

*Forest Hill Church:
Worship Service*

October 16, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcr5xBr_5v8

**please stand if able*

Centering Words

*Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit,
That we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples.*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Mark Miller

Em Ezell, soloist/ Chancel Choir

“Let Justice Roll”

Let justice roll, roll down like water, and righteousness like a flowing stream.

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship the Lord with gladness, **and enter God’s presence with songs of joy.**

Praise the Lord. **The Lord’s name be praised.**

Eternal God, you are the power within all things, the wisdom beyond all minds, the love revealed in the cross. **We worship and adore you! Amen.**

Let us worship God.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we confess that we have failed to stand with those crushed by systemic injustice. We have valued property and profits over the lives of people. Courts enforce unequal justice. The cries of those who grieve are muffled. Victims are asked to forgive and reconcile even before their wounds can begin to heal. In its silence and inaction, the church is complicit on this unrighteousness. In your mercy, Holy God, help us to confess and repent of these sins. Lead us to cry out with the prophets, until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. Empower us to become repairers of the breach, able to join with the most vulnerable among us in making our communities livable again. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord God has not given up on us. The Lord loves and forgives and calls us to new life. So, trust in the Lord’s unfailing love. Rejoice because God forgives. Sing to the Lord a new song. Repent: Get a new mind for a new age!

***ALLELUIA**

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now he
sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Good News.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

Amy Wheatley

Children will leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Ministry

ANTHEM

Mark Miller
Chancel Choir

"Roll Down, Justice"

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near, "Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, Let justice roll down, justice rolls down! Let the earth be restored, ev'ry soul be reformed; Let the healing renew, creation reborn. Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace; Let justice roll down, justice rolls down! Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever flowing stream, roll down! Let your heart soar, open the doors wide, let your mind be transformed, let it be opened by love. On this glorious day give us courage, we pray, that justice rolls down. Let vision take flight and God will delight as the waters flow down, justice abounds! Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever flowing stream, roll down!

(Congregation please stand up and join in)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace. Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongue above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love! Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever flowing stream, roll down!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that

she may not wear me out by continually coming.” ‘And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 70

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Sing through whole hymn once. We will sing this hymn in canon with the Chancel Choir singing it first.

SERMON

Ms. Keisha Krumm, Executive Director
of Greater Cleveland Congregations

"If You Want Justice, You Must Demand It."

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

Arr. Rachel Mohlman

“I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

Larissa Boley, soprano

Seth Ungemach, tenor

Ann Yu, violin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN**

“For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table”

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

REFRAIN: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, **[REFRAIN]**

3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, **[REFRAIN]**

4. For all who share life, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for all who share life, a system that's fair, **[REFRAIN]**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN NO. 701**

Sanctuary

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod

"Ave Maria"
Ann Yu, violin



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, Mark Davidson, Susan (Kay) Dunlap, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Ginie Mast, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Susan Way and Mark Webster.

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 Calvary Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **October**. 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, Kemp Jaycox** (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 **October 13 (for the November TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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