

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*May 10, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/RMSykWsAa1A>

*Centering Words*

*Crawl up on God's lap this morning*  
*She is waiting for you!*

**PRELUDE**

Grant Heineman

"Prelude to a Pandemic"

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

"Alleluia"

Led by Beth Zych and Sydney Ball

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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!**

**HYMN NO. 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.  
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our song of grateful praise.

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy and merciful God, in our presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALLELUIA**

Jeannette Sorrell



*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*  
**FROM THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

John 14:1-14

<sup>14</sup>‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

HYMN NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus call us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior. May we hear thy call, Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“The Way, The Truth, The Life”

**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

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OFFERTORY

Tom Trenney

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

## 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. 749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

**Verse:** Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

**Verse:** Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

## 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, the family of Kris Fay, Beth and Dave Garrett, the family of Iris Gilbert, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, the family of Vikki Nowak, Elspeth Peterjohn, Dean Sieck, Harold Thomas, and the family of Lorian Thomas and LeAnn West.

**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 Corinth Care Group** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **May**. 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, Marjorie (Margie) Ravas**.

**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.

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

Coming Up

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 17:22-31; Ps. 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; and John 14:15-21.**

NEXT WEEK

**Please join the Exploring Membership** Zoom call on Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 am-12 pm and Sunday, May 17 from noon-1:15 pm. Come join, explore, or just learn more about us! **Please email [churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org](mailto:churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) on how to join the Zoom call.**

Calendar: May 10-17

<p><b>Sunday, May 10:</b> 9:30 am Children’s Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p> <p><b>Monday, May 11:</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, May 12:</b> 11:00 am Abundance Pantry Registration and Distribution 5:00 pm Bulletin and Weekly Email Deadline 6:30 pm Nominating Meeting (conference call)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 13</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels (online) 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (conference call) 7:00 pm Ministry Meeting (conference call)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 14:</b> <b>8:00 am TOWER Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Friday, May 15:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 16:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, May 17:</b> 9:30 am Children’s Worship (online) 11:00 am Worship (online)</p>
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