

*Forest Hill Church  
Service of Worship*

*August 2, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/NZZWXR6Cck>

*Centering Words*

*In Jesus the mystical and the revolutionary ways are not opposites, but two sides of the same human mode of experiential transcendence. I am increasingly convinced that conversion is the individual equivalent of revolution. Father Henri J.M. Nouwen*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Rimsky-Korsakov

*Scheherazade*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Song of Hope*

Jack Lentz and Seth Ungemach

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who are weary.

**Christ strengthens us with love and grace.**

In this strength, we can do all things.

**We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.**

**HYMN**

*"We've Come This Far by Faith"*

*Refrain:*

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, God's never failed me yet. O ----- Can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life. He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife. That's why we've

**REFRAIN**

Just the other day I heard someone say He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God has made a way and God never failed me yet.

That's why we've

**REFRAIN**

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF YEARNING AND CONFESSION:**

**Come to us, Holy One, even in our times of resistance. Work within and through us, even when we wrestle with doubt and despair. Enlighten and guide us, even in our darkest hours. Bless us and call us by name, even when we reject your presence. Hold us and love us, even when we try to run away. When we feel beat down by the world, and are weary with fatigue and sorrow, nourish us with your mercy and grace. Fill us with your love that we may go forth with confidence and faith. In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.**

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's strength is enough. Christ's forgiveness is sure. Through God's strength and Christ's grace we are blessed, loved, and made whole.

## Alleluia

The musical score for 'Alleluia' consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The first two staves are marked 'Leader' and the last two are marked 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

### **ANTHEM**

#### *Unsettled World*

Jack Lentz and Seth Ungemach

## *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

### **THE LIVING WORD**

#### **Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

#### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

*The Wounded Healer*

## **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**

Mansfield

*"Lento ma non troppo"*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Mother-Father God, we feel like little children offering part of our allowance back to you. We joyfully offer what we have because you are a God who is able to transform our gifts into bread for the tables of those who hunger both for food and for love. Thank you for receiving the gifts we bring both great and small. Amen.**

## *Eucharist*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table /Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise you God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. There with all creation we sing your praise:

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

## **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.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE COMMUNION OF OUR LORD**

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Hymn of Promise*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.  
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;  
Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.

**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**

Boely

*Postlude in A*



*Notes & Announcements*

**Prayer Requests:**

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz ([pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org)) or Pastor Goines ([pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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 the family of 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 Nazareth Care Group** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **August**. 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, Sheryl Dugard ([deacons@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**To stay up to date on family programming,** please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://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. 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-4, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14: 22-23.**

### 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](mailto:music@fhcpresb.org)).

### Calendar: August 2-9

<p><b>Sunday, August 2:</b> 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p><b>Monday, August 3:</b> <del>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</del> 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 4:</b> 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline 6:00 pm HCC Meeting (conference call)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 5:</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, August 6:</b> <b>Activities are postponed until further notice</b></p> <p><b>Friday, August 7:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 8:</b> <b>Activities are postponed until further notice</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, August 9:</b> 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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