

Forest Hill Church Worship Service

June 12, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

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<https://youtu.be/hjAiuWgenzU>

Centering Words

*As God's delight, Wisdom rejoiced before the Lord as the heavens and the earth were brought forth.
May we too find delight as Wisdom calls to us now.*

PRELUDE

Frederick Cook Atkinson

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

African American Spiritual

"Kumbaya, My Lord"
FHC Summer Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **You have set your glory above the heavens.** Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them.

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

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

Hallelujah! Amen! Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. 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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of truth, we long to take delight in the wisdom you would share with us, but it is often too much to bear. We yearn to joyfully receive the blessings that wisdom seeks to bestow upon us, but we have trusted our own wisdom, turning away from the fullness of truth that you alone reveal. Forgive our inattention, and guide us into the sheer delight of bearing witness to your glory, that Wisdom may delight in us now as when the world was young. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Prov. 8):

When God fashioned us from the dust of the ground, Wisdom rejoiced before the Lord, delighting in the human race. Wisdom calls to bless us and delight in us now, not to curse us. Have hope and take heart.

GLORIA

Taizé

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

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Amy Wheatley

ANTHEM

By: James E. Clemens
FHC Summer Choir

“God We Honor You”
God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you
Teach us to show your abundant blessing
Alleluia, Amen

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“God, the Divine Braider”

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.

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 or email the office.

OFFERING

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300
Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/>
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

“Holy, holy, holy”

John B. Dykes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 9

“The Play of the Godhead”

1. The play of the Godhead, the Trinity’s dance,
Embraces the earth in a sacred romance,
With God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
Entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun
In spangles of myst’ry, the great Three-in-One.
3. In God’s gracious image of co-equal parts,
We gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.
Men, women, and children, and all living things,
We join in the round of bright nature that rings
With rapture and rhythm: Creation now sings!

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

BENEDICTION & THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Marche Romaine"

Charles Gounod

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Anthony Mario Bland Jr. graduated from Beachwood High School. Anthony plans to study Business at Cleveland State University or the University of Akron. He is the son of Anthony Bland, a long-time member of our FHC custodial staff.

Larissa Boley received her Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Akron. She plans to obtain her Professional Counselor licensure (LPC) and begin practice.

Colin Burleigh graduated from Shaker Heights High School. He will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in the fall. Colin is the son of Kate and David Burleigh, and brother of Will and Andrew.

Grant Heineman graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Berklee College of Music where he studied Contemporary Writing and Production and Performance. Grant will be pursuing a Masters of Music degree. He is the son of Consuelo and Roger Heineman.

Paige Eileen Krec graduated from Stow Munroe Falls High School and will take a gap year, teaching at the Smyth School of Irish Dance. Paige is the granddaughter of Cathy and Don Ghiandoni.

Aidan Peters graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. Aidan is the son of Jeannine Gury and Scott Peters.

Demo Solaru received his Doctor of Law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He plans to work with the federal government. Demo is the son of Dele and Damos Solaru.

Stosh Stawovy received his Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University. He majored in Aviation Management and Operations. Stosh has accepted a position at the Central Wisconsin Airport in Wausau, Wisconsin. He is the son of Becky and Michael Stawovy.

Seth Ungemach received his Master of Education degree in School Counseling from the College of William & Mary. Seth plans to work in a Cleveland area school.

Connor White graduated from Strongsville High School. Connor will be working full-time while learning the Electrical trade and taking classes at Tri-C to earn his degree in Construction Management. Connor is the son of Jill and Kevin White and the grandson of Barb Hansen.

Ian Zych graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Savannah College of Art and Design, where he majored in film and writing. Ian is the son of Beth and Tom Zych.

We also want to recognize recipients of the 2022-2023 Ron Register Scholarship, named in honor of FHC's own Ron Register, who served on the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education for 16 years, including four terms as president. The scholarship committee, comprised of Forest Hill Church members and members of the community (Doris Allen, Reg. T. Evans, Susie Kaeser, Louisa Oliver, Quentin Smith, and Diana Woodbridge) presented scholarships of \$2500 to two Cleveland Heights High School graduates at an award ceremony in May.

Keonshae 'Shae' Boyd Bey excelled in academics and served on student council. He was captain of the football and wrestling teams, and a member of the track team. Shae worked at a local food pantry and helped organize a winter coat drive. He will attend Florida Memorial University, majoring in Business Management.

Troy Gentry, a member of the National Honor Society and class council, was also actively engaged with a variety of school clubs and athletics, including wrestling and MSAN, as well as volunteering within the community. Troy juggled all of these activities while maintaining a 3.9 GPA.



Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor's on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Kiva Bohanon, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Nazareth 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, Kay Dunlap** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **June 16 (for the July/August TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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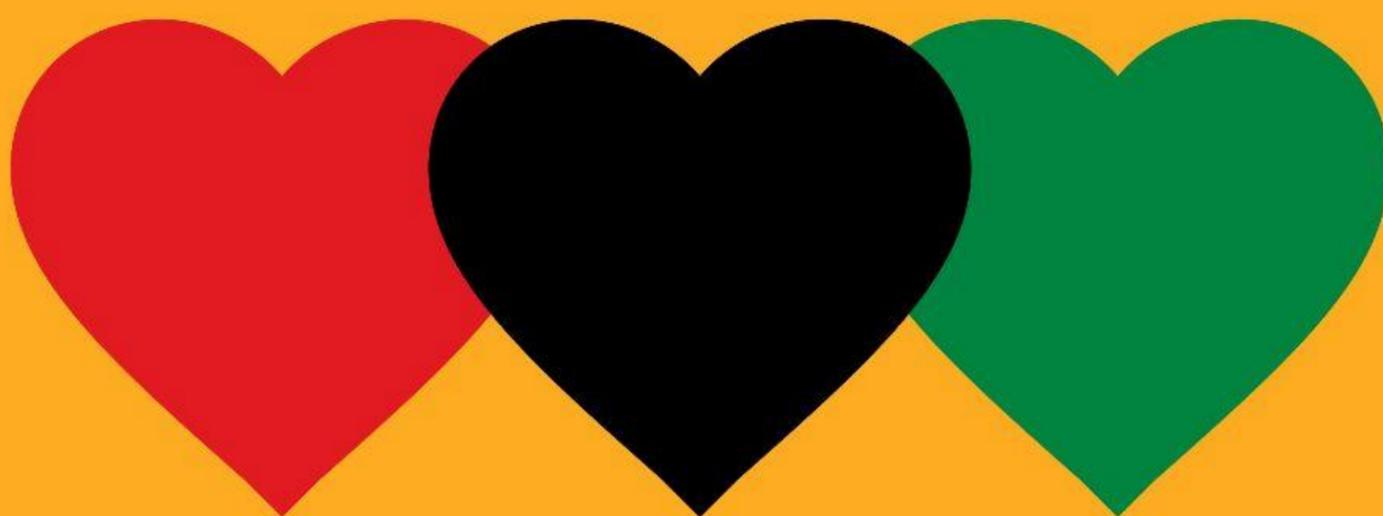
Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Director of Music

Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

We will remain at 11 am for worship during the summer.



Due to the Juneteenth holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, June 20.



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