

# *Forest Hill Church* *Service of Worship*

*September 20, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Q2NYLnKGul>

## *Centering Words*

*“There must be always remaining in every life, some place for the singing of angels,  
some place for that which in itself is breathless and beautiful.” — Howard Thurman*

## PRELUDE

Robert Schumann

*Des Abends*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

William Schoenfeld

*Oh! Come, Let Us Sing*

Anna O' Connell and Madelaine Matej Macqueen

## *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 105)**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name. **Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**  
Sing to God, sing praises to God. Tell of all the Lord's wonderful works. **Glory in God's holy name.**  
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's  
presence continually.** Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles and the  
judgements God has uttered. **Praise the Lord for all God's wondrous works!**

## HYMN NO. 366

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, and earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.  
Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit, into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Forgive us, Mighty God, when we doubt your strength. Assure us Faithful God, when we  
doubt your constant presence. Renew us, Loving God, when we neglect to love others as you  
have loved us. Empower us with your strength, and encourage us with your steadfast love.  
Unite us through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might live with a faith that honors you,  
and abide with a hope that encourages others to know your love and grace.**

*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ’s grace makes us whole, and the Spirit’s presence makes us one. Thanks be to God for these wonderful gifts!

Alleluia

Leader

All

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**ANTHEM**

Felix Mendelssohn

*I Waited for the Lord*  
*Anna O' Connell and Madelaine Matej Macqueen*

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**THE LIVING WORD**

**Exodus 16:2-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’ <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am

the Lord your God.” ’<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN NO. 450**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

*What is This?*

**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**

Claude-Michel Schönberg

*I Dreamed a Dream*  
Lauren Ravas

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

**CLOSING HYMN NO. 720**

*Jesus Calls Us*

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying “Christian, follow me.”  
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christians, love me, more than these.”  
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.

BENEDICTION

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.  
Consecrate me to do Your chosen ministry.  
Show me all you'd have me do.  
Your light possessing, make me a blessing,  
sharing works through new life in you.  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> verse by Rev. Ann Jefferson)*

POSTLUDE

G.A. Merkel

Shepherd's Song



*FHC NOTES*

**Prayer Requests:**

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz ([pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org)) or Pastor Goines ([pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org)) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor's on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Baldwin Sawyer, and Susan Way.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams, and Warren Young.

**Care Group: *The Jericho Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **September**. 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, Sue McCauley ([deacons@fhcpresb.org](mailto:deacons@fhcpresb.org))**.

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

**The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **September 17 (for the October TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30-8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78: 1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21: 23-32.**