

Forest Hill Church Service

Communion Sunday

June 6, 2021 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

https://youtu.be/d42sEkD2_L0

Centering Words

As you enter your sacred space, may you be renewed by the steadfast love of God.

May your spirit be filled with the Spirit of Christ, and may you sing praises and give glory to God.

PRELUDE

Majesty

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise, **for the Lord is good!**

Come and rejoice, sing glory to God, **for the Lord is good!**

Remember the steadfast love of God endures forever, **for the Lord is good!**

Let us Worship God.

OPENING HYMN NO. 515

I Come with Joy

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

5. Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PROCLAMATION

Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord: the one who loves us completely, the one who offers us abundant forgiveness, the one who never leaves our side. In you name we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Video by Amy Wheatley

ANTHEM

Arr. Hal Leonard

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
 Kristina Lewis, mezzo-soprano

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Mark 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling
Virginia Mast, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Adagio

Ceasar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have shared the Lord's meal. We are united by the love and power of Jesus. We shall go forth from this place in peace extending grace to all, being faithful to Christ by loving one another. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

(Refrain)

2. Now Christ sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt.

Tell to all the joyful gospel.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand March

Ed Quentin



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, the family of Carol Phillips (sister of Ellen McChesney), Dean Sieck, Susan Way, and Carol Wedell.

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 Bethlehem Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **June**. 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 **June 17 (for the July/August 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: **1 Sam. 15: 34; Ps. 20; Ezek. 17: 22-24; Cor. 5:6-13**.

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