

SERMON The Rev. Matt Skolnik
"Staying When the Way Is Not Clear"

***HYMN NO. 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***BENEDICTION AND CHARGE**

*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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 1:

- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

Monday, March 2:

- Book Discussion: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, March 8:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.

Saturday, March 14:

- Documentary: *Si Pudiera Quedarme/If I Could Stay* at 2:30 pm.

Sunday, March 15:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

Wednesday, March 18:

- Lenten potluck dinner and table conversations: God in the wilderness with you at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, March 21:

- Meaningful Conversations at 9:00 am.

Sunday, March 22:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Drum Circle with Don Davis at 12:30 pm.

Sunday, March 29:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

Special thanks to the Rev. Matt Skolnik and Elder Seth Ungemach for their help in worship today.

Thank you to John Eley for assisting with the music today.

Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Grace Glaros, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Sharon Shumaker, Carolyn Smith, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, and Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Grace Uhle and Warren Young.

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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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mql4KKhJE3c>

***Please stand in body and/or spirit.**

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Today, children ages 5+ join the congregation for worship and communion. After receiving communion with their families, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS

“Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life becomes a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.” – Langston Hughes

CENTERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Folk arr. Wetzel

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Seth Ungemach

From the rising of the sun to its going down, God calls us.
Each new day brings a summons from the Holy One.

Be my beloved child, the Voice says, just for today. Be my people together.

One day at a time God asks us to follow. Just one day.

Today, our worship commits us to following.
And tomorrow we will listen again.

*HYMN NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of promise and mercy, you call us to walk by faith, yet we cling to what is familiar and safe. We confess that we have trusted our own strength more than your grace, our own understanding more than your Spirit, and our own narrow loves more than your boundless compassion. Forgive us for the ways we close our hearts, close our hands, and close our minds. Free us from fear. Restore us by your love. And lead us, once more, into the life you promise in Jesus Christ.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 575)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 626)

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

MUSIC

Paul Halley

“Agnus Dei”

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.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, 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.”

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.”

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. . .

to be reminded that love endures forever.

We eat this meal together. . .

to be ready to serve the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300

*You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card: www.fhcbresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

OFFERTORY

Antonín Dvořák

“Turn Thee to Me”

Madelaine Matej MacQueen, soprano

*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

Gracious and generous God, as you have called us by grace, send us in grace. And let our offerings take your love to places and needs our footsteps may never know. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121 (page 498)

John 3:1-17 (page 863)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

*HYMN NO. 175

“Seek Ye First”