

*Forest Hill Church
Worship Service*

October 24, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

https://youtu.be/qM0etFn_AHY

Centering Words

And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good course.

--2 Corinthians 9:8

PRELUDE

by R. Gliere

“Prelude”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

by Philip P. Bliss

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34: 19-22)

When the Lord brought back those who returned to Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

HYMN NO. 298

“Lord, you Give the Great Commission”

4 Lord, you show us love’s true measure:

“Father, what they do, forgive.”

Yet we hoard as private treasure

all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us

to a just society:

with the Spirit’s gifts empower us

for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us,

hold in mind eternity:

with the Spirit’s gifts empower us

for the work of ministry.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We confess our compassion to you, creator God, and ask only that you increase it. Let our intimate knowledge of weeping expand into concern and caring for a world so often wracked with tragedy. Let us not worry that we have to fix it all. Let us rather be encouraged, in compassion, to do the things we know need to be done. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Know that sincere faith—even faith the size of a tiny seed—can work wonders in all of us.

We embrace the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! Amen.

RESPONSE

“Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises”

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all__ our
3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais-es, all__ our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now__ he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong. of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell__ to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Committee

ANTHEM

by Dan Schutte

“Here I Am, Lord”

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Joel 2:23-24, 26 (NRSV)

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 699

“Fill My Cup”

(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)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

"Faithfully Flowing"

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 R. Gliere

“Morning”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN

“We've Come This Far by Faith”

REFRAIN:

We've have come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed me yet.
Oh can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.

Verse One:

Don't be dis-cour-aged
when trou-bles in your life,
He'll bear all your burdens
and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've
(REPEAT TWICE)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

by G.F. Handel

“Hornpipe from Water Music”



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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