

*Forest Hill Church
Worship Service*

October 17, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/LW5iCoub3b8>

Centering Words

*Whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all,
for the Human One came not to be served but to serve.*

PRELUDE

by J.S. Bach

“O Gott, du frommer Gott / O God, thou righteous God”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Louis Bourgeois

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
Chancel Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all creation, we come to praise and worship you.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the clouds your chariot, and riding on the wings of the wind.

You set the earth on its foundations, hiding its depths with a watery cloak that moves in the rhythm of your breath.

In your wisdom, you have made us in your image, showing us glimpses of glory in the work of your hands.

God of life and love, we come to praise and worship you.

HYMN NO. 633

“Praise Ye the Lord”

Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Everybody praise the Lord!

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet. Praise God with the lute and the harp.

Praise God with timbrel and dancing. Praise God wherever you are.

Praise ye the Lord....

Praise God with holy cymbals. Praise God with strings and with pipes.

Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with all of your might.

Praise ye the Lord...

Praise God in the holy temple. Praise God for almighty deeds.

Praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God fulfills our needs.

Praise ye the Lord...

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of love and compassion, you call us to lives of love and service and to share in Christ's cup of compassion for the healing of the world. But we want things our way. We want to succeed. We want to be first. We want to win. We have the privilege and are not sure we want to give up much of anything. Forgive us when we forget that we are not the center of your great creation, and that you are the beginning and ending of all things. (A Time for Silence)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Committee

ANTHEM

by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse

"I Am a Small Part of the World"
Chancel Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers' lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 708

“We Give thee But Thine Own”

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace; it is the Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

*"It's Not the Seats, It's the Service"***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/form/f861d6>

You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

by Phil McHugh and Greg Wilson

“People need the Lord”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*Going Forth to Live as God's People***CLOSING HYMN NO. 710**

“We Lift Our Voices”

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering; we are an offering.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

by Joseph Haydn

“ IV. March Four pieces for flute clocks”



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, the parents of Jeannine Gury (Karen and David) Robyn Hales, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Elspeth Peterjohn, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, 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 Calvary Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **October**. 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, Kathryn Himmelsteib** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **November 11 (for the December TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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