Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship. Our ushers have large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

**Centering Words**

May mercy and grace follow us this day and all the days of our lives.

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: How good it is when we gather in unity and love.

All: How beautiful is this body of Christ.

One: How good it is when we gather in mercy and grace.

All: How beautiful is the love we have come to share.

**Unison Prayer**

Merciful God, thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day. Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace for all. In Christ’s mercy and grace we pray. Amen.
Gathering Songs

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.
who is wor-thy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.
I will call up-on the Lord.

Refrain
The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-
va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salva-tion be ex-alt-ed.
"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels all around;

let us praise Jesus now;

we are standing in his presence on holy ground.
“Here in This Place”

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,

vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of his tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
light years away; here in this place the new light is shining;

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole human race.
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.
give us the courage to enter the song.
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.
Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession
Forgiving God, you know when we withhold forgiveness. Merciful One, you know when we are not merciful. Gracious Christ, you know when we are stingy with your grace. Acceptor and Lover of all, you know when we reject and exclude. Forgive us and reclaim us. Strengthen us with your Spirit of love, that we may offer forgiveness and compassion in the pursuit of your unity and love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Song: “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Song: “O Who Will Build the Church Now” Kenyan song
Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Scripture Lesson
Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

After the reading
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Song: “Shepherd Me, O God”

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Sermon
Dr. Lentz

“Divine Agitation”

Prayers of the People

Song of Response
South African song

“Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”

Come, bring your burdens to God (3x)
For Jesus will never say no.
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.

Offering

Offertory  
   “City Called Heaven”
   Beth Zych, soprano

* Song of Response  
   Halleluya! We sing your praises,
   All our hearts with gladness are filled. (sing 2x)
   Christ now sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt.
   Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful Good News.
   (repeat first part)

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

* Closing Songs
   “Somebody's Knocking at Your Door”
   Somebody's knocking at your door (repeat)
   O sinner, why don't you answer?
   Somebody's knocking at your door.
“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm gonna let it shine...

Instrumental Break

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

* Commission and Blessing

* Passing of the Peace

* Please stand if you are 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! Our website, www.fhcpresb.org, lists upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today’s flowers are given by the Sampson family in memory of Pa Tedunjaiye, Pa Agu Okpe, Madam Shalot Tedunjaye and Madam Mercy Sam Uke; and by Patricia Jenkins in memory of her mother Katherine Lee Bowman.
Congratulations to Ethan Gifford and Michelle Tomcho, who were married on August 12. Dr. Lentz officiated. Ethan is the son of Carol and Tim Gifford.

Prayers are requested this week for:
Jane Frederick, Max Harmon, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Krystal Lafontaine, Jeanette Nemcek, Ron Register, George Sentell, Dorothy Turick, and the Andrews family.

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, Lorian Thomas, and Pat Weissbrod.

In Memoriam We Remember
Carol Sims
Who died August 14, 2017
I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

Care Group
The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during August. 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.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.
Ushers: Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and today’s usher team.

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: We thank today's vocal octet: Beth Zych, Sally Wile, Beth Garrett, Mary Jane Reinhardt, Mark Schmidt, Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach and Carl Jenks. Also, we welcome on guitars: John Lentz, Kurt Haas and Dave Bell; on tenor sax, Ted Darden; and on drums, Chris Vandall.

One Book One Church (today at 11:15 in South Hall):
October 31, 1517 by Martin Marty.
Rev. Laury Larson will lead a discussion on this book written by one of the giants of religious history. This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; Adult Education this fall will focus on the Reformation.

Welcome Signs: Sharon Shumaker has Welcome Signs available for $10. These yards signs say "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" in three languages. They were designed by a pastor in Harrisonburg, VA and are spreading across the country. Contact Sharon (sms2924@gmail.com or 216-659-4114) if you would like one.
THIS WEEK

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

**Bible and Bagels** discusses next week’s text on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

**Fall Festival, September 10:** Get out your ten gallon hats and boots – The Forest Hill Church country jamboree is coming! September 10, after worship, join us for food, dancing and fun. Have some great grub, round up your partner, and hit the dance floor with music from a live band and a caller! We will have games for young and old in the courtyard, storytime by the fire and the ever popular cookie walk. And remember the Pie Baking Contest – start experimenting with recipes now!

**Iris Circle to Tour Mayfield Village Heinen’s:** Iris Circle invites all members and guests to their Tuesday, Sept. 19 tour of the “working areas” of Heinen’s—those hidden-from-the-public areas where delivery, inventory, prepping, juicing, baking, and cooking happen. The 11 am tour includes samples; Contact Nancy Burcham for reservations and box lunch orders ($8.85 from Heinen’s café) – 216-233-8864 or burcham@roadrunner.com.

**Presbytery Meeting, Sept. 23:** The Presbytery of the Western Reserve has planned something special for its next meeting. Instead of the usual Monday evening meeting, all church families, members, and guests are invited to attend a spectacular service event with the goal of packing 10,000 meals for under-served families through **Rise Against Hunger**. The day begins with 9:00 am worship at Valley Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge, followed by meal-packing (approximately 90
minutes), a picnic lunch, and an after-lunch business meeting. Children's activities are planned for the business part of the meeting, and the entire event will end by 2:00 pm.

**Staff Emails**

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**Starting September 1st, 100% of the special hunger offering collected on the first Sunday of each month will be used for the Abundance Food Pantry at Forest Hill Church.**

**Did you know?** Each month the Pantry is distributing an average of 46 pounds of groceries to each of more than 530 households. This is equivalent to about 20,000 meals per month!
The regular schedule resumes September 10:

9:00  Child care begins
9:30  Adult and Youth Education; Descant Choir
      Continental Breakfast
10:30 Chancel Choir
11:00 Worship
      Children’s Worship Class; Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Coffee and Fellowship: FALL FESTIVAL

It’s Back to School Time!!
Each year, we partner with Boulevard Elementary to help provide school supplies for students in need. Please consider helping us out this year! Donations can be placed in the marked box on the stage in Fellowship Hall until Sunday, August 27. The teachers and staff at Boulevard are always grateful to receive the supplies. Below is a list of requested items:

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If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Kelley (410-562-1797 or jak119@case.edu).