

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service*

*May 22, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/-htimWJis3M>

**PRELUDE**

Domenico Scarlatti

“Sonata in A major”

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

John Bell

“Stand Firm”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 67 adapted**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase; **God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us; **let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

**HYMN 301**

“Let Us Build a House”  
All Are Welcome

*V. 1 All sing  
V. 2 Low voices sing  
V. 5 All sing*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew:  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

O Lord, our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, Lord. Turn us to your will be the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

(Time for Silent Confession)

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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!

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

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Amy Wheatley

### **PENTECOST OFFERING**

### **ANTHEM**

Mark Miller

#### **“Roll Down, Justice!”**

There’s a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near,

“Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!”

Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream,

Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored, ev’ry soul be reformed;

Let the healing renew, creation reborn.

Here in this sacred space with the strength of God’s grace

Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever-flowing stream, roll down!

Let your heart soar, open the doors wide,

let your mind be transformed, let it be opened by love.  
On this glorious day give us courage, we pray, that justice rolls down.  
Let vision take flight and God will delight as the waters flow down, justice abounds!  
Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever-flowing stream, roll down!

**(Congregation to join in)**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace  
Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongue above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!  
Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever-flowing stream, roll down!

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

And in the spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign.

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN NO. 451**

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

**1.** Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

**2.** Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

**3.** Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**"Come on Down"**

## 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

Percy Bady

"Still I Rise"  
Mist'a Craig, soloist

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

### CLOSING HYMN NO. 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that  
surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Quentin

"Grand March"



**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, Nicole Lawrence (traveling to Jamaica for the death of her uncle, Patrick Lawrence), Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, 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](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 **June 16 (for the July TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

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