

Forest Hill Church *Service of Worship*

October 25, 2020 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/yvGVhq2qEj0>

Centering Words

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

*Sonatina from Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit
(Tr. God's time is the very best time)*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Michael Ledner

You Are my Hiding Place
Mark Murphy Laseter, tenor

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!**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

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 wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
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 hymn of grateful praise.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to show us God's love. Trusting in God's grace and love, let us confess our sin.

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND YEARNING:

May your love, Eternal God, move all that stands before it. We yearn to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but we often find such love beyond us. Nurture us in your healing love, that fear may hold no sway over us. Amen

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Alleluia

Leader

All

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

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Testimony

ANTHEM

arr. by Randa Kirshbaum

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Mark Murphy Laseter, tenor

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Not Quite There”

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

Antonín Leopold Dvořák

Lord, Thou Art my Refuge
Mark Murphy Laseter, tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

CLOSING HYMN NO. 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy; Lord make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again;
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.
(2) Lord, make us more loving...
(3) Lord, make us more patient...
(4) Lord, make us more faithful...

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.
(2nd verse by Rev. Ann Jefferson)

POSTLUDE

Robert Schumann

Träumerei (tr. Dreaming)



FHC NOTES

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, Sally Davis, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Laura Stauffer, and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Doris Brandt, Rev. Robin Craig, 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 Mt. Sinai Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **October**. 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, Tish Klein** (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 **November 19 (for the December 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: **Rev. 7: 9-17; Ps. 34: 1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5: 1-12.**