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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
February 3, 2019 at 11:00 am
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 / Prayer of Preparation

"Aunt Sue's Stories" 1959

Langston Hughes

Aunt Sue has a head full of stories.

Aunt Sue has a whole heart full of stories.

Summer nights on the front porch

Aunt Sue cuddles a brown-faced child top her bosom

And tells him stories.

What story does God want you to share?

Welcome

Choral Introit

Spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Radford

"I Woke Up This Morning"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Quentin Smith

One: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

All: We are here to offer God our worship and praise.

One: Before God formed you in your mother's womb, God knew you.

All: Before we drew our first breath, God consecrated us in holy love.

One: Let us worship the one who knows and loves us.

All: Let us worship the one who is our rock and our fortress in times of trouble.

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*** Processional Hymn No. 317**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

(This 1940 setting of this hymn marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal)

****please stand if able***

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

In Christ there is no East or West, North or South, Young or Old, Black or White, Male or Female; for in Christ we are one. Forgive us for creating a world and maintaining a church where Christ is dishonored by the ways we separate, wall off, segregate, ignore, insult, and refuse to listen to the stories of others. Forgive us for not really wanting to change. Oh Lord, drive us to the fount of mercy and grace, for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Bill Carter

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” In your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** Gloria**

Paul Vasile

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has

8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

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

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

After the reading's

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Fishing In Deep Waters"

"Brief Statement of Faith" (from the Book of Confessions)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the

Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons

Elders being Ordained and Installed today: Melanie Alban, Mary Ball, Bader Boland, Kurt Haas, Ajah Hales, Consuelo Heineman, Mary Hoiser Lisa Koops, Ron Register, Gary Sampson, Ann Williams	Deacons being Ordained and Installed today: Tish Klein, Sue McCauley Laura Minder, Elaine Turley
Welcoming newly elected leaders: Cheryl Anderson, Joan Bacon, Margaret Brouwer, Angela Boland, Jeannine Gury, Robyn Hales, Sandy Moran, Eric Muller-Girard, Laurie Muller-Girard, Ron Polderman, and Dean Siek	

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

René Clausen

Prayer

*** 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

Leon Roberts

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

"Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love" (Ghanaian Folk Melody)

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. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* 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

arr. Joe Utterback

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"



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 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 Flower Donations:

- Betty Clark in loving memory of Donald Clark, Ray and Irma Clark, Betty and Herbert Fritz
- Tim and Carol Gifford in loving memory of their parents
- Al Gilbert in memory of Annie Gilbert Tyson
- Robin Mervin in memory of Mel.

On March 31st we are in need of members to donate flowers for this day due to having 1 additional Sunday for this month. Please contact the office if you are willing to make a donation.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Laura Bell, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Dick and Elspeth Peterjohn, Jim Seeders, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Katherine Himmelsteib, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, 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 Calvary Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during February. 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 Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Black History Events: The African American Art Museum tour and lunch is scheduled for noon today.

The Group will host the Super Bowl party today at 6:00 pm at the Musick's.

An Update from the Worship Ministry: We are no longer using the online application for Lay Readers to sign-up. We are making direct contact with you to schedule Sunday readers. If you are interested in continuing to be a Lay Reader or if you are interested for the first time, we welcome you.

Please contact Linda Martin (martin3386@ameritech.net or 216-280-4049) to let her know of your interest, or with any questions.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Luke 5: 1-11.**

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

Our focus for this year's Black History Month is Black Artists. Therefore, for contributions to this year's Soul Food Pot Luck, we ask that you find a recipe by a Black Chef, by searching online or in a library. Please sign up to bring something for the Pot Luck and let us know what part of the meal you plan to bring. **Please contact Ann Williams (asw1217@gmail.com) for details!**

On February 8th at 6:00-8:00 pm, the Boy Scouts (Troop #403) are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. The cost of the event is \$10.

Please contact Edie Kovalck (logankovalck@gmail.com) for details.

Saturday, February 9, 2019, at the Parma-South Presbyterian Church 6155 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights, OH 44130; come to "Love Your Neighbors/Know Your Networks" to learn how to identify the resources and challenges that exist in OUR community; fellowship and network over lunch; and meet the Presbytery's Networks that are actively involved in transformative work. The event and lunch are free, but we request that you register for the event: tinyurl.com/PWRnetworks2019. **Please contact Josh Daum via email (jdaum@preswesres.org) for more details.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education classes will continue studying from the book of Revelation through March 24th. Classes start at 9:30am and are located in South Hall and Bodwell Hall.

