

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service*

*April 24, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may join worship online using this link:

[https://youtu.be/ I-Tnleb3kw](https://youtu.be/I-Tnleb3kw)

*Centering Words*

*We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others."*

*-Marianne Williamson-*

**PRELUDE**

Arr.

"He is King of Kings"

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Caribbean Trad.

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Chancel Choir

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Madi Moore

Praise the Lord! **Praise God in the sanctuary. Worship God in the mighty firmament.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. **Praise God with trumpet and horn. Worship God with lute and harp.**

Let the people of God sing their praise. **Praise God with tambourine and dance. Worship God with strings and pipes.**

Let the faithful join the strain. **Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with beating drums. PRAISE THE LORD!**

**HYMN 633**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

**Refrain:**

**Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.**

**1.** 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. **[Refrain]**

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

Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with all of your might. **[Refrain]**

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

Praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God fulfills our needs. **[Refrain]**

**4.** Praise God on top of the mountains. Praise God both day and night.

Praise God down in the low valleys. Praise God because it's all right. **[Refrain]**

## Renewing Our Relationship with God

### PRAYER OF YEARNING:

Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Come to us now in visions and dreams, that our eyes may see more than they see, and our hearts may love more than they love. Make yourself known to us in this time of worship, for in you, we live and move and have our being. Bring your kingdom here on earth, that all may know your glory and find the courage to face each day. We ask this in the name of the one who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.

### GLORIA

Taizé

*All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.*

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

### ANTHEM

Stuart Townend

#### “How Deep The Father's Love For Us”

Mist'a Craig, soloist

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond  
all measure that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds  
which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

How high, how wide, How pure, how strong. How deep the Father's love for us.

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN NO. 248**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

**1.** Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

**2.** Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

**3.** Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"The Wounded Healer"

**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

Lyrics by Peter Mayer

**“Blue Boat Home”  
(In Honor of Earth Day)  
Em Ezell, soloist**

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say  
I've been sailing all my life now never harbor or port have I known  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home  
Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder as I ply the starry sea  
Leaning over the edge in wonder casting questions into the deep  
Drifting here with my ship's companions all we kindred pilgrim souls  
Making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home  
I give thanks to the waves upholding me hail the great winds urging me on  
Greet the infinite sea before me sing the sky my sailor's song  
I was born upon the fathoms never harbor or port have I known  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

#### CLOSING HYMN NO. 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty; good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Charles Marie Widor

“Toccata”



**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:**

Kiva Bohanon, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, the family of Terry Schenck (Elaine Tapié's Brother in law), Paul Tuggey (father of Christina Hidek), 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.

**Care Group: *The Jerusalem Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **April**. 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, Gail Larson ([deacons@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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 **May 19 (for the June TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

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