

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
June 7, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/aXRbju4iX78>

Centering Words

A Love Poem to God

"I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world.

I may not complete this last one but I give myself to it."

*~Rainer Maria Rilke, 1875-1926
(Translated by Anita Barrows and
Joanna Macy)*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in D major

CHORAL INTROIT

Traditional Peruvian Hymn

Glory to God

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8)

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what are mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us worship God!

HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee,

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Some say we are cold, wishing to live untouched by fire. **If this be true, dear Lord, forgive us.**

Some say we are comfortable, wanting only to be left alone. **If this be true, dear Lord, forgive**

us. Some say we are terribly proud, wanting always to be in control. **If this be true, dear Lord,**

forgive us. Cold, comfortable and proud we may be, but your mercy extends to all. Washed by

the warm blood of Christ, troubled by the power of Christ, and driven to our knees by the cross

of Christ, we ask to be given as we wait for the Spirit, perhaps in fear but ever in hope. **AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

God promises to be with us, to redirect our ways, to grant us peace. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are united with one another. We are strengthened to mend our ways. May the God of love and peace abide with us. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Alleluia

The musical score for 'Alleluia' consists of four systems. Each system has two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The notes are written on a treble clef staff in a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

ANTHEM

Michael W. Smith

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Seth Ungemach and Lara Troyer

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

FROM THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Gen. 1:1-4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

What kind of birds are we?

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

His Eye is on the Sparrow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You call us to labor, O God, and to be about the tasks you design. You equip us to serve you, and care for all of our needs. The gifts that we offer are but a portion of the treasures you heap on us. May the work that we do be worthy of your name. Take what we bring and all that we are and fashion our responses to meet your standards for faith.

Eucharist

Invitation/Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

Be Thou My Vision
Lara Troyer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this meal strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you in each other,
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN NO. 306

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Georg Frideric Handel

The Cuckoo and the Nightingale



Notes & Announcements

Prayer Requests:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) for inclusion next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Mark Davidson, the family of Joanne and Bob Dawson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, the family of David and Anne Hunter, Chuck Ishler, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Baldwin Sawyer, and Harold Thomas.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Jerusalem Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **June**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Laura Minder**.

Thank you, all office volunteers: Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Ellen McChesney, and Anne Smith.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **June 11 (for July and August TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Coming Up

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Gen. 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19, Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9: 35-10:8 (9-23)**.

Dear Forest Hill Church Family,

We welcome Dr. Qin Ying Tan, as our new Interim Director of Music.

Born in Singapore, Ying moved to Cleveland and graduated from Cleveland Institute of Music with a doctorate in harpsichord performance in 2019. She holds multiple degrees from the Peabody Institute of Music in piano performance, harpsichord performance, and musicology. Ying was awarded the “Excellence in Early Music” upon graduation. Other accolades include prizes and awards from the Trailblazer Foundation, the Eileen Southern Grant from the America Musicological Society, and multiple full scholarships from the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music and the Peabody Institute of Music at the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Tan also won top prize at the International Young Artists' Piano Competition in 2006. She has performed around the world.

Having grown up in a racially diverse Singapore, Ying’s experience in music and the arts is extremely multi-cultural. She has played and sung in Christian youth fellowship groups, Buddhist temples, and has also played the Indonesian gamelan and the Chinese *guzheng* in community events.

As collaborative keyboardist at Case Western University, Dr. Tan works with the students and ensembles at the Historical Performance Practice department. She also holds the position of co-artistic director at the Resonance Masters' Series in Bellevue, Washington which organizes events and concerts for the talented young musicians in the Seattle area.

When she is not practicing or directing, Ying loves exploring beautiful Cleveland with her husband, Irwin Shung, and dachshund rescue, Jax. Self-confessed to be a big fan of "The Crown" and the first seven seasons of "Game of Thrones", She welcomes anybody to engage her in conversations about music or culture.

Ying will continue to work at Heights Christian Church in Shaker Heights, while she fills the Forest Hill Church position.

We are blessed to have Qin Ying Tan join the staff of Forest Hill Church. Please reach out to her and welcome her into the family.



Calendar: June 7-14

<p>Sunday, June 7: Welcome Qin Ying Tan 9:30 am Children's Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p>Monday, June 8: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope</p> <p>Tuesday, June 9: 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline 6:30 pm Nominating Meeting (conference call)</p> <p>Wednesday, June 10: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call) 7:00 pm Ministry Meetings (conference call)</p>	<p>Thursday, June 11: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Friday, June 12: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, June 13: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Sunday, June 14: 9:30 am Children's Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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