* BENEDICTION

the task is ended go in pieces

our concluding faith
is being rear-ended
certainty's being amended
and something's getting mended
that we didn't know
was torn

we're unravelling
and are traveling to a place
of
new-formed-patterns,
with delusion as a fusion of
loss, and hope, and pain and beauty.

so, the task is ended go in pieces to see and feel your world.

RESPONSE

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

The church office will be closed July 4, 2024.

Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (<u>pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org</u>) 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, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Jerry Ramler, 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.

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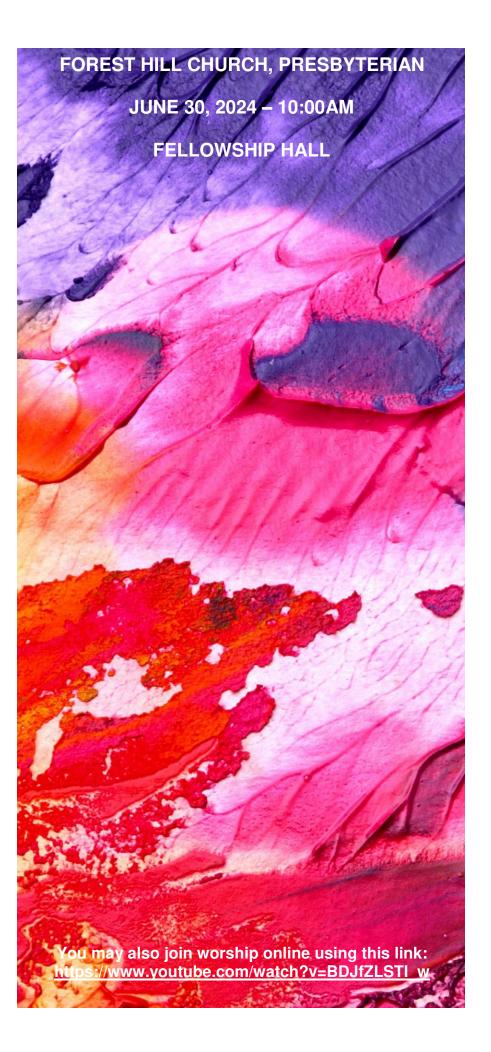
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*Please stand if able

CENTERING WORDS

"Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way."

(The prayer of Fr. Mychal Judge, Chaplain of the New York Fire Department who died 9/11 giving last rites to a fallen firefighter.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley)

Inhale: I was meant for love.

Exhale: God, help me to receive it.

Inhale: I need more than me.Exhale: We get free together.Inhale: We are meant for love.Exhale: God, help us to receive it.

***HYMN NO. 466** "Come and Fill our Hearts With Your Love"

Come and fill our hearts with your love, You alone, O Lord, are holy

Come and fill our hearts with your love, Alleluia.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You alone, O Lord, are holy Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, wipe us clean of our certainties and self-judgments, the source of our judgment of everyone and everything. In your abiding presence, you in whom we live and breathe and have our being, free us to be simply ourselves and simply to express ourselves.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA (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)

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Philippians 2:1-5

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus...

After first reading, what word or phrase stands out? Share only that word or phrase with your table.

After second reading, what thoughts and feelings does the reading bring up? Share with your table.

John 15:1-5, 10-11

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing... ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

*HYMN NO. 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too We are pilgrims on the journey We are travellers on the road We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load I will hold the Christ light for you In the night time of your fear I will hold my hand out to you Speak the peace you long to hear I will weep when you are weeping When you laugh, I'll laugh with you I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too

ART MAKING MaryAnn Breisch

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.

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OFFERTORY

"Ubi Caritas et Amor"

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas deus ibi est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION 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.

*CLOSING HYMN

"You are the Vine"

Refrain: You are the vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in you (2 x)

Verse: Then we'll grow in your love and we'll go in your name
That the world will surely know that you have power to heal and to save.

[Refrain – Verse – Refrain]