

*Forest Hill Church  
Service of Worship*

*October 11, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7U6rl5-ywY>

*Centering Words*

*Anxiety permeates our lives and busyness rules our days.  
Crowded schedules, shopping sprees and misplaced priorities mask our pain.  
Still God's mercy beckon us, "Come".*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Ministry of Stewardship

*"Generosity in Hardship"*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Standing in the Need*

Sally Wile, Carol Wedell, Seth Ungemach, Jack Lentz

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 106)**

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**We can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare the praise God is due?**

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them.**

Let us worship God!

**HYMN NO. 716**

*"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful songs shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

## Renewing Our Relationship with God

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we come to confess our corporate and personal sins. Often, we are more concerned with personal reward than with accomplishing the tasks you set before us. We forget your generosity to us and resent what others receive. Rather than standing in unity for the sake of the gospel, we pursue our separate goals and turn away from true partnership. We even create our own little gods. Forgive us, O God. Turn us around, and restore us to generous, joyful, and fruitful labor. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is disappointed with our pursuit of lesser gods, but, in abundant mercy and forgiveness, God offers a new start and fresh hope.

**We rejoice in our salvation! Amen.**

## Alleluia

The musical score for Alleluia consists of four systems. Each system has a 'Leader' part and an 'All' part. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

### ANTHEM

Mary McDonald

#### *Answer to the Call*

Sally Wile, Carol Wedell, Seth Ungemach, Jack Lentz

## Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

### THE LIVING WORD

#### Exodus 32:1-6

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an

image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

### **Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN NO. 692**

*"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

***Refrain:***

Spirit open my heart,  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As You love, may I love;  
in receiving and in giving.

Spirit open my heart.

2. Write your love upon my heart,  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word and deed,  
May my living bring you glory.

***(Refrain)***

3. May I weep with those who weep;  
share the of joy sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
May we welcome one another.

***(Refrain)***

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

*"Generosity in Hardship: How Much is Enough?"*

### **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

Eric Whitacre

*Lux Aurumque*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

## CLOSING HYMN NO. 708

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.

## 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.  
(2ndverse by Rev. Ann Jefferson)

## POSTLUDE

Duke Ellington

*"Come Sunday"*  
From Black, Brown, and Beige



## *FHC NOTES*

### **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 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:** Graham Baldwin, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Baldwin Sawyer, Jim Seeders, and Susan Way.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams, and Warren Young.

**Care Group: *The Mt. Sinai Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **October**. 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, Tish Klein ([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 **October 15 (for the November TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30-8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22: 15-22.**

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