

“Allegro maestoso” (from *Water Music*)



*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](http://www.fhcpresb.org), for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

*Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers** The flowers today are given by Elizabeth Shaw in memory of her parents, Odency and Josephine Johnson.

**Prayers are requested this week for:**

Melanie Alban, Max Harmon, Patricia Jenkins, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Tracy Long, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Tessa Kaiulani Tabler (daughter of Ben and Emily Tabler, nee Manista), 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, 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.**

**Care Group:** The Jordan Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during May. 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**

**We celebrate the baptism of Nora Grace Pinzone,** daughter of Joseph and Bethany Pinzone and sister of Jack, John, Joe and Lola. Toni and Alfio Pinzone are Nora's godparents, and her cousin Hannah Daedelow is her sponsor. Mary Ball is the attending Elder. Terry and Jim Daedelow are Nora's grandparents.

**Mother's Day:** The Jordan CARE Group and the Deacons are distributing homemade Mother's Day gifts (created by Wendy Brock) after worship to all mothers and all women who had or have mothers. Children will distribute the gifts outside Fellowship Hall.

## THIS WEEK

***Pilgrimage to Washington D.C., July 22-24:*** Information has been emailed and is available in the foyer about this trip to tour the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture. **Reservations are due May 15.** Go to <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/db5775> for an on-line registration form. More information is on p. 11-12.

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations and Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon in a GCC Education Action: Listen – Act – Win Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm at JFK High School, 17100 Harvard Ave  
GCC has worked for quality education and a safe environment for Cleveland's school children – and our voices have been heard! Come hear about progress and current key issues schools want to act on NOW.

**RSVP to Gretchen Reynolds ([grr4325@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grr4325@sbcglobal.net)).** Let her know if you want to carpool from FHC or meet us at the school.

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; and John 14: 15-21**

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

***Iris Circle, May 16:*** Potluck Lunch and Bible study, 11:30 am. See the **TOWER** for details.

***Pacesetters, May 20:*** Work Day at Transplant House of Cleveland. See the **TOWER** for details.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall** Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff will continue a series on “When the Body Divides: Dealing with Conflict in a Faith Community.”

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Habitat for Humanity: Apostles Build Project** – For the 3rd year, Forest Hill Church will work with other area churches to fund the rehabilitation of a house in the Stockyards area on the west side. We have committed to providing volunteers on 3 days – June 10, Neighborhood spruce up day; July 22, Build Day; and August 10, Build Day. Please contact Nathan Baldwin ([330-705-7904](tel:330-705-7904) or [n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com](mailto:n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com)) for more information, or look for the Habitat bulletin board in the foyer near the sanctuary.

**Graduations:** Is someone in your family graduating this spring? Please let the office know who is graduating from where; notes about future plans are welcome.

**Pentecost Offering:** Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an offering intended to nurture the faith of those newest among us. As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The offering will be collected on **Sunday, June 4**. Thank you for your support!

**HOW YOU CAN GIVE**

<b>GIVE</b> through your church		<b>Text YOUNG</b> to 20222 <b>\$10</b>
<a href="http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost">www.pcusa.org/pentecost</a>		

## *Youth News*

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

**Today** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship

**Friday** Confirmation class

## *Staff Emails*

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## *Calendar: May 14-21, 2017*

### **Sunday, May 14**

9:00 am Child care begins  
9:30 am Adult Education  
Youth Education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 am Descant Choir activity  
Session mtg  
10:30 am Continental Breakfast  
Chancel Choir  
11:00 am WORSHIP: Baptism  
Children's Worship class  
11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation  
Sine Nomine Choir

### **Monday, May 15**

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

### **Tuesday, May 16**

11:00 am Iris Circle  
1:00 pm Abundance Pantry  
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
7:00 pm GCC Education Action:  
JFK High School

