

Forest Hill Church Service

January 31, 2021 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/0AykCPJtYt8>

Centering Words

God's order has a way of upsetting the prevailing state of affairs. No power is beyond Jesus—even demons obey him.

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

Prelude in G major, BWV 884

Irwin Shung, piano

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Will You Come and Follow Me

Sally Wile, soprano

Seth Ungemach, tenor

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

James and Lucas Ryman

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

Let us worship God!

HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,

nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, justly, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. Hear us now in silence...

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Paul assures us that "As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, God forgives us our sin. **Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.**

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia", "Al - le - lu - ia", "Al - le -", and "lu - ia". The second system starts at measure 5 and has five measures with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia", "Al - le - lu - ia", "A - men", and "A - men". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

ANTHEM

William Dexheimer-Pharris

Take my Life, That I May Be
Sally Wile, soprano
Seth Ungemach, tenor

HYMN NO. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

Summon Your Power

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

Arr.

The Summons

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are worthy, O God, of more honor than mere humans can hope to bestow on you. You are God of all creation, and the source of all goodness. We humbly approach you with our gifts of thanksgiving. Receive and sanctify them as symbols of our wholehearted praise. Transform what we bring, and let our actions accord with your will.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN NO. 295 (AAHH)

Bless that Wonderful Name of Jesus

Refrain:

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus,
no other name I know.

1 There's power in the name of Jesus.

Power in the name of Jesus.

Power in the name of Jesus,
no other name I know.

3 There's healing in the name of Jesus.

Healing in the name of Jesus.

Healing in the name of Jesus,
no other name I know.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr.

Wade in the Water



FHC NOTES

Carolyn Smith would like to thank everyone that sent her cards, stopped by to drop off soup, and called her while she was not feeling well. She is happy to report she has beat COVID and is feeling a lot better.

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 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:

Melanie Alban, Barbara Bodzin, Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Stavros Gazis, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Carolyn Smith, Kitty McWilliams, and Susan Way along.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Marge Drollinger, Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Canaan Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **February**. 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, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer** (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 **February 18 (for the March TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to 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: **Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147: 1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.**

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