Forest Hill Church Worship Service March 21, 2021 at 11:00 am Gather around the computer to worship God! Please join our YouTube Live Stream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcjVMXIj2HQ

Centering Words

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to your presence as we worship you this day.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is this? Jeanelle Brierley, violin

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Open the Eyes of My Heart Virginia Weiss, mezzo-soprano Seth Ungemach, tenor

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your ears, O faithful people. We want to hear God's word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood. Let us feel the Spirit. Open your hands, sisters and brothers and siblings. We want to work for Christ's kingdom. God is speaking to the people. We will listen, Lord! Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 66

IO. 66 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Michael W. Smith

Karen Smith Wong

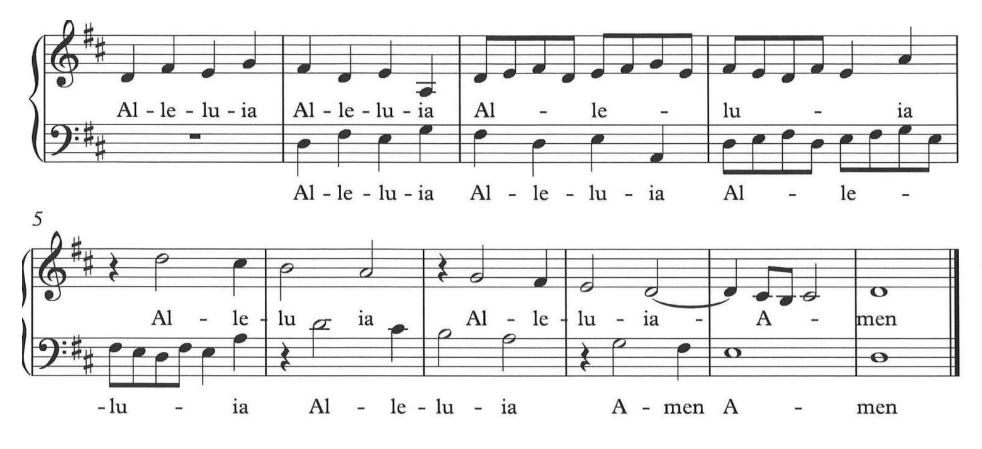
Arr. Marty Parks

Renewing Our Relationship with God PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, turn our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. Help us to feel the pain of our world and our own pain. Forgive us for not seeing and listening to the cries of those in need and to our own needs. Forgive us for trying to fix everything without fixing ourselves. Forgive us for being so self-centered that we cannot see. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take heart! By the grace of God and the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ you are called from the shadows of regret into the light of new life and hope. You are forgiven!



ANTHEM

Daniel Schutte

Here I am, Lord Virginia Weiss, mezzo-soprano Seth Ungemach, tenor

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word THE LIVING WORD (NRSV) Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(Refrain) Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
(1) Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet, master who acts like a slave to them. (Refrain)
(2) Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)
(3) Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash other's feet; this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)



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: <u>https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/</u> You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

J.S. Bach

Sarabande in D minor Jeanelle Brierley, violin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sergei Rachmaninov

Prelude in C minor, op. 23 no. 7 Irwin Shung, piano



Today we welcome Jeanelle Brierley, an Arizona native and current resident of Cleveland, Ohio, is a violinist with a passion for orchestral performance, chamber music, and pedagogy. Jeanelle completed her undergraduate degree in 2016 at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she studied with William Preucil and was awarded the Dr. Jerome Gross prize in violin. She made her solo debut with the Phoenix Symphony and has served as the concertmaster of the Lexington Bach Festival, the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra, the Youngstown Symphony, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and the orchestras of the Brevard Music Center. Jeanelle has been a member of the Canton Symphony, the Verbier Festival Orchestra, and Steamboat Springs' Strings Festival and was a fellow at the Perlman Music Program's Chamber Music Workshop. Jeanelle has performed as a substitute violinist with the Minnesota Orchestra and as a guest artist at the Bermuda Piano Festival. She runs a private violin studio and is on faculty at the Cleveland Institute of Music where she coaches chamber ensembles in the preparatory department. Jeanelle has been a regular substitute violinist with The Cleveland Orchestra since 2017 and has performed regularly with the ensemble in Cleveland as well as on tours throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Prayer Requests:

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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, Elspeth Peterjohn, Carol Phillips (sister of Ellen McChesney), Carolyn Vrtunski, 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 April 15 (for the May 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: Mark 11: 1-11; Ps. 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11.