

*Forest Hill Church  
Service of Worship  
April 26, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/ixmfEI8qXrM>

*You are invited to participate in the Live Chat box to the right of the video screen if you so wish.*

*Those who find Chat distracting may select the Hide Chat option at the bottom of the Chat box.*

*To access the Bulletin link and the Giving link, look in the Comment section found directly below the video screen.*

*Centering Words*

*Christ is here, ready to be revealed. Watch and wait for the new growth that is coming.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Anon.

“Come Into God's Presence”

Sydney Ball and Carl Jenks

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

**HYMN NO. 408**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

There’s a sweet, sweet, Spirit in this place  
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place!

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

ALLELUIA

Jeannette Sorrell



ANTHEM

arr. John Ferguson

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

FROM THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*After the readings*

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN NO. 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
(SING TWICE)**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Cut to the Heart”

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.

OFFERING

[Click here to donate to FHC via PayPal](#)

OFFERTORY

Tom Witt

“My Soul Thirsts for God (Psalm 42:2)”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, may our offerings bring to others the promise of new life. Accept the gifts we offer to proclaim your love. Use our talents in ways that will set others free, that the liberating truth of Christ’s gospel be heard, and seen, and felt.

*Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

CLOSING HYMN NO. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; (2x)  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Lord God from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE



*Notes & Announcements*

**Prayer Requests:**

If you would like to request prayers for a personal concern, please send an email to Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org and Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org). The pastors will include them in next week’s congregational prayer.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Beth and Dave Garrett, the family of Iris Gilbert, Rita Grube, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Vikki Nowak, Elspeth Peterjohn, Graham Peters, Dean Sieck, Arlen Sugden, Harold Thomas, and the family of Lorian Thomas, Carolyn Vrtunski, and Sharon Wiggins.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

**Care Group: The Jordan Care Group** will assist our pastors with members’ needs in **April**. 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, Bader Boland**.

**Thank you, all office volunteers:** Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Ellen McChesney, and Anne Smith.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **May 14 at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ceNewsletter).

Coming Up

TODAY

We want to meet all the new and regular visitors! Please join Church Growth following our worship live stream service for 30 minutes of fun on a Zoom call! RSVP with church growth ([churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org](mailto:churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org)) for Zoom call information.

**Giving/donation options**- Monetary donations may be made through the [PayPal link on our website](#) ([www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)), by auto bill pay through your bank or by mail: 3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleve. Hts., OH 44118.

**Forest Hill Softball Season is here.** We don't know when the season will begin given the current health crisis, but if you are interested in joining the team, **please contact Jason Hidek at 440-264-3296 or [jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:jason.hidek@att.net)**.

THIS WEEK

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; and John 10:1-10.**

**Exploring Membership:** Please join the church growth Zoom call on Saturday, May 16 from 9 am-12 pm and Sunday, May 17 from 9 am-10:30 am. Come join, explore, or just learn more about us! **Please RSVP to [churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org](mailto:churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) to attend.**

Calendar: April 26-May 3

<p><b>Sunday, April 26:</b> 9:30 am Children’s Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p><b>Monday, April 27:</b> 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope OA Big Book Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 28:</b> 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 29:</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 30:</b></p> <p><b>Friday, May 1:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 2:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, May 3:</b> 9:30 am Children’s Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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