

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship*

May 24, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/oPj6ztx9VAI>

Centering Words

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses...”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Michael Praetorius

“Jubilate Deo (Be Joyful in the Lord)”

Led by Virginia Weiss and Seth Ungemach

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.

We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN NO. 298

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, You give the great commission:

Heal the sick and preach the Word.

Lest the Church neglect its mission,

And the Gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to Your purpose

With renewed integrity,

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service:

In My name baptize and teach.

That the world may trust Your promise,

Life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us

Closer in community.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we have chosen to identify ourselves as Christians, yet we have wandered from your ways, dealt unjustly with others, broken your law, and violated divine intention of word and spirit. Forgive us, Holy God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom we intend to follow with renewed commitment. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

God gathers the wanderers and restores those in captivity and exile to the household of faith. God's mercy extends to all who resist wrong and seek to do what is right. Dwell in God's presence in confidence and trust, there none can make you afraid.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia

Jeannette Sorell

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

ANTHEM

arr. Keith McCutchen

"Amazing Grace"

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

FROM THE LIVING WORD

Acts 1:6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 69

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
All who dwell in dark-ness now My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord. I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“The Church at **Cross** Purposes”

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

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OFFERTORY

Robert Lowry

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive our offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your spirit, and open to the joy of your presence. Guide our use of these gifts, so that in all our living, we demonstrate that we have heard your call and are open to your leading. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 295

“Go to the World”

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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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, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, the family of David and Anne Hunter, 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 Corinth Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **May**. 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, Marjorie (Margie) Ravas**.

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: **Acts 2:1-21; Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 104: 24-34, 35b and John 20:19-23.**

Calendar: May 24-31

<p>Sunday, May 24: 9:30 am Children's Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p>Monday, May 25: OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope OA Big Book Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26: 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, May 27: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call) 7:00 pm Session Meeting (conference call)</p>	<p>Thursday, May 28:</p> <p>Friday, May 29: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, May 30:</p> <p>Sunday, May 31: 9:30 am Children's Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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