People: to be reminded that love endures forever.
Pastor: We eat this meal together…
People: to be ready to serve the Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC

The pastor will offer personal blessings at the dais rail during the distribution of communion. Feel free to join in singing the chorus of "For Everyone Born" as you receive communion.

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem *(repeat meditatively)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Elder Peter Williams

Colossians 2:7 (page 957)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

SERMON Elder Jean Reinhold

"Jesus, Faith and Thankfulness"

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.

SONG OF AFFIRMATION We've Come this Far by Faith

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in his holy word.
He's never failed us yet.
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,
We've come this far by faith. *(Repeat)*

SONG OF MOVING FORTH Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

V. 1
Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

REFRAIN:
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

V. 2
Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood, I may enter your brightness
Search me; try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *[Refrain]*

***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.

Thanks to the Little Crescendos and Julie Minder for their singing, Leandro Claure and Violet Majot for their participation in communion, our song leaders, and the Stewardship Ministry for planning and leading today's service.

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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 - 4 years, from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Older children, ages 5+ years, participate in worship and receive communion this morning. After receiving communion, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School (Room 207).

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy."

~ Henri Nouwen

CENTERING MUSIC Denise and Paul Smith
"Be Like a Tree"
Little Crescendos

WELCOME

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Gene McAfee

We come in peace
seeking your peace.
We come with questions
seeking your companionship.
We come with hope
seeking your grace and mercy.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***SONG OF GATHERING** "Here In This Place"
(Gather Us In)

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that
are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

SONG OF CONFESSION "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
(The Lord Is My Song)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

SONG OF ACCEPTANCE "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
(Here I Am, Lord)

V.1
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

V.3
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[REFRAIN]*

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Now that we have gathered, laid our confessions and prayers at God's feet, let us partake in the sacred meal of communion. Jesus said: All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: **We are hungry and thirsty. Feed us, Lamb of God.**

Child of God: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Child of God: In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said, "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together…