

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service*

*May 15, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/ejJ0UzhDxVo>

*Centering Words*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." --Rev. 21:5  
Praise God for this glorious gift!*

**PRELUDE**

Arr. Sandra Eithun

"How Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
Voices in Bronze

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

John Bell  
Chancel Choir

"Stand Firm"  
Stand, o stand firm;  
Stand firm and see what the Lord can do

**OPENING HYMN NO. 401**

"Here in This Place"  
(Gather Us In)

*All sing first time. Second time: high voices.  
Third time: low voices; All sing fourth time.*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away:  
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said... Little children, I am with you only a little longer. Where I am going, you cannot come. **I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **Let us worship the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF LONGING AND ADORATION

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts and in our lives.  
Bring new life into our midst when death threatens our hope.  
Expand our love within our communities when love is in short supply.  
Grant mercy in our world when sin and shadows threaten the peace.  
Resurrect us with your grace, and raise us up as new creations in your love.  
We give thanks that we are forgiven, accepted, and free.  
With joyful gratitude, we pray. Amen.

## GLORIA

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*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!

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Cora Rose Bissett  
Sarah Klee Dillenbeck  
Henry Martin Troyer Dyck  
Madeline Kelley Moore  
James Wesley Moyer Ryman

## ANTHEM

John Ferguson  
Chancel Choir

“Speak Thy Words, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You. To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today. In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us. All Your purposes, for Your glory.  
Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes. In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise. Cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

### **THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

### **ACTS 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### **REV. 21:1-2, 5A:**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband....and the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN NO. 409**

**"God Is Here!"**

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and  
doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## "Flexible Fences"

## 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

Arr. by Irwin Y. Shung

"Jasmine Flowers"

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CLOSING HYMN NO. 769

"For Everyone Born"

<p><i>All sing first time. All sing Refrain. Second time: high voices. All sing Refrain. Third time: All sing; All sing Refrain</i></p>
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1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

**Refrain:**

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, **[Refrain]**
3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, **[Refrain]**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

## BENEDICTION &amp; THE PEACE

## POSTLUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

"Israel's Song of Victory: Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"

*Reception honoring our confirmands after worship today in Fellowship Hall. Come greet our newest members and their families, and enjoy some cake and lemonade! All are welcome!*



**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, the family of Brian (Bill Finn's brother), Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Gwendolyn Lennon (the sister of Sheryl Dugard), Dave Neff, the family of Terry Schenck (Elaine Tapie's Son 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](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).

**The flower arrangement today** is from Anne Hunter given in memory of David Hunter by the Hunter, Forsythe and Tzefronis families.

**Graduate recognition!** We want to recognize and celebrate those in our FHC family who are graduating this year. Please send your graduate's name, degree, school, and any known future plans to Amy Wheatley, [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org) by **May 27**.

**The family of Steve Marunowski** invites you to a Sail-Away Celebration of Steve's life on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Culturally-appropriate Polish refreshments will follow!

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