

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship*

July 19, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/4404GM8Y-s8>

Centering Words (from Psalm 139)

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

PRELUDE

Leroy Anderson

Plink, Plank, Plunk

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Hanson/Murakami

Clap Your Hands

Laura Minder, Julie Minder, Clayton Minder

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait with hope,

For God's promises are sure.

We wait with patience,

For God's time is a mystery.

Come and worship.

We will wait upon the Lord together.

HYMN NO. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Patient, loving God, when we are groaning and griping, comfort us and forgive our shortcomings. When we are doubting and afraid, comfort us and reveal your promises to us. Help us trust with hope, and wait with patience, even as you patiently love us with your mercy and your grace. In your loving name we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

We have this hope: God’s promises are sure, and Christ’s mercy is ours. All is well. All will be well.

Alleluia

Leader All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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ANTHEM

Mark Miller

Child of God

Laura Minder, Julie Minder, Clayton Minder

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. David Wigger

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD

Psalms 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So, she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so, he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore, he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Birthright

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

Virtual Giving and Offering options are available on our website

OFFERTORY

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 749

*Come! Live in the Light!
We are Called*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to live tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

BENEDICTION

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Consecrate me to do Your chosen ministry.
Show me all you'd have me do.
Your light possessing, make me a blessing, sharing works through new life in you.
(2nd verse by Rev. Ann Jefferson)

POSTLUDE

François Couperin

Le Tic-Toc-Choc



Notes & Announcements

Prayer Requests:

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 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). This will ensure that your concerns are received in a timely manner. The on-call phone is operational after office hours and from Friday through Sunday morning.

Prayers are requested this week for: Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Bill Ladebue, Baldwin Sawyer, and Harold Thomas.

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

Care Group: *The Bethlehem Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **July**. 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, Kitty McWilliams (deacons@fhcpresb.org)**.

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

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **August 13 (for September 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. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11,45b; Ps. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52.**

Call for Voices!



In this strange time of worship, we are trying creative and different ways to get together virtually to worship and sing "together". If you are interested in participating in our virtual choir projects, let me know! I also warmly invite anybody to come and sing with us on Sunday mornings during worship. We practice strict physical distancing. If you have *any* interest in joining us—or if you just have questions about the music program—please contact Ying (music@fhcpresb.org).

Calendar: July 19-26

Sunday, July 19:

11:00 am Worship (online)

Monday, July 20:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection

7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope

Tuesday, July 21:

11:00 am Abundance Pantry

Registration and Distribution

5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline

6:30 pm Nominating Meeting (conference call)

Wednesday, July 22:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online)

12:00 pm Session Meeting (conference call)

Thursday, July 23:

Activities are postponed until further notice

Friday, July 24:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, July 25:

Activities are postponed until further notice

Sunday, July 26:

11:00 am Worship (online)

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