

Forest Hill Church: Worship Service

November 20, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-ru41AJeHI>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement... get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.

~Abraham Joshua Heschel

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Jason W. Krug

“Beach Spring”
Voices in Bronze

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Eden Bissett

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! Let us worship God together.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*HALLELUJAH

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
3 hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Good News. *repeat first part*

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.

ANTHEM

Arr. by Mark Hayes
Ahren Stock, trumpet
Chancel Choir

“Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace”

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sough me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious love.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above, Amen!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Genesis 25:7-10

This is the length of Abraham's life, one hundred seventy-five years. Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SERMON

Rabbi Joshua Caruso, Fairmount Temple

“A Rabbi's Journey: The Making of a Progressive Zionist”

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

Henry Smith

“Give Thanks”
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 542**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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

E.L. Ashford

“A Hymn of Thanksgiving: The God of Abraham Praise ”



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:

Cooper Andrews, Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Ginie Mast, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Susan Way and Sharon Wiggins.

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 **December 15 (for the January TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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FHC Welcomes you!

Rabbi Joshua Caruso (he/him/his) has served Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple's clergy team since 2002. Ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (NY) in 1998, Rabbi Caruso is proud to teach, preach, pastor, and personally engage in the practice of lifelong learning. He has officiated at numerous lifecycle events for generations of our community members at temple. It's his joy to share in these moments.

Rabbi Caruso sees social justice as an integral part of his rabbinate, bound up with the long and storied legacy of Fairmount Temple. He was inspired to bring Congregation-Based Community Organizing to Cleveland, first introducing it to temple leadership and nurturing its growth among its members. In 2011, his efforts led to the formation of Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), a coalition of more than 30 diverse faith communities from across Northeast Ohio committed to bringing social and racial justice to the fore. GCC is now the most powerful faith-based citizens' voice in Northeast Ohio.

In addition to serving on the Strategy Team of GCC, Rabbi Caruso sits on the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity, is a member of the Commission on Social Action for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), and serves on the Core Team of RAC-Ohio, a state-based justice project representing Reform Jews throughout the State of Ohio.

Rabbi Caruso is blessed to share life's journey with his wife, Leah, and their children, Harper, Asher, and Shayna – all proud members of Fairmount Temple's sacred community.