### **Wednesday, May 17**

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

### **Thursday, May 18**

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, May 19**

6:00 pm Confirmation

### **Saturday, May 20**

9:00 am Pacesetters:  
Work day at Transplant House

### **Sunday, May 21 Confirmation**

8:30 am Nominating Committee  
9:00 am Child care begins  
9:30 am Adult Education  
Youth Education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 am Descant Choir activity  
Session mtg  
10:30 am Continental Breakfast  
Chancel Choir  
11:00 am WORSHIP: Confirmation  
Children's Worship class  
11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation  
Blood Pressure check  
FH Park Clean-Up Day  
1:00 pm Confirmation reception  
2:00 pm Recital:  
Students of Ann Marie Falcone  
3:15 pm Softball vs Church of the Saviour

## Greater Cleveland Congregation News & Events

*Find out how YOU can support our city and neighborhoods. Education, Criminal Justice, Economic Justice - find your passion. Rise Together!*

### **GCC Signature Campaign: Support a Community Equity Fund**

There is steady progress with the signature-gathering campaign, but there is still work to be done! We are seeking signatures for a ballot referendum to support a community equity fund with the Q arena deal. Sign up on the GCC

website: <http://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org/NotAllIn-SignUp>

### **Listen Act and Win!**

**Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 pm**

**JFK High School, 17100 Harvard Avenue**

Presentations on issues of trauma, safety, and academic needs. CEO Eric Gordon of Cleveland Metropolitan School District will speak. This event is perfect for anyone with a passion for the safety and educational needs of our children.

Sign up with Ron Register in Fellowship Hall after church today or email Jennifer Blakeney ([bmlspirit@yahoo.com](mailto:bmlspirit@yahoo.com)) if you plan to attend.

**Grand Jury Town Hall Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 pm**  
**Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Avenue**

Looking Behind the Curtain: How “Secret” Grand Juries Work. A panel of experts and participants in the Grand Jury process will present. Co-sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, The City Club of Cleveland and Elizabeth Baptist Church. Do you have an interest in criminal justice issues? This event is for you!

**Save the Date!**  
**July 30th, 12:00 pm**  
**Public Square**

Join FHC and GCC as part of the Cleveland Foundation’s Common Ground Initiative. More info to come!

**July 22-24<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us on a trip to Washington DC!**

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture opened last year and we have tickets for July 23. We will leave on Saturday, July 22 and return on Monday, July 24.

The cost per person is \$376.00. This includes bus fare, tickets to the museum, hotel for 2 nights at the Hampton Inn in Alexandria VA (double occupancy; adjustments will be made for single or more than 2 people per room), and most meals (2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and 1 lunch).

**NOTE: If the bus is not full, the price will increase to \$400  
The additional cost will be collected  
after reservations are received.**

To make a reservation:

- Fill out a registration form: Paper copies are available in the foyers and on the back of the bulletin; it is also available on line (<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/db5775>). This link has been in several recent emails.
- Make your checks payable to Forest Hill Church (\$100 deposit per person, or full payment)
- Put *Washington Trip* on the memo line
- Mail or otherwise deliver to the church office
- Your registration is confirmed when we have both the form and payment (partial or full)

We have ordered several children's tickets (17 and under) – now would be a great time to take the kids or grandchildren.

A tour of Frederick Douglas' home is included in the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cloud (216-321-9112 or [faithleader52@yahoo.com](mailto:faithleader52@yahoo.com)).

More information about the museum is available at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

**RESERVATIONS with form plus full payment or deposit**

**ARE DUE MAY 15**

**FULL PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 1**

**Washington trip reservation form: July 22-24, 2017**

Name of person making reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional people (if any) included in this reservation (age if under 17):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Roommate information

All people on this form will share a room

I will room with \_\_\_\_\_

I don't have a roommate. If there is another person who needs a roommate, please put me in touch with that person.

I'd like a single room (up to \$150 additional cost).

Number of reservations @ \$376 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$100/person or full payment): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the trip may be cancelled if not enough reservations are received by May 15. I also agree to pay the additional cost of \$25/person if the bus is not completely filled.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person responsible for reservation(s) on this form.

This page, **with payment**, confirms your reservation(s).