

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service*

*July 18, 2021 ~ 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/bKKiJw-L-A4>

*Centering Words*

Parish Associate, Rev. Carol Wedell

*For Christ is our peace; he has broken down the dividing wall. . .the hostility between us. . .that he might create in himself one new humanity, members of the household of God. . .himself as the cornerstone. (Sel. From Ephesians 2:11-22)*

**PRELUDE**

J.F. Burgmuller

“The Stream”

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

“Be Still and Know that I Am God”

Sally Wile, soprano

Seth Ungemach, pianist

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Loving God, light of the minds that know you,

**Light of the souls that love you,**

Strength of the thoughts that seek you,

**Bring us together to praise you.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**HYMN NO. 169**

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.  
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We come from the world, with our defenses up. Help us to put them down now, brother Jesus. We look into the world and see so many wrongs. Help us now to look within. Shine the light of your grace on our unhealed wounds, our broken hopes. Take us by your wounded hands. We face the resentments we have treasured, the barbed retorts we held back, the pains and needs of others we have ignored, and we let them go, let them all go. Fill the space that they leave with your forgiveness, you who gave all you are for us. Guide our wills to the horizon of hope, the beginning of a new life, here and now. Forgive us, forgive us.**

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Put away guilt and bad-mouthing yourselves. Only Christ is in a position to condemn, and he loved us so much he died for us. So, put away the bad news on tweets and chats and headlines, and hear the GOOD NEWS. It's a new day. God loves us. In Jesus Christ WE ARE FORGIVEN.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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**ANTHEM**

Mary McDonald

“Answer to the Call”  
Anna O' Connell, soprano  
Gwen Delaney, mezzo-soprano  
Mark Laseter, tenor  
Edward Vogel, baritone

**PSALM 23** (from the Book of Common Prayer)

A responsive reading, preacher and liturgist

**P 1: The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

L 2: He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

**P 3: He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

L 4: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;

**P 4: for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L 5: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

**P 5: you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

**ALL 6: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**HYMN NO. 320**

“The Church of God in Every Age”

1. The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread Christ's liberating word.

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

### **THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

#### **Mark 6:30-34,53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

#### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

Eileen Vizcaino

*"Without . . ."*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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**

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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**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**CLOSING HYMN 700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

A. Vivaldi (pre-recorded)

"Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 8, RV 315, 'Summer': III Presto"

Alan Choo, violin

Guillermo Salas Suzrez, violin

Addi Liu, viola

David Ellis, cello

Tracy Rowell, violone

QinYing Tan, harpsichord



**Prayer Request:**

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:**

Leslie Clement, Mark Davidson, Dara Elliot, Beth Garrett, Rita Grube, Robyn Hales, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Steve Marunowski, Elspeth Peterjohn, Doreen Underwood, Grace Uhle, Susan Way and LeAnn West.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

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

**Care Group: *The Nazareth Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **July**. 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 19 (for the September TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

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