

*Forest Hill Church  
Worship Service  
Juneteenth and Father's Day*

*June 19, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may also join worship online using this link:

[https://youtu.be/eG\\_A-66Gsi8](https://youtu.be/eG_A-66Gsi8)

*Centering Words*

*Pray always and do not lose heart.*

**PRELUDE**

"Improvisations"  
Jim Hogg, keyboard

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

by: Chris Watkins

Sandra Dixon, Gospel Choir Director

"And He's Greatly To Be Praised"  
God is great and he's greatly to be praised

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

Teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

**Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

Eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners

**Come let us worship the Lord our God**

A Brief Statement of Faith, 2  
(Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 37)

**OPENING HYMN NO. 391**

"This Is The Day"

**Refrain:**

**This is the day; this is the day;  
this is the day that God has made!**

**1.** Open, now, open the door ways of justice!

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

This is the place where the righteous may enter,

Singing to God with thanksgiving and praise.

**2.** I will sing praises because you have heard me,

Offering salvation with grace upon grace, turning the stone

That the builders rejected into the corner stone, rock of our faith.

**3.** It is the Lord who has done all these wonders.

I have seen marvelous, marvelous things.

This is the day that the Lord has created.

Join the rejoicing as every heart sings:

**4.** Praise the creator, the Christ, and the Spirit,

From the beginning through the worlds without end:

God who is now and whoever more shall be,

Glory forever, amen and amen!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome Creator, Loving Savior, we ask you to open our eyes, **but in fear or guilt we often turn away from what we do not want to see.** We ask you to open our ears, **but our electronic clamor drowns out your voice.** We ask you to open our hearts, **but old pains have left so many scars and calluses.** Forgive us Lord, when we fail to see and hear and love one another other and your whole creation as you do.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the Good News: The God who knows all our stories, and loves us anyway, is as close as our own breath, offering us a clean new page, always empowering us to write a new chapter of our story with every moment we live. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

## HALLELUJAH, AMEN

*Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Revelation 19:6*

Hal-le - lu-jah, hal-le -  
lu - jah, hal-le - lu-jah, a - men! In all I say and I  
do: Hal-le - lu - jah, a - men!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff has a double bar line at the end. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## ANTHEM

Bishop Clarence McClendon  
Sandra Dixon, Gospel Choir Director

### "I Came to Magnify the Lord"

I came to magnify the Lord, praise His holy name, lift Jesus higher.  
I just came to magnify, I just came to glorify, I just came to praise the Lord.  
For He is worthy, worthy of all my praise.  
Never will a rock cry out in my place, he's worthy of all my praise.  
I just came to magnify, I just came to glorify, I just came to praise the Lord.  
Never will a rock cry out in my place, He's worthy of all my praise.  
Never, never, never, never.  
I just came to magnify, I just came to glorify, I just came to praise the Lord

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

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

**Luke 18: 1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Galatians 5: 1,13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

### *After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Eileen Vizcaino

*"His-tory, Our story"*

## HYMN NO. 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

## 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

By: Chris Watkins

Sandra Dixon, Gospel Choir Director

“And He's Greatly to be Praised”

God is great and he's greatly to be praised

Sopranos: Hallelu, hallelujah, and he's greatly to be praised!

Tenors: He is merciful, he is wonderful, he is marvelous hallelujah, and he's greatly to be praised!

Bass: Forever and ever, for he's great and he's great to be praised

Altos: When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all he's done hallelujah, and he's greatly to be  
praised!

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CLOSING HYMN NO. 462**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

**Refrain:**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **[Refrain]**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **[Refrain]**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**BENEDICTION & THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

Sandra Dixon, Gospel Choir Director

"Ride on King Jesus"

Ride on King Jesus, no man canna hinda me  
In a that great, gettin up mornin, fare thee well  
When I get to heaven gonna wear a robe  
No man canna hinda me  
I'm gonna see King Jesus sittin on the throne  
No man canna hinda me  
I'm gonna walk around the streets of gold  
No man canna hinda me



# JUNETEENTH

**Due to the Juneteenth holiday, the church office will be closed tomorrow.**



**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, Rob Reynolds, Lee Wieder Rosenberg, 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 Nazareth Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **June**. 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, Kay Dunlap** ([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/August TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**Thank you to Sandra Dixon** for conducting our gospel choir workshops this week! We warmly welcome her to Forest Hill Church this week! Sandra Dixon is a life-long resident of Cleveland Heights (except for 4 years) and is proud to be a product of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools. She was born into a musical family so music has always been a part of her life. As a child, she was a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus. She also played the piano and the violin, but regrettably stopped playing violin after high school. Although she loves all kinds of music, especially show tunes, gospel is arguably her favorite genre. She is a songwriter and a gospel playwright. She is a part of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. Sandra is a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Cleveland Heights High. She has been the director of the Cleveland Heights High Gospel Choir since 2003. She is always happy to share her love of gospel music with others.

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