

*Forest Hill Church:
Easter Service*

April 17, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/EM7dFJba1QY>

Centering Words

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

“Prelude in C major”

CHORAL INTROIT

John Ferguson

“Easter Introit”

Chancel Choir

Nick McGan, trumpet

Scott Lafferty, trumpet

Listen...

The One who bore God’s heart, the One who spoke God’s peace,
The One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord.
Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN NO. 245

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

The LORD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Let us worship the Lord!

EASTER COLLECT

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude before they should that Christ is alive and has called us by name.

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!

ANTHEM

John Rutter

"Christ the Lord is Risen"

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!

Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing, evermore on high,

Alleluia! He who gave for us his life,

Who for us endur'd the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today!

We too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss. Comfortless upon the Cross,

Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

Alleluia! Now he bids us tell abroad

How the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n,

How we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed;

Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay,

Alleluia!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

*Verse 1: All sing in unison. Verse 2: Low voices
Verse 3: High voices Verse 4: Children and Youth
Verse 5 and 6: All Sing*

HYMN NO. 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!

“The Resurrection: Remember What He Told You”

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

G.F. Handel

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”
Madelaine Macqueen, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **[Refrain]**
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. **[Refrain]**
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. **[Refrain]**
4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. **[Refrain]**

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

BENEDICTION & THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah”

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

1. **Chris and Dave Bell:** In Thanksgiving for family and friends.
2. **Mary Ann Breisch:** In memory of Ben Breisch, Shirley Breisch, and Jack and Ellarita Wolfe.
3. **Lia Clement:** In memory of our parents, Kenneth and Ruth Clement and our brother Michael. In thanksgiving for the love and life of Judy Hubach.
4. **Kelcy Eady:** In memory of Gretna L Freeman and to Anaya, enjoy your first Easter Lily! From Mommy & Mumzie.
5. **Dara Elliott:** In honor of Jonyrma Singleton and Charles Elliott.
6. **Katie Hall:** In loving memory of Bill Fay.
7. **Barb Hansen:** In loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel VanFleet.
8. **Mary Hosier:** In celebration of Renewal.
9. **Jane Kowall:** In loving memory of parents Walter and Elaine Grasson and Paul and Dorothy Kowall.
10. **Robbie Lentz:** In loving memory of Jack and Peter.
11. **Deanne Lentz:** In loving memory of Grandma K and Grandpa Ramler.
12. **Carol Leslie:** In loving memory of Hugh, Lois and Barb Leslie.
13. **Linda Martin:** In loving memory of family.
14. **Rachel Martinez-Finn:** In love memory of Barry Finn, Jaime and Diana Martinez.
15. **Jeanette Nemcek:** In loving memory of Bob Nemcek and Judy Caminiti.
16. **Carolyn Smith:** In loving memory of Rev. Andrew Ward Smith.
17. **Anona Stack:** In honor of my children and grandchildren.
18. **Peg Weissbrod:** In gratitude for the many blessings provided to me by the congregation over the past 10 months.
19. **Sally Wile:** In memory of and thanksgiving for the lives of Frank and Virginia Wile and Robin and Ed Gemerchak.
20. **Ann Williams:** In loving memory of our parents.



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:

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).

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 **April 14 (for the May TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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