

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service*

*January 16, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/TiVc0D7gY-0>

*Centering Words*

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

*~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**PRELUDE**

Tanya Blount and Lauryn Hill

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Boberg/Hine

"How Great Thou Art"

Maverick Donahue, voice

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to the feast! **God welcomes us here.**

Come to be fed. **Christ nourishes us with love.**

Come to be transformed. **The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.**

**Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life and joy.**

**HYMN NO. 835**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**Refrain:**

**Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long

as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **[Refrain]**

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?

None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **[Refrain]**

3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. **[Refrain]**

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **PRAYER OF YEARNING:**

**When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with your promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine, that we may flow with abundant love. Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen**

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's steadfast love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. Believe this good news and be at peace. Amen.

### **ANTHEM**

Alma Androzzo

*"If I Can Help Somebody"*  
Sandra Iglehart

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

### **THE LIVING WORD**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

*"Gifts for the Common Good"*

**HYMN NO. 834**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1. Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone;  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**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**

James Quenton and Yolanda Adams

“Open My Heart”

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole wide world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands. He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.  
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got you and me brother in His hands. He's got you and me sister in His hands.  
He's got you and me brother in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole wide world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got everybody here in His hands

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Traditional, Arr.

“Amazing Grace”



**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:**

Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Elspeth Peterjohn, Rob Reynolds, Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

**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.

**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 **January 20 (for the February TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

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