

*Forest Hill Church:
Outdoor Worship Service*

August 21, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pq8V37202aA>

Centering Words

*“Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God’s presence with singing. (Psalm 100)*

PRELUDE

Tim Hughes

“Here I Am to Worship”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day, **this is the day** // that the Lord has made, **that the Lord has made.**

We will rejoice, **we will rejoice** // and be glad in it, **and be glad in it.**

This is the day that the Lord has made // **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, **this is the day** // **THAT THE LORD HAS MADE.**

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 406

“We are Standing on Holy Ground”

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground. (3X)

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PERIOD OF SILENCE

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Turn to one another and say:

“In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Be at peace.”

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ANTHEM

Michael W. Smith

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Cora Bissett

1 John 1:1-2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it.

Acts 4: 13-20

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus... [the rulers, elders and scribes] said, 'What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' So, they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' ...With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

REFRAIN:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,
old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems,
each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story; for some have never heard the message
of salvation from God's own holy Word. **(REFRAIN)**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem
hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old,
old story that I have so long. **(REFRAIN)**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Sharing Our Stories"

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

"Give Thanks by Don Moen"

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!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 701

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE

"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

Traditional Spiritual



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, Muriel Dean, Betsy Hammet (sister of Carolyn Vrtunski), Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Keith Logan, Dave Neff, Rob Reynolds, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Susan Way, Peter Williams and Caleb Wright (grandmother Wright passed away).

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 Mt. Sinai Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **August**. 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, Laurie Rose** (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 **September 15 (for the October TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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