

Forest Hill Church
Outdoor Worship Service

August 15, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/w1iVE3PtWgo>

Centering Words

“Be still and know that I am God”

Know that you are in the loving presence of God, who is with you on this faith journey of growth and discovery.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (All Sing)

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts! **YES! Let us praise our maker with all our being.** We are standing on holy ground, God is present with us. **Let us rejoice and be glad for this is the day that the Lord has made.**

HYMN NO. 408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1. There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

[Refrain] Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been
revived when we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you’re the one
to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

[Refrain]

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you are the living bread that comes from heaven, we yearn to be filled with your Spirit of truth, but we often ingest poorer fare and food that does not feed the soul. We desire to embrace our wisdom and power but we often choose the path of weakness, ignoring your call to seek justice and mercy. Come to us once more, Spirit of wisdom and truth, that we may abide in you, as you abide in us. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All who ask in Jesus' name receive; and all who seek in the power of the Spirit, find. Rejoice in this good news: You are forgiven and be filled with the wisdom and grace of our mighty God.

HYMN NO. 693

“Though I May Speak”

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

“The Twisties”

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

J. S. Bach

Loure from French Suite no. 5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

CLOSING HYMN 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

- 1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.
- 6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

BENEDICTION

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv -ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

"Allemande from French Suite no. 5"

**Prayer Request:**

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, Dara Elliot, Beth Garrett, 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)**.

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.

Chancel Flowers: The flower arrangements were donated by Carolyn Vrtunski and Sally Davis-In honor of Michael Broadwater, for everything he does for FHC and in memory of his father!

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