Concert: Please join us for the "An Evening of Wonder", featuring the music of Stevie Wonder at 7:00 pm

Soul Food Pot Luck, featuring food as Art: Recipes from Black Chefs at 5:30 pm

Family, Youth, Children Ministry Meeting

9:30-10:30am in the Ruah Room (youth room in the basement)

As you are aware, David Wigger was hired as an *interim* coordinator, this meeting is being called by the FYC Ministry Elders to discuss the future of the program before decisions are made regarding future staffing. (David will not be in attendance at this meeting.)

All families, youth, volunteers, staff, and anyone interested in the future of FYC programming are invited and encouraged to attend.

There will be no Youth Ed that day, instead youth are encouraged to attend the meeting to voice their opinion. Children's programming (Choir, Pathways, Nursery) will continue as usual.

We will be discussing the future of the program, including program structure and staffing.

If you are unable to attend, but would like your thoughts to be included, **please reach out to FYC Elders: Kurt Haas (kurt@dangereddy.com) and Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com).**

LOOKING AHEAD

Please see below for Black History Schedule

Saturday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm Please join us for the “An Evening of Music Concert” with Chanae Curtis featuring Caleb A. Wright and the Forest Hill Church.

Youth News

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

Looking ahead for the Youth: Session 2 Confirmation Class scheduled for 02/17/19 –How Do We Know and Trust God?

Save the dates and watch for more information! Black History Month, February 2019 <i>“They’ll see how beautiful I am”</i> (Langston Hughes) A celebration of African American Art	
Sunday, February 3	12:30 PM-Tour of African American Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Following Sunday service, we will offer a light lunch and carpool as a group to meet a docent at the museum for a tour.
Sunday, February 10	5:30 PM-Soul Food Pot Luck , featuring food as Art: Recipes from Black Chefs 7:00 PM- Concert: An Evening of Wonder , featuring the music of Stevie Wonder
Sunday, February 17	12:30 PM-An overview of African American Art Sandra Noble, Lecturer in Art History at CWRU and quilt artist
Sunday, February 24	12:30 PM to 5:00 PM-Art Show of local contemporary Black artists organized by Gina Washington, local artist, photographer, and educator.

Cover image: William H. Johnson, *Going to Church*, ca. 1940-1941, oil on burlap, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of the Harmon Foundation, 1967.59.100

Calendar: February 3rd - February 10th

Sunday, February 3:

9:15 am Childcare begins
 9:30 am Adult Education
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
 Confirmation Session 1
 10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
 10:30 am Chancel Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 am Worship and Children's
 Worship
 12:00 pm African American Art Tour
 Coffee and Conversation
 6:00 pm Super Bowl Party with
 The Group

Monday, February 4:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, February 5:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
 Registration and Lunch
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 7:00 pm Friends of HOLA meeting

Wednesday, February 6:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm Staff Meeting
 AA: Wednesday Women's
 Group
 6:30 pm Jung Education Workshop

Thursday, February 7:

4:00 pm ICE vigil
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill
 Team Practice)
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 8:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand
 5:00 pm Boy Scouts Spaghetti
 Dinner

Saturday, February 9:

9:00 am CEIRS Class: Gospel of
 Mark

Sunday, February 10:

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 Worship
 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
 Sine Nomine Choir
 Black Caucus Meeting
 5:30 pm Soul Food Pot Luck
 7:00 pm Concert: "An Evening of
 Wonder"

Reconnecting with God's Creation in the 21st-century

If you are interested in being part of a community at Forest Hill Church that finds healing and hope through God's gift of creation, you are encouraged to register for the course "Reconnecting to God's Creation in the 21st Century".

Classes will be held 4 – 6 p.m. every Sunday from March 17 – May 19 except for Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. If interested, please register before March 1 by completing the form below or contacting the co-facilitators, Kemp Jaycox and Stephen Sedam.

Through readings, mixed media presentations, small group discussions, adopting a place for nature observation, and field trips you will grow in your spiritual relationship with the natural world, more clearly understand the deep connections between man and nature, and discover how you can act on your responsibility as a Christian for stewardship of the natural world.

Classes will focus on the themes of preservation and protection, wonder and magic, stewardship and restoration (ecological and personal). By the conclusion of the course, participants will develop a plan by which they will intentionally draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to better serve God's creation.

**For more information, contact Kemp or Stephen:
Kemp: kempjaycox@yahoo.com or 216-785-5375
Stephen: goldens101@aol.com or 614-783-4467**

You may register on line (see the weekly email) or by completing the form below (place in offering or return to the office).

Reconnecting with God's Creation Registration

Name _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Phone _____

I have read the preceding description and understand the timeframe and general expectations of the class.

Signature