

*Forest Hill Church:  
Communion Service*

*March 5, 2023 ~ 11:00 am*

You may also join worship online using this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq\\_H6nQXiP8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq_H6nQXiP8)

*\*Please stand if able*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Felix Mendelssohn  
Voices in Bronze

*“If With All Your Heart”*

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.*

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,*

*Thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,*

*That I might even come before His presence.*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,*

*That I might even come before His presence, come before His presence.*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.*

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls with a blessing. **Our help is in God.**

God calls with a promise. **Our help is in God.**

God calls through our questions. **Our help is in God.**

God calls through the Spirit. **Our help is in God.**

**Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers and praise. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe into our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your promise of blessing. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 49**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF YEARNING**

**Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and to trust in your grace. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.**

**TIME OF SILENCE**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God will keep you from all evil and bless you with renewal and grace. God will hold your life and lift you up., both now and forevermore. **Thanks be to God!**

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**HYMN NO. 586**

“Alleluia”

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Ryder James Gifford

Ryder James Gifford, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.  
Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Children will leave for Sunday School with their adult leaders following the baptism.

**ANTHEM**

Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir  
Guillermo Salas-Suárez, Violin

“Shalom”

*Peace. Peace. Shalom.*

*Peace I leave with you peace I give to you:*

*Peace. Peace. Shalom.*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace, Peace. Shalom.*

*Shalom, my peace I give to you, shalom, shalom.*

*Shalom, my peace I give to you, Peace. Peace.*

*Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you: Peace. Peace. Shalom.*

*Not as this world gives, I give to you. Do not be afraid.*

*Peace. Peace. Shalom.*

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

**THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

**Genesis 12:1 – 4**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*After the readings*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN NO. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**SERMON**

Rev. Sharon Core

“Bold Blessing, Bold Journey”

**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

“Cuando El Pobre”  
Kay Hogg, soprano  
Marina Grant, alto  
Brian Misch, guitar

## 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Leonarda Isabella

“Sonata Duodecima”  
Guillermo Salas-Suárez, baroque violin

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord all my soul; **and all that is within me bless God’s holy name.**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 65**

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mark Miller

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

**POSTLUDE**

E.L. Ashford

“Safe in the Arms of Jesus”

## **Create In Me A New Heart 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.

~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).