

*making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

SERMON The Rev. Susanna Kawolics

***HYMN** African American Spiritual
"Guide My Feet"
*Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race (x3)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm Your child ...

Search my heart ...

Guide my feet ...

***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 Traditional
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Special thanks to Elder Jessica Kelley and
the Rev. Susanna Kawolics for their help in worship today.*

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, 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

June 21, 2026 – 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Juneteenth Celebration



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG7g-CCT7U4>

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Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“It is solved by walking” ("Solvitur ambulando")
— St. Augustine

CENTERING MUSIC

West Africa Trad.
“Funga Alafia”
Summer Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jessica Kelley

We come to worship God, our Creator, who has made us and has journeyed alongside us every step of our lives.
Let every voice be lifted in song in praise of God, our Wondrous Maker.
We come to worship God, our Redeemer, who walks with us in this very moment.
Let our rejoicing rise and resound in praise of God, our Abiding Companion.
We come to worship God, our Guiding Spirit, who grants us wisdom for our path to the future.
Let us continue to march on, summoned by this Spirit, to build and form the Beloved Community, the Kin-dom of God on earth.
May our worship open wide our hearts, fill us with courage and strength, and summon us towards justice and mercy.
Let us celebrate and open ourselves to our God, who is ever present, ever encouraging, and ever steadfast in love.

***HYMN**

“Sing of the One Who Walks Beside Us”
Tune: HOLY MANNA

*Sing of the one who walks beside us
and this day is living still,
One who now is closer to us
than the thoughts our hearts distill,
One who once upon a hilltop
raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures
crucified their God and King.*

*Strangers we have walked beside him
the long journey of the day,
and have told him of the darkness
that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort,
words of energy and light,
and our hearts have blazed within us
as he saved us from the night.*

*Stay with us, dear Lord, and raise us,
once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom.
Free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening,
in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship
we will never be alone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess those times that we have promoted privilege for ourselves while oppressing others, that we have proclaimed stories that make us look good while ignoring injustices, that we have sought freedom for ourselves while leaving others trapped in unjust systems. Open our eyes to see more clearly these times, and summon us to repentance, and to a commitment to turn our lives around and walk a different path.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 227)

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 740, refrain)**

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

***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

African American Spiritual
“We Shall Overcome”

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

OFFERTORY

***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**

Thank you, God, for your constant companionship, and for all you have given us. Bless and multiply these gifts that they may support this church, and in turn bless the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13–35 (page 860)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN**

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”
Tune: BEACH SPRING

Words By Shirley Erena Murray

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,*