

# Forest Hill Church: Worship Service

March 12, 2023 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNYPdjrA0DY>

*\*Please stand if able*

## Centering Words

*Estad quietos, y conoced que yo soy Dios; Seré exaltado entre las naciones;  
enaltecido seré en la tierra.*

*(Salmos 46:10)*

*Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

by Marcos Wit

“Sólo tú eres santo”

Em Ezell, soloist

*Sólo tú eres santo, sólo tú eres  
digno,  
tú eres hermoso y maravilloso.  
En la cruz moriste y resucitaste;  
Tú me diste vida y muy pronto  
volverás.*

You alone are holy; you alone are  
worthy;  
you are filled with splendor and  
with awesome wonder.  
For our sins you suffered, died and  
resurrected,  
granting us salvation, giving us  
eternal life.

*Sólo tú eres santo, sólo tú eres  
digno,  
tú eres hermoso y maravilloso.  
Derrama tu Espíritu y que tu luz  
brille;  
Que tu gloria llene ahora mismo  
este lugar.*

You alone are holy; you alone are  
worthy;  
you are filled with splendor and  
with awesome wonder.  
Send your Holy Spirit; may it shine  
up on us.  
Let your wondrous glory with its  
radiance fill this place.

## Greeting Our God with Joy

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chenoa Stock, José Luis Claire, Leandro Claire

Vengan a sus puertas, entren en su templo, cantando himnos de alabanza y gratitud; Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving.

**For the Lord is good; God’s love is eternal, and God’s faithfulness has no end.**

**Porque el Señor es bueno; su amor es eterno y su fidelidad no tiene fin.**

### \*HYMN NO. 637

“O Sing to the Lord (Cantad el Señor)”

## Renewing Our Relationship with God

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chenoa Stock, José Luis Claire, Leandro Claire

Ten piedad de mí, oh Dios, conforme a tu misericordia: Conforme a la multitud de tus piedades borra mis rebeliones. Porque yo reconozco mis rebeliones; Y mi pecado está siempre delante de mí. A ti, a ti solo he pecado, Y he hecho lo malo delante de tus ojos: Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio; Y renueva un espíritu recto dentro de mí.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God! Place a new and right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENCE

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Chenoa Stock, José Luis Claire, Leandro Claire  
Cualquiera que está en Cristo nueva criatura es; el pasado ha quedado atrás. Amigas y Amigos, crean en las buenas nuevas del evangelio: En Jesucristo hemos recibido el perdón por nuestros pecados.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is left behind; everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*  
**HYMN NO. 586** “Alleluia”  
Children will leave with their adult leaders for Sunday School at this time.

**ANTHEM** by John B. Foley, Arr. Jack Schrader  
“Come to the Water”  
Chancel Choir  
1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?  
2. And let all who seek let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?  
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
All who labor, who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?  
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord. Come to the water: come to the Lord.

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*  
**THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

Leviticus 19:33-34  
When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Galatians 3:27-29  
There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Matthew 25:31-36; 45-46  
“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,

just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*After the readings*

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN NO. 822**

“When We Are Living/(Pues si vivimos)”

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“On The Border”

**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**

by Eddie Espinosa

“Change My Heart, O God”  
Em Ezell, soloist

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.  
**Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 765**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”  
(Song of Hope/ Canto de Esperanza)

*Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mark Miller

“Make Me an Instrument of Peace”  
*Make me an instrument (x2), make me an instrument of peace, of peace.*

**POSTLUDE**

Central American Folk Song  
"Caballito nicoyano/ Little Horse from Nicoya"  
Guillermo Salas Suárez, violin

## Lent 2023

There is so much noise in the world, so many competing voices and so much division. How we long for the space and time to rest in the quiet, to move our bodies in gentle ways, to meditate on a passage from scripture, to join with others in a holy space.

This Lenten Season, Ying and I invite you to join us for a season of restoration and repair of our inner being.

**Wednesday, March 15 and 29 7:00 p.m.** Join us in the Chapel for 30 minutes, or so, of contemplative worship, gentle bodily movement, scripture and song as we create space for God's spirit to clear and clean as we seek a new heart for the living of these days.

**A light supper will be served (Deanne Lentz and Morag Keefe will be providing the meals) before each of these gatherings at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the sacramental gift of breaking bread together.**

All are welcome to join us when you can. In order to have enough food we would appreciate that you register here <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/c82a0c>. But know that there will be a place for you at the table.

**Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday Service.** Supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM and service at 7 PM. You will receive an email that will include the registration information or contact the church office.

**Friday, April 7 Good Friday.** We will join the Heights community at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Service begins at 12:00 noon and ends at 3:00 p.m. You may come and go as your schedule permits. Dr. Lentz will be a liturgist for the first hour. Several area pastors will give a meditation on one of the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

~John and Ying



### Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz ([pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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:

Cooper Andrews, Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, Susan Way and Sharon Wiggins.

### Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

**Care Groups** will assist our pastors with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **head of the Deacons, Dean Sieck** ([deacons@fhcpresb.org](mailto:deacons@fhcpresb.org)).

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

**Thank you,** all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at [kurt@dangereddy.com](mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com).

**The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **March 16 (for the April TOWER) at 8:00 am.** Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).