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OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card:
www.fhcpresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY William H. Monk
"Abide with Me"

***SONG OF DEDICATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous and loving God, receive these gifts that we offer today to bring healing where there is brokenness, hope where there is despair, justice where there is oppression, and welcome where people feel forgotten. May our giving become an expression of our trust in you and a witness to your presence in the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***HYMN NO. 853** "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
v.1 English v.2 Zulu v.3 Praying v.4 Singing

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

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

DEPARTING MUSIC César Franck
"Allegretto"

Special thanks to Chiq Montgomery for her help in worship today.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-Coil

Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Cathy Stang, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, and Warren Young.

Online Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship, you are welcome to submit it here: **https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest.** You may also contact the pastor through this link.

Care Groups will assist our pastor 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.

The Deacon Card Ministry, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

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

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

Please remember to leave your name tag in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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October 18, 2026 – 11:00 am



You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq6mL9amLxM

Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 5 years from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Childcare or Sunday School.

Asterisks (*) indicate standing in body and/or spirit.

CENTERING WORDS

Do I contradict myself?
Very well then I contradict myself,
(I am large, I contain multitudes.)
Walt Whitman, from *Song of Myself, 51*

CENTERING MUSIC J.S. Bach
"Prelude no. 6"

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Isaac Watts
"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"
Chancel Choir

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God said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

We come seeking God's presence.

Surely the presence of God is in this place, within us each, surrounding us all.

We come as we are, trusting God's lead.

People of God, remember whose image you bear.

We bear the image of God.

Let us acknowledge all that we are and all that we carry in this time and place.

With open hearts and willing spirits, let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 435** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

v. 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea:
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our minds;
And the Heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

v. 2

If our love were but more simple,
We should live within God's word;
And our lives would be more sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.
But we make God's love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify a strictness
With a zeal not of God's own.

v. 3

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
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CALL TO CONFESSION

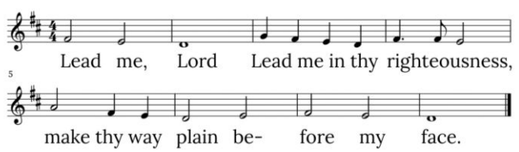
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and faithful God, we confess that we turn from you and seek our own way rather than yours. We become impatient when your ways are not our ways, when you appear distant and inscrutable, when we are distracted and fail to recognize your presence among us. We forget that being made in your image makes us yours, not our own. Forgive us for going astray. Refocus our attention on Love. Hear our silent prayers and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

SILENCE

KYRIE

(Little Crescendos first time, all second time)



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 582)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Karen Long

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ANTHEM Jeffery L. Ames
"Let Everything That Hath Breath"

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 33:12-23 (page 70)
Matthew 22:15-22 (page 803)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 11** "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Loving Parent, 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.