

Forest Hill Church *Service of Worship*

September 6, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/HlQpr6Lt604>

Centering Words

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light. Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won." ~John Lewis

PRELUDE

G.F. Handel

Prelude in F major

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Gary Alan Smith

Arise, Shine!

Sally Wile and Carol Wedell

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are burdened.

God will give us rest.

Wearing the yoke of faith,
all things are possible.

With joy, let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies

REFRAIN:

Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light

REFRAIN

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild.

REFRAIN

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God who is loving and forgiving, God who is passionate and merciful, too often we forget we are yours. Too often we forget the blessings you so freely give us. We move from task to task, we scurry from must do to next do. Our brains are so active, our lists are so long. Sometimes we forget the beck and call of our hearts, emblazoned with your abiding grace. God, return us to ourselves. God, return us to you. In silence, we ask for the help we need.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s strength is enough. Christ’s forgiveness is sure. Through God’s strength and Christ’s grace we are blessed, loved, and made whole.

Alleluia

Leader

All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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ANTHEM

Handt Hanson

There's a Song
Sally Wile and Carol Wedell

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Psalms 149: 1 and 3

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jean Reinhold

Labor Days

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

Virtual Giving and Offering options are available on our website

OFFERTORY

Gabriel Fauré

"Offertoire"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Creator God, may our gifts of time, talents and treasure be used for the building up of the Kingdom. Be with us as we do Your work with our hands and feet. All is in service to You. Amen.

Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table /Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Dale Wood

In this Moment of Remembrance
Sally Wile and Carol Wedell

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

CLOSING HYMN NO. 26

Earth and All Stars

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
REFRAIN
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!
Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, Loud building workers, Sing to the Lord a new song!
REFRAIN
Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, Loud cheering people, Sing to the Lord a new song!
REFRAIN
Knowledge and truth, Loud sounding wisdom Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, Loud praying members Sing to the Lord a new song!
REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

1. Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
2. 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.
(2nd verse by Rev. Ann Jefferson)

POSTLUDE

C.H. Rinck

Postlude in D



FHC NOTES

Worship planner: This week’s worship was planned by Jean Reinhold. Jean is an Elder at Forest Hill Church and she served on the Discernment Task Force and Co-pastor Nominating Committee. As well as being a writer and photographer, Jean is the IB Coordinator at Fernway School in Shaker Heights. Jean would like to thank Veronica and John for the chance to share her prayerful thinking; writing and delivering a message is her greatest challenge and joy.

Prayer Requests:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (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, the family of Margie Stauffer, the family of Harold Thomas 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 Jerico 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)**.

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.

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. 14:19-31; Ps. 114; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18: 21-35**.