# Join Us in April!

**TODAY at 12:15 PM** 

Holy Cow! Consulting Report to the Congregation (lunch served)

Sundays at 9:15 AM

"Sabbath Rest" Adult Spiritual Growth (Every Sunday Morning through May 12)

April 20 at 10:00 AM

Homeless Stand Down - See Jack Breisch

April 20 at 6:00 PM

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" - Fellowship Night

**April 21 at 9:15 AM** 

Earth Day Special Class

April 21 at 12:30 PM

Justice Ministry Luncheon

April 27 at 4:00 PM

Racial Equity Buddies presents Celebrating Indigenous Culture with Robin Pease

April 28 at 11:00 AM

Piano Dedication Service

April 28 at 11:00 AM

Labre Ministry @ North Church

April 28 at 12:15 PM

**Ushers Luncheon** 

Do you want to contribute flowers for Sunday worship?

If so, use this link to signup:

https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db7701127776329

**Prayer Request:** To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (<a href="mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org">pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org</a>) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Barb Hansen, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Ann Williams, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Roz and Graham Peters.

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, Susan Kay Dunlap (susandnlp@gmail.com or 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 April 18, 2024 (for the May TOWER) at 8:00 am. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Pastor Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Director of Music

We thank Scott Lafferty for serving as Lay Leader this morning.





#### \*Please stand if able

#### **CENTERING WORDS**

Every experience holds a new promise Every encounter carries a new insight Every event brings a new message

**PRELUDE** 

Henri D'Aubel

"Prelude" QinYing Tan, organ

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

French Traditional Carol

"Now the Green Blade Rises" **Chancel Choir** 

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

\*HYMN NO. 401

"Here in This Place"

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

# A TIME OF REFLECTION

**KYRIE** (Hymn No. 576)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen. Thanks be to God.

# \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

# \*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. (sing twice)

**CHILDREN'S WELCOME** 

**Amy Wheatley** 

**ANTHEM** Joseph Martin

> "Set Free Your Alleluia" **Chancel Choir** Ahren Stock, trumpet Scott Lafferty, trumpet

Congregation to join in on the last verse: Set free your life eternal. Receive the risen Son. Embrace this new beginning and all that God has done. For all things now are hopeful. God made us all to soar. Unchained, we reach for heaven and glory evermore.

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Mark 9:14-29 (page 821)

After the reading

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

\*HYMN NO. 769

"For Everyone Born" Verses 1 and 5

**SERMON** 

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz. Jr.

"Head and Heart'

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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/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.

# **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** 

W. A. Mozart

"Andante" QinYing Tan, piano

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION

"Sanctuary"

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

**POSTLUDE** 

William Kemster

"March Movement" QinYing Tan, organ

Special thanks to Brian Misch for playing guitar in today's service!











# **Holy Cow!**

Join us after the service for lunch and a presentation by Elizabeth Hamilton about the Congregation Assessment Tool.

If you wish to give online, please use this QR Code and select your giving option.

