

Forest Hill Church
Worship Service-Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/JHwX4ZI1SfQ>

Centering Words (Luke 19, Ps 118, Luke 23)

*“Give thanks. Sing Hosanna. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
But prepare yourself, for hosannas will quickly give way to cries for crucifixion.”*

PRELUDE

Edward Broughton

Loud Hosanna

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus

Maverick Donahue, tenor

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Treva Offutt and Taya Offutt Decker

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! God's mercy endures forever.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

HYMN NO. 199

Filled with Excitement

1. Filled with excitement all the happy throng
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets
There in the distance they begin to see
Riding on a donkey comes the Son of God
Chorus:
From every corner a thousand voices
Sing praises to Him Who comes
In the Name of God
With one great shout of acclamation
Loud triumphant song breaks forth
Hosanna hosanna to the King
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2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem
We sing hosannas to the Christ our King
To the living Savior Who still calls today
Asking us to follow Him with love and faith (chorus)

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God.
Where depression lingers, **grant us hope.**
Where fear threatens, **grant us comfort.**
Where strength fails, **give us courage.**
Where faithfulness wanes, **grant us endurance.**
Where sin invades, **grant us forgiveness.**
Shine upon us with your love and grace, O God.
In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

“Friends, receive these words of assurance: Christ died for us, so that we may have life and approach God’s throne with holy boldness. In Jesus the Christ we are forgiven.”

ALLELUIA

Irwin Shung

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Music Discernment Committee

ANTHEM

J.W. Pepper

Hosanna in the Streets

Laura Minder, Julie Minder, Clayton Minder, Maverick Donahue

Seth Ungemach, drums

Ahren Scott, trumpet

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

MARK 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

I Choose You Again

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

John D. Horman

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas
Laura Minder, Julie Minder, Clayton Minder, Maverick Donahue

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. Anthony Giacomo

Ride on, King Jesus

**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:

Leslie Clement, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Beth Garrett, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Elspeth Peterjohn, Carol Phillips (sister of Ellen McChesney), Carolyn Vrtunski, Dean Sieck, and Susan Way.

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 Corinth Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **April**. 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, Dean Sieck** (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 **April 15 (for the May 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: **Acts 10: 34-43; Ps. 118: 1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8.**

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