

Forest Hill Church: Outdoor Worship Service

June 11, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gg0avVzo6dk>

**Please stand if able*

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into God's presence. **All are welcome here.**

Come, saints and sinners alike. **We are all God's children.**

Grace will make us whole. Come! **Let us worship God.**

***PRAYER WITH HANDS OPEN**

Hands open to receive

Hands raised to praise

Hands to heart in peace

Hands pushing all that hinders us away

Hands open to receive

***HYMN**

"Come, O Come and Fill This Temple"

[chorus] Come, O come, and fill this temple, Fill this temple with the glory of the Lord. (x2)

[solo] V.1 There's a place of unity, a place for fellowship, there's a place where God's people come together, where the Spirit of the Lord descends, and binds our hearts as one, and we're filled afresh with holy power. [chorus]

[solo] V. 2 So we wait with open hearts, we're hungry for your love, and we worship now the name of Jesus.

Forgive us, Lord, for grieving you, and warm our hearts anew with the fire and zeal of Pentecost. [chorus]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord for missing the holy moments of the here, and the now and the we. We get caught up in the business of it all. There are so many distractions. We find ourselves more critical than graceful, more judgey than accepting. We forget to say "thank you!" We do not appreciate the gifts you shower upon us to use in service to others. May we not miss the holy moment of this moment. *(Silence)*

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ANTHEM

Thiele and Weiss

"What a Wonderful World"

Em Ezell, soloist

Brian Misch, guitar

Jim Hogg, keyboards

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20

After the readings

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

SONG

"Bind Us Together"

*(Chorus) Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King
There is only one body, that is why we sing. (Chorus)*

SERMON AND BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Jr.

"The Marks of Baptism"

The Sacrament of Baptism for Karter Addysen Seigneur and Krew Ashtyn Seigneur.

PRAYER OF WELCOME

Karter and Krew, you have been received into the one holy catholic church and apostolic church through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ. Alleluia! Live as children of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen

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

American Folk Song

"Wayfaring Stranger"
Brian Misch, guitar

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 647

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)
And now let the weak say “I am strong” Let the poor say “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say “I am strong”
Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks! Give thanks!

*BENEDICTION

“Sanctuary”

POSTLUDE

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Traits of the Beloved Community, a Working Document

1. Recognizes and honors the image of God in every human being
2. Recognizes and affirms, not eradicates differences
3. Takes the steps necessary to recognize and honor all voices, thereby fostering trust and embracing one another
4. Acknowledges limitations, ambiguity, lack of knowledge or understanding; listen and seek to learn
5. Speaks the truth in love, resolving conflicts peacefully and compassionately, without physical or verbal violence
6. Actively commits to justice through removing unjust systems without destroying people
7. Encourages and embraces artistic expressions of faith from diverse perspectives
8. Achieves friendship and understanding through negotiation, compromise or consensus, considering each circumstance to discern which will be most helpful
9. Blends faith and action to generate a commitment to defeating injustice (not forgetting that injustice can also be found within the Church)
10. Promotes human rights and creates a just society by meeting the needs of everyone in the community, sharing power, and acknowledging the network of mutuality among all humans
11. Fosters dynamic and active spirituality through reliance on Scripture, prayer and corporate worship, recognizing God as dynamic and active in the world



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:

Deborah Howard, Rayba Johnson, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, Anne Way, Susan Way and Sharon Wiggins.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire 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).

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

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **July 13 (for the August TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.