

*A Service of Remembrance  
In Witness to the Resurrection  
Of Jesus Christ*

*November 1, 2020 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/0JoByw5RrM0>

*Centering Words*

*Out of despair comes hope. Out of fear comes affirmation.  
Out of threats come conviction. Out of our hearts come praise.*

**PRELUDE**

*Abide with Me*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*For all the Saints*

Sally Wile, Carol Wedell, Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

**We have cried to you in times of trouble; you delivered us from our distress.**

We thank you, O Lord, for your steadfast love; your wonderful works abound about us.

**You know of our needs before we utter your name; you indeed are to be praised!**

Let us worship God!

**HYMN NO. 687**

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, whom earthquake, wind, and fire cannot contain, we are often shaken by powerful forces on every hand that deny your sovereignty. Our doubts multiply and our faith wearies. We have great sorrow and anguish when we see things as they are with people and nations and try to imagine how they might be if your rule were recognized. With our faith shaken, we deny you. Holy God, forgive us, and help us to be faithful. We pray in your name, amen.

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Blessed are you when you make honest confession to God.  
We are forgiven, set free, and empowered to live more fully. Praise be to God! Amen.

Alleluia

Leader

All

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

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ANTHEM

Ferdinand Hiller

*Be Near Me Still*  
Lara Troyer, soprano

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**READING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**Joshua 3:7-17**

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, “When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.” ’ Joshua then said to the Israelites, ‘Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.’ Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of

the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.’

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

**I John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

*Crossing Over*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**LITANY: “REMEMBERING”**

Co-Pastors

**TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES (slide show): HYMN #836**

*Abide with Me (Instrumental)*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

**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 is available by text to 216-400-5300 or online by [PayPal](#) or our [giving page](#).

**OFFERTORY**

*Hymn of Promise*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*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.**  
**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*One Bread, One Body*  
Sally Wile, Carol Wedell, Jack Lentz, and Seth Ungemach

**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. 375**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?  
**Refrain:**  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.  
4 Soon we’ll reach the shining river;  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Soon and Very Soon*  
Sally Wile, Carol Wedell, Jack Lentz, and Seth Ungemach



## *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, Sally Davis, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dick Peterjohn, 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 Calvary Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **November**. 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, Kathryn Himmelsteib** ([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 **November 19 (for the December 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: **Josh. 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78: 1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25: 1-13.**

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