

OFFERTORY Sarah Quartel
“Veni Sancte Spiritus”
Mary Beth Kirk, Lori Lyford, Carol Wedell, singers

***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**
We have made offerings to you and to your church, loving Creator, and we ask your blessing on them. Thank you for that blessing. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Song of Solomon 8:6-7 (page 548)
John 14:1-4 (page 877)

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

***HYMN NO. 293** “Loving Spirit”

SERMON “What Matters and What Doesn’t”

***HYMN NO. 65** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***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 Jean-Baptiste Lully
“Chaconne from Phaeton”
Lully was a composer in the court of Louis XIV. He was subsequently expelled from the court at the orders of the king for his private life affairs.

Special thanks to Elder Jean Reinhold for her help in worship today.

Thank you to our singers today, Mary Beth Kirk, Lori Lyford, and Carol Wedell.



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, Jane Kowall, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, 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 7, 2026 – 10:00 am

Pride Sunday

Holy Communion



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK4NizSiU>

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

Today, children of all ages are invited to join the congregation for the beginning of worship and communion. After receiving communion with their families, children (birth - 8 yrs) leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders. Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45 am – 11:15 pm in Rooms 201/203/207.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.”
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

CENTERING MUSIC

“June”

Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky, the renowned Russian composer of Swan Lake and The Nutcracker, is remembered both for his enduring musical legacy and as a significant figure in LGBTQIA+ history.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jean Reinhold

Many waters cannot quench love.

Neither can floods drown it.

God is love, and the God of love is the God we worship.

May the God of love be with us, in our worship and in our lives.

*HYMN NO. 769

“For Everyone Born”

(vv. 1, 4 by Shirley Erena Murray; vv. 2-3 adapted by Avery Smith)

Verse 1

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain: *and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

Verse 2

*For woman and man, a place at the table —
and all those between, beyond, and besides;
expanding our world, dismantling power,
each valued for what their voice can provide. [Refrain]*

Verse 3

*For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color
for queer, trans, and ace, the chalice of grace. [Refrain]*

Verse 4

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite variety and beauty, we cannot escape your knowledge of our true selves, and in that deep knowledge is a deeper love. Forgive our failures to live in your beautiful image. Forgive us when we allow our uncertainties and injuries to control us. Forgive us when we are less than honest, less than generous, and less than loving. Forgive us when we choose anything that is not your love.

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

Mark Miller

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Summer Choir

Mark A. Miller is an openly gay church musician and composer whose music emphasizes inclusion, justice, and God's love for all people.

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.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together. . .

to be reminded that love endures forever.

We eat this meal together. . .

to be ready to serve the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300

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