

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Outdoor Worship Service*

*August 8, 2021 ~ 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/m5bhMf5YSVI>

*Centering Words*

*"God senses your hunger. God knows your thirst. Come, eat and drink. A rich feast awaits you."*

*--The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2019*

**PRELUDE**

arr. Adler

"Hymns of Holy Ground"

**WELCOME**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34:1-8):**

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

**OPENING 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: (unison)**

**God of restoration and renewal, thank you for your forgiveness. We confess that we sometimes are discouraged, fearful, and feel defeated, rather than forgiven and victorious. Help us to witness again your power and glory. Feed our hungry and famished souls with the food that truly satisfies. Be known to us here as we seek you with our whole being. Amen.**

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Friends, be confident! The one who began a good work within you and among us will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

### **ANTHEM**

"How Great Thou Art"

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

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

#### **I KINGS 19:4-8 (Responsive)**

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: **"It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, **"Get up and eat."** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, **"Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."** He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

#### **JOHN 6:35, 47-51**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN NO. 177**

"I Will Come to You"

1. I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.

Be still and know I am here.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

**[Refrain]**

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

*"Discouraged?"*

## 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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

## CLOSING HYMN NO. 434

"Restore in Us, O God"

1. Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your power;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flower.
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Couperin

“Le Carillon de Cythere”



### 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, Kurt Haas, Robyn Hales, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Steve Marunowski, Elspeth Peterjohn, Grace Uhle, Susan Way, and Sharon Wiggins.

### 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 Jericho Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **August**. 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, Sue McCauley** ([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).

**Ying will be on leave** and expects to be back in late August!

**We gladly welcome Marge Adler, a wonderful keyboardist in the Cleveland area to provide worship music today!** Marge Adler, music director, is relied upon by collaborators across North America for her eclectic approach and inventiveness as arranger/keyboardist, and was lauded by Plain Dealer critics as “a treasure with at least three hands.” Noted vocalist collaborators include tenor David Cangelosi (Metropolitan Opera), Jill Hayman (*Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway and first national tour of Les Miserables), and bass/baritone Phillip Lamar Boyki (Tony-award nominee for Gershwin's Porgy and Bess on Broadway.) Marge's solo CD, “Balm in Gilead: 12 Meditations for Piano” won a Keyboard Magazine Unsigned Artist award. (She was their Miss April of that year.) Other notable credits range from Music Director for the Critics' Circle Award-winning Sweeney Todd, to Author/Instigator of the Duelling Divas cabaret revues, to Co-Author and Musical Director for Songs the *Harrigan's Sang* at the Cleveland Play House, to Composer/Arranger/Orchestrator for the musical score for the film *Exact Change*. During Marge's season as Organist for the Cleveland Indians, there were days when she would change hats on I-71 to become Harpsichordist for Bach Festival at Baldwin-Wallace.