

*Forest Hill Church
Worship Service*

July 10, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

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Centering Words

“For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you...when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” --Deuteronomy 30:9c-10

PRELUDE

Charles H. Gabriel

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

"People Need the Lord"
Michael Hives

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good and upright is the Lord. Therefore, the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
and leads the humble in what is right. God teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's
covenant and decrees.**

Friends, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. O God, in you we trust. For your name's sake, pardon our
guilt, for it is great. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your
truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember our sins nor our
transgressions. According to your steadfast love remember us, O Lord! Hear us now in
silence...**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

**All of the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant.
Hallelujah, we are forgiven! Amen.**

HALLELUJAH, AMEN

Hal-le - lu-jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le -
lu-jah, a - men! In all I say and I do: Hal-le -
lu - jah, a - men!

ANTHEM

Glenn Burleigh

“Order My Steps”
Maverick Donahue, baritone
Michael Hives, tenor

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” “Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore, thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “**Teacher,**” he said, “**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “**And who is my neighbor?**” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,

passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, **"The one who showed him mercy."** Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

"Is it Plumb-Faithful or Faulty?"

HYMN NO. 286

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**
- 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

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

Alma Androzzo

"If I Could Help Somebody"
Maverick Donahue, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use me”

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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Going Forth to Live as God's People

BENEDICTION & THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Stuart K. Hine

"How Great Thou. Art"



Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week’s congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Kiva Bohanon, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, Rob Reynolds, Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Care Group: *The Bethlehem Care Group* will assist our pastors with members’ needs in **July**. 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, Kitty McWilliams (deacons@fhcpresb.org)**.

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **August 11 (for the September TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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