

*Forest Hill Church:
Worship Service*

October 30, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIT7j1iqZWk>

**please stand if able*

Centering Words

Stand at your watch post and wait for the Lord. A vision has been promised at the appointed time. It speaks of the end and does not lie. Stand at your watch post and wait.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

John Reggio

lyrics rewritten by Julie Minder

“Because Jesus Loves Me (originally "Pepperoni Pizza")”

Little Crescendos/Julie Minder, director

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. **Praise befits the upright.**

Praise the Lord with the Lyre; make melody to God with the harp. **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Our heart is glad in the Lord, **because we trust God’s holy name.**

Let us worship God. **Let us praise God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 757**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

(Stanzas 1, 3, 4)

Renewing Our Relationship with God

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Adapted from *A Liturgy of Lament*. ivy tillman):

We acknowledge that we stood by when the dwellings of our neighbors were cast down, and we ignored the cries of the innocent. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we acknowledge we have not learned to do right; we do not seek restorative justice that benefits all. We have not defended the oppressed. We have not taken up the cause of the fatherless or pleaded the case of the widow. Instead, we have mocked and punished the poor with our partisanship and apathy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We lament that we stood by as systemic and institutionalized racism became founding pillars and structures in America and within the church. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not required justice, we have not loved others well, and we have not walked in humility in our brokenness. **Lord, have mercy.**

We cry out to you, our God and redeemer, as the only one who can save us from ourselves.

Show us our blind spots. Don’t let us hide from you in our shame and guilt. Restore to us your perfect union that can be found in Jesus Christ. Lord, show us how to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has not given up on us! God has already forgiven us. It is our turn now to “go and sin no more.” Let us walk in the way, the truth and the life of Jesus.

*ALLELUIA

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.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

Amy Wheatley

Children will leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Jenny Himmelman

ANTHEM

Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

“You Remain the Same”

You change the color of the sky from shades of blue to gray,
You speak a word into the night, it changes in today.
Without a thought You turn the leaves from yellow into flame.
Change is all around us, God, but You remain the same.

[REFRAIN]

You remain the same, O God, You remain the same.

Seasons come and seasons go, You alone remain.

You remain the same, O God, You remain the same.

When changes come, I thank You, Lord, that You remain the same.

You hold Your hand above the sea, her waves turn into glass,
You breath a summer wind into an icy winter blast.

You wash the earth and dust becomes a golden field of grain.

Change is all around us, God, but You remain the same. [REFRAIN]

You spin the world; a child is born, the days turn into years.

Another turn as life goes by and laughter turns to tears.

You touch our stubborn hearts with love, we, too, begin to change
Like everything surrounding us, but You remain the same. [REFRAIN]

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 772

"Live into Hope"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Reparation"

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

Edvard Grieg

"In the Hall of the Mountain King"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

This is our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 761**

“Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN NO. 701**

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

“Fantasy in D minor”



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:

Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Susan (Kay) Dunlap, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Ginie Mast, the family of Elaine Tapié, 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, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Canaan Group* will assist our pastors with members’ needs in **November**. 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, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers!

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **November 10 (for the December TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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