

*Forest Hill Church:
World Communion Sunday*

October 2, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/ulm3M3jOFk>

**please stand if able*

Centering Words

*Christians around the world gather this day to share holy communion as one body
– a body united in the love and mercy of Christ.*

We gather with them, rejoicing in our unity in Christ.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Israel)

arr. John Bell

“Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

Hal'luhu b'ziliz'le shama ”

Chancel Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (In the English and Mandarin language)

Dr. QinYing Tan

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 388** (From Zimbabwe)

“Come All You People”

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (X3)

Come now and worship the Lord.

U-ya-i mose, tinamate mwari. (X3)

U-ya-i mose zvino.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We confess that on this World Communion Sunday we are house divided by belief, by race, by gender, by politics and by world view. We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior but we are not one. There is enmity and judgment. We confess that we don't really want to be with those people whose Christian walk looks different than ours. We acknowledge that by our own efforts it will be hard to speak our truth in love and to bridge the gaps that separate us from others and that separates us from you. Help us to walk our walk of faith with humility and compassion, even as we burn with passion for justice and mercy.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE/CHILDREN'S WELCOME

Even in our doubt, God gives us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. Even in our failure to find meaning, Christ gives us the gospel of truth. Even in our despair, the Spirit gives us treasures from heaven to strengthen us on our way. Rejoice in the mercy of God.

***Alleluia (South Africa)**

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all__ our
hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais-es, all__ our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now_ he
sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
faith, free of doubt. Tell__ to all the joy-ful Good News.

repeat first part

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lisa Vahey

ANTHEM

Composed by Tom Council

(Composed for World Communion Sunday 2011)

“Come And Share Our Bread”

Chancel Choir/ Virginia Wieland-Mast, soloist

[REFRAIN]

Come and share our bread, Come and share our wine, Come and let us eat for now the feast is spread. One bread, one cup, one Lord of all, and though we each are different still you call, To share this table, we are one body with the Lord. One Bread, one cup, you offer us for sharing, Your church, our prayer is unity and love. One church, our prayer, God bring that day to dawning, Your church, our prayer, Now teach us how to love. **[REFRAIN]**

(CONGREGATION TO STAND UP AND JOIN IN)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth. We are one body in this one Lord
Gentile or Jew, servant or free. Woman or man, no more
One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth We are one body in this one Lord
Many the gifts, many the works. One in the Lord, of all
One bread, one body, one Lord of all One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord. We are one body in this one Lord

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right-hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"

O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayer's night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"A Fractured Unity"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Carol Wedell

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 (China)

“A Flowery Moonlit Night by the Spring River-春江花月夜”
Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying, **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – please come forward and receive the elements returning to your seats. When all are served, we will eat and drink together.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Antonín Dvořák

(Austrian Empire, now known as the Czech Republic)

“Když mne stará matka/Songs my mother taught me”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

BENEDICTION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 853 (From South Africa)**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God

We are marching, oo; we are marching in the light of God

We are marching, oo; we are marching in the light of God

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'; Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'; Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'

Siyahamba oo; Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'

Siyahamba oo; Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'

We are singing... We are dancing



Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for:

The family of Joanne Bielek, Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Rev. Matthew Peterson, Beverly Thomas, 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 Calvary Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **October**. 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, Kemp Jaycox** (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 **October 13 (for the November TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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