

*Forest Hill Church:
Communion Service*

May 1, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

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[https://youtu.be/ MTrmvM-mU0](https://youtu.be/MTrmvM-mU0)

Centering Words

*We thought death was always the end of the story, until God showed us new life in the resurrection.
What is God waiting to show us today?*

PRELUDE

Reginal Heber

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
FHC Percussion Ensemble
Led by Torrell Moss

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Hanson and Murakami

"Clap Your Hands"
Chancel Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

God has turned our mourning into dancing; we are girded with gladness and will thank God forever. Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 281

"Because He Lives"

1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

2. How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives

3. And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

Girded with gladness, we come rejoicing. You are God of salvation; we give you praise. When we cried for help you heard us; from out of the pit, you rescued us. You have turned our mourning into dancing, loosed our sackcloth, and adorned us with favor. We raise our voices in faithful thanksgiving and give glory and honor to your wondrous 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.

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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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jessica Kelley

ANTHEM

By: Mark Miller
Em Ezell, Laura Minder
Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach

“Love Brought Me Back”

Fear and hatred had done their very worst. Despair had had its day.
Sorrow and sadness were hanging in the air, the gloom would not go away.
But early Sunday morning the women saw the Lord,
And there they heard him say, “I’m back! Hallelujah, I’m back!”
Don’t you know that death would not hold me, love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God’s got one last word. I’m back! Hallelujah, I’m back!”
Don’t you know that death would not hold me, love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God’s got one last word and that’s love, Love brought me back!
Does your life feel empty, things aren’t going right, the storm won’t seem to clear?
There is hope, forgiveness, and a bright new day, God’s love will cast out all fear!
Experience the pow’r of the resurrected Christ and you will hear him say,
“I’m back! Hallelujah I’m back!”
Don’t you know that death would not hold me, love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God’s got one last word. I’m back! Hallelujah I’m back!”
Don’t you know that death would not hold me, love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God’s got one last word and that’s love,
Love brought me back! Love! Love! Love! Love brought me back!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

JOHN 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 434

"Restore in Us, O God"

1. Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

"The God of Second Chances: A Divine Do-over"

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

"Andante"

Ira B. Wilson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"In Remembrance of Me"
Chancel Choir
Em Ezell, soloist

Ragan Courtney

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless God's holy name. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Send us forth in the power of your Spirit into this new year that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Easter Dawn"

Edmond Missa

Please join the FHC percussion ensemble in the fellowship hall as they present "My Girl" on steel drums.



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:

Kiva Bohanon, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Gwendolyn Lennon (the sister of Sheryl Dugard), Dave Neff, the family of Terry Schenck (Elaine Tapié's Brother in law), the family of Margaret Sentell, 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, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Jericho Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **May**. 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, Mary Ann Breisch (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.

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