

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Outdoor Worship Service*

*August 22, 2021 ~ 11:00 am*

You may still join worship virtually!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/E4eBrWhhcic>

*Centering Words*

*“Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”*

*Exodus 3:5*

**PRELUDE**

J. S. Bach

“Sarabande”

from Partita no. 1

Nicole DiPaolo

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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**HYMN NO. 409**

“God Is Here!”

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we confess that we get lost sometimes. We forget that we are standing on holy ground; that every space is full of your glory. We lose sight of the fact that every person is a child of God; we are too quick to judge. We fail to accept our own belovedness; focusing on what we lack instead of the gifts you have given us to use. Forgive us we pray, in Jesus’ name.**

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**(Refrain)** Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow;  
fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

1. Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;  
let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can.

**(Refrain)**

2. It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;  
Give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

**(Refrain)**

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

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

#### **PSALM 84**

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

84:2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

84:3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

84:4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

84:5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

84:6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

84:9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Hear what the holy spirit is telling us. **Thanks be to God.**

#### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

Jean Reinhold, Elder and Teacher

**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**

W. A. Mozart

“Mvt. 1”  
from Piano Sonata in E-flat, K282

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**CLOSING HYMN 406**

“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.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Sanctuary”

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Choral Benediction. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lord pre-prepare me to be a sanc-tu-ar-y, pure and ho-ly, tried and true, With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a liv-ing sanc-tu-ar-y for you." The first staff starts with a measure rest of 3 measures. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 6 measures. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

**POSTLUDE**

J. S. Bach

“Gigue”  
from Partita no. 1



**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, 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 **September 16 (for the October TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

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