

## DISTRIBUTION

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give you thanks, Loving God, for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, for opening our hearts to the presence of Christ. As you sent your disciples into the world, send us now. Breathe your Spirit upon us. Help us to confess with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, fill us with courage and peace. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

DEPARTING MUSIC E.M. Bartlett  
"Victory in Jesus"

*Special thanks to Lane Baldwin, Graham Baldwin, and Elder Derry Stauffer for their help in worship today.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Sunday, April 12:

- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

#### Saturday, April 18:

- Homeless Stand Down at 10:00 am.

#### Friday, April 20:

- Final day to register for the book discussion with Pastor Gene: *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book* by Professor Julie Galambush.

#### Saturday, April 25:

- AMIS Cultural Connections 6.0 fundraiser at 6:00 pm.

#### Sunday, April 26:

- Book Discussion with Pastor Gene: *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book* by Professor Julie Galambush at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Justice Ministry Community Grant Luncheon at 12:15 pm.
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.



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

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Erwin, Grace Glaros, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Laura Minder, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Sharon Shumaker, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Carolyn Vrtunski, Sharon Wiggins, and Ann Williams.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, 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](mailto: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

April 12, 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xz3GqlqY3-Q>

**\*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. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Following the passing of the peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School. Children will return to the sanctuary to join their families and the congregation for communion.

#### CENTERING WORDS

*Blessed are you who bear the light in unbearable times, who testify to its endurance amid the unendurable, who bear witness to its persistence when everything seems in shadow and grief. Blessed are you in whom the light lives, in whom the brightness blazes – your heart a chapel, an altar where in the deepest night can be seen the fire that shines forth in you in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope, in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.*  
(Jan Richardson)

#### CENTERING MUSIC

J.S. Bach  
"Allemande in G major"

#### WELCOME

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Les Garrett  
"This Is the Day"  
Stock and Claire Families

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Derry Stauffer

On the evening of the first Easter, the disciples gathered, hiding and afraid.

**Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.**

Today, the week after Easter, we gather, not hiding but possibly afraid, bringing all of ourselves and our feelings, our uncertainties, and our hopes to this space.

**The risen Jesus is with us today.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Let us worship God.

#### \*HYMN NO. 247

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Jesus, we confess that we fear the consequences of following you. We doubt your promises. We trust what we can see more than what you have spoken and shown. In the process of trying**

**to hold on to control, we have sinned, missed the mark, in our thoughts, in our words, and by what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive us. Show us your mercy. Speak your peace to our hearts.**

#### SILENCE

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### \*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

Schönberg/Kretzmer

"Stars"

Fergus Donnelly, soloist

*Ushers will collect prayer requests.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 (translation by Robert Alter)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In grass meadows He makes me lie down, by quiet waters guides me. My life He brings back. He leads me on pathways of justice for His name's sake. Though I walk in the vale of death's shadow, I fear no harm, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff – it is they that console me. You set out a table before me in the face of my foes. You moisten my head with oil, my cup overflows. Let but goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for many long days.*

John 20:19-31 (page 883)

#### AFTER THE READINGS

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### MEDITATION

#### 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.**

#### CALL TO GIVING

#### OFFERING

*By texting: 216-400-5300*

*You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card: [www.fhcbpresb.org](http://www.fhcbpresb.org)*

*Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

#### OFFERTORY

C.H. Gabriel

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we praise you from whom all blessings flow. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, and that these offerings become a source for hope and love in us here and in the community beyond us. Through Christ and Holy Spirit whom we adore, Amen.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 521

"In Remembrance of Me"

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. After supper, Jesus took the bread and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

**"This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

In the same way, he also took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**"Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### SONG OF CONSECRATION

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (2x)*