

Forest Hill Church Worship Service

March 14, 2021 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/Q1nxkRRaoC8>

Centering Words

Come from the shadows where you have hidden to rejoice in the God who brings light and hope.

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sarabande in D minor, BWV 1008

Malina Rauschenfels, cello

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Here O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Malina Rauschenfels, soprano

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lara Troyer, Jeff, Henry, and Margaret Dyck

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

When we cried to you with our troubles, **O Lord, you saved us from our distress**

We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.

Let us worship God!

HYMN (v.1-3)

Look Well Within

1. Look well with - in, Wake to your soul, Touch the
2. Guilt has no pow'r, Shame can - not hide All the
3. When you were formed By heav'n a - bove You were the
4. Look well with - in, Wake to your soul, Touch the

awe beau - ty that makes you whole. Op - en your eyes
that lives in - side Op - en your eyes
formed in per - fect love. Op - en your eyes
awe that makes you whole. Op - en your eyes

To re - al - ize The won - der of your soul.
To re - al - ize The won - der of your soul.
To re - al - ize The won - der of your soul.
To re - al - ize God's pre - sence in your soul.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you, O God, an unfaithful people. We have sinned against you and done much that is not pleasing in your sight. The shadows of sin influence us, and separate us from the light and knowledge of your presence. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and remember them no more. Create in us a new and right Spirit. Amen. *(Moment of silence)*

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Jesus Christ, the source of our salvation, died for our sins, once for all, to put to death our trespasses.

We have been reconciled to God through Christ, and made partners in a new covenant.

Rejoice, open your lips, and let your mouths show forth the Creator’s praise. **Amen.**

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia A - men

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Video Presentation by: Danielle Cosgrove

ANTHEM

Arr. Don Hart

Lord of the Dance
Malina Rauschenfels, soprano

HYMN NO. 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people,
raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.
2 Every day we need your nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps,
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.
3 O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

What's Up

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

The Notorious RBG
Malina Rauschenfels, cello

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

CLOSING HYMN 547 (AAHH)

Lift Him Up

1 How to reach the masses, saints of ev'ry birth,
For an answer Jesus gave the key:
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
Will draw all men unto Me.”
Refrain:
Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up),
Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up),
Still He speaks from eternity:
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
Will draw all men unto Me.”
2 Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread,
Lift the Savior up for them to see;
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,
“I’ll draw all saints unto Me.” [Refrain]
4 Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,
Let the world in you the Savior see;
Then saints will gladly follow Him who once taught,
“I’ll draw all saints unto Me.” [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory
Duffy Liturgical Ensemble

**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:

Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, the family of Bill Fay, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Paul Jennings, Joanna Klingenstein, Elspeth Peterjohn and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Marge Drollinger, Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Jordan Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **March**. 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, Bader Boland** (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 **March 18 (for the April 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: **Jer. 31: 31-34; Ps. 51: 12; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33**.

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