

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship*

July 26, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTsFNIwdPYM>

Centering Words

*I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.
(Genesis 17:7)*

PRELUDE

Timothy Brown

Romanza

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Wa wa wa emimimo (Nigerian Tune)

Seth Ungemach, Carol Wedell and Sally Wile

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

We gather to sing praises to God.

Praise the Lord!

We gather to give thanks for all God has done in our lives.

Praise the Lord!

We gather to worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

HYMN NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, you search our hearts to see all the good, all the challenges, and all the obstacles in our lives. You remember the times we have turned away from you – the times we have forgotten we are your beloved children. Forgive us when we do not act as your faithful followers. Remind us we are part of your family. Help us be your servants and share your story with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Beloved children of God, nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Receive the forgiveness of God, and go forth to be the loving community of faith. Amen.

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Alleluia

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

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ANTHEM

arranged by Rollo Dillworth

Let Me Ride

Seth Ungemach, Carol Wedell and Sally Wile

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Matthew 1:1-18

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 51

*To Abraham and Sarah
I Will Be Your God*

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear;
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair,
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word
That you shall be my people and I will be your God."
We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
Can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
Rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Graceful Legitimacy

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

Hall Smith

The Broken Saxophone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 699

Fill My Cup

(Refrain)

Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow;

Fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;

Let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can.

(Refrain)

It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;

Give the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

(Refrain)

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

This Little Light of Mine



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. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14: 13-21.**

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 26-August 2

<p>Sunday, July 26: 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p>Monday, July 27: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope</p> <p>Tuesday, July 28: 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, July 29: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online)</p>	<p>Thursday, July 30: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Friday, July 31: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, August 1: Activities are postponed until further notice</p> <p>Sunday, August 2: 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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