

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
October 7, 2018 at 11:00 am
World Communion
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.

Centering Words

Come to Christ,
children of God, for all are welcome here.

Welcome

Prelude *Rehearsal of processional hymn*

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Deanne Lentz

Leader: From troubled times and difficult walks,

People: we come to the arms of Christ.

Leader: From separate journeys and diverse experiences,

People: we gather to worship as one.

Leader: As brothers and sisters of Christ,

People: we come to God, who welcomes us here.

*** Processional Hymn**

“We Walk His Way” (South Africa)



**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Elder Ron Register

Holy God, have mercy on us. In your love and grace, save us from troubled times. Rescue us when suffering comes, and comfort us when grief overwhelms us. When we wander confused, guide us back to your truth. When we waiver out of fear or weakness, strengthen our resolve and help us put our hope and trust in you. When we are abandoned and alone, gather us in the arms of your love, and remind us that we are your children and that you are our Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Paraguay

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.

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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!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Seth Ungemach

The Ministry of Worship

Invitation to children to gather

Children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Lessons

Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you

considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the LORD, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits

adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Lentz.

“A Place at the Table”

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

VIDA, arr. By Matthew Culloton

“Famine Song”

Emily Abel and Laura Minder, soloists

*** 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**

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

Chippewa tune

Seth Ungemach, cantor

sung by the choir and congregation

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, Who Will Build the Church Now?" (*Kanisa Litajengua*) Kenya

Sine Nomine Choir

"Alleluia"

John Bell (Scotland)

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 526**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

“Sanctuary”

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv-ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Drum circle

*If you would like to play in the drum circle,
come up to the steps and select an instrument after the benediction.*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. 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 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 in memory of Roy West, husband, father, grandfather by LeAnn West, Laura, Kevin, Adam and Jacob Stauffer, and Matt West; and by Ron and Marcia Grant in loving memory of their parents, Hazel and Art Grant and Louise and Bob Boylan.

Prayers are requested this week for: Jennifer Blakeney, Kathleen Corcoran, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Mother Willie Wright (of the Wright Family Singers), and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

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 Nazareth Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during October. 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.

Peace and Global Witness Offering *see p. 16 for details*

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry, which serves food to over 150 people each week.

This Month's Ushers Thank you to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Coming Up

TODAY

Black History Education program: MAMA FASI, "The Drum Woman," will offer a half hour African drum workshop in Fellowship Hall. Mama Fasi (Linda Thomas-Jones) is an accomplished musical director and teacher of more than 40 years and one of the nation's foremost female African percussionists. Come ready to participate! The workshop will be a culturally immersive experience and will include instruments for up to 30 participants.

Stewardship: Your 2019 Stewardship Campaign packet is ready. Please pick it up on your way to Fellowship Hall after today's worship service. Ministry members will be available to help you locate your envelope. The Stewardship Campaign kicks off on October 14 and concludes on October 28 with Recommitment Sunday and the Celebratory Lunch.

“See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:19

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education at 9:30: Kerygma classes meet in South Hall, the Library and Bodwell Hall. Books are still available and there’s still time to join a class! Dr. Lentz’s class, Living the Questions, will meet in the Faith Leader room.

Christy Lafferty, daughter of members Sue and Scott Lafferty, will host a brief presentation and discussion in South Hall after worship on October 14 to share an update about the current national crisis in Nicaragua. See p. 16 for more information.

Survey: Remember the Long-Range Planning Committee's survey from the late summer? You don't because you were on vacation? Or you just never got around to it? **You have another chance to make your voice heard!** Between now and October 14 copies of the survey will be available at church or on line (see the weekly email). Please take advantage of this opportunity!

LOOKING AHEAD

October 16: Hilltoppers and Iris Circle (and anyone else who would like to join them!) will tour Old Stone Church and go to lunch in the Flats afterwards. Please meet in the church parking lot at 9:45. **RSVP to Nancy Burcham** (214-233-8864 or burcham@roadrunner.com) by TODAY.

October 19: Margaret Brouwer's oratorio "Voice of the Lake" for solo voices, choirs, and instruments will be performed on Friday, October 19 at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Kulas Hall. The performance runs from 7 – 8:20 pm. The soloists will be soprano Angela Mortellaro, mezzo soprano Sarah Beaty, tenor Brian Skoog, and bass Bryant Bush. Domenico Boyagian, Music Director of the Cleveland Opera Theater, will conduct.

October 21 and Nov 4: Exploring Membership Class at 12:30 pm.

October 21:

Greater Cleveland Congregations gathering, 12:15 (see p. 17).

The Group will go to a Suburban Symphony concert at 4:30, and then have dinner at Nighttown. RSVP to Anne Hunter (anneshunter8@gmail.com).

October 27: Unexpected Guest dinners (see p. 15 for details)

Youth News

Sundays: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room. Come at 9:30 for donuts and conversation.

Today: House Church at the Moyer-Ryman home. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:30; we'll return by 8:30. For more information, see David Wigger.

Save the Date: October 21 after worship for a trip to the movies to see **The Hate U Give**.

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**The special meeting of the congregation last Sunday
approved the terms of call of the
Co-Pastors of Forest Hill Church**

Hurray and thank you!

The Unexpected Guest Dinner Party **Saturday, October 27, 2018, 6:30 pm**

Make plans to be a guest or a host at this year's Unexpected Guest event. Guests show up and bring their beverage of choice. Hosts plan and present a meal for 8 to 10 people. No one knows their dinner partners until they arrive!

Children are welcome this year, as we'll have some dinner groups planned around families with children of similar ages. No need to get a babysitter – bring the whole family!

To sign up for this year's party, use the link in the weekly email or contact Cindy Fink (216-571-7060). If you would like to host, contact Cindy by phone or email (finkcindy@gmail.com)



The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected today.

Paul's prayer in 2 Thessalonians (3:16) for God to grant us "peace at all times, in all ways" can often feel more like a wish than a plan in our world. Each year, the Presbyterian Church offers the opportunity to contribute to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which funds global initiatives for resolving conflict, rebuilding after war, and fighting against violations of human rights.

Twenty-five percent of this offering stays with Forest Hill Church; we decide how to use it toward this mission of peace. This year, we will send our support to **AMOS Health and Hope**, a Christian non-profit organization that brings health care to the most vulnerable populations of **Nicaragua**. Christy Lafferty, a staff member of AMOS and a daughter of the congregation, will speak on October 14 about the work of AMOS Health and Hope and about the effects of the crisis in Nicaragua.

Vigils at the ICE offices: There will be vigils at the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) headquarters (925 Keynote Drive, Brooklyn Hts) every Thursday from 4:00 - 4:45 pm .

This is an ongoing effort to have a regular presence at ICE to protest their inhumane and cruel treatment of immigrants. It is sponsored by an Immigration Coalition which includes Heights Friends of HOLA (HFOH), InterReligious Task Force (IRTF), Forest Hill Church, Pilgrim Church, La Sagrada Familia, Democratic Socialists of America, and Jobs with Justice.

Please make every effort to join us. You're welcome to bring your signs and friends. Interested in carpooling? Please contact Sharon Shumaker (216-659-4114 or sms2924@gmail.com).



Forest Hill's Greater Cleveland Congregations core team invites you to explore how passion can move to action on October 21, after worship.

- Come share your passions and envision how you might “create a new thing.”
- Hear how GCC has done social justice work with highlights of GCC successes.
- Celebrate the GCC Cleveland Hts Housing Team's local action accomplishments.
- Light lunch will be provided.
- Childcare will be available; please contact the church office if you need it.