

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 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:

- GCC-Reduce Youth Bindover Education Session at 10:00 am at Church of the Saviour.
- AMIS Cultural Connections 6.0 fundraiser at 6:00 pm at CentroVilla25.

### 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.

### Tuesday, April 28:

- GCC-Reduce Youth Bindover Education Session at 6:30 pm at West Shore Unitarian Universalist.

### Wednesday, April 29:

- GCC-Reduce Youth Bindover Education Session at 6:30 pm at Congregation Mishkan Or.

Special thanks to Elder Emma Haas for her help in worship today.



**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, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, 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: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

April 19, 2026 – 11:00 am

The Third 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 10:45am - 12:15pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Children and their adult leaders leave the sanctuary after the Passing of the Peace to go to Sunday School.*

### **CENTERING WORDS**

“Peace and justice is God’s plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God’s. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.” – PCUSA Earth Care Pledge

### **CENTERING MUSIC**

“Gavotte”

J.S. Bach

### **WELCOME**

### **CHORAL INTROIT (HYMN NO. 203)**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Little Crescendos

Julie Minder, director

*Congregation is to join in on verses 1 and 2 when indicated.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Emma Haas

### **\*HYMN NO. 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and merciful God, forgive us for our reluctance to live the new life of resurrection love. Forgive us for defaulting to the familiar rather than the daring. Forgive us for refusing to celebrate your new creation in the world and in our lives. Forgive us for directing our attention, again and again, with every glance, every scroll, every ping and every ding, to the world’s clamor rather than to your new day, new dawn, and new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us of our public sins and forgive us of our private sins. Forgive us of all our sins, we humbly pray.**

### **SILENCE**

### **KYRIE (HYMN NO. 551)**

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 619)**

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;*

*Glad of heart your carols raise;*

*Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,*

*Who, like me, should sing God’s praise?*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise the Maker all your days!*

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Earth Care Ministry

### **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**

Crosby/Knapp

“Blessed Assurance”

Chancel Choir

*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.**

### **CALL TO GIVING**

### **OFFERING**

*By texting: 216-400-5300*

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

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

### **OFFERTORY**

Derry Stauffer

“Learning from Daffodils”

### **\*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**

**Great Giver of all, receive our offerings, we humbly pray, as expressions of our gratitude and faith. With your blessing, they may do more good than we can imagine or hope. We offer them in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24:13-35 (page 860)

### **AFTER THE READING**

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

### **\*HYMN NO. 630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

### **SERMON**

“Easter and Earth Day”

### **\*HYMN NO. 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

### **\*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**

E.L. Ashford

“Give Thanks unto God”