

Labyrinth

The stones line a path,
form a labyrinth of guided meditation,
winding round, both forth and back,
to finally reach the center, the "rose".

In seeking, I try this path
of divine mystery,
wrapped in holy truth,
revealed to me...at my pace.

Embraced by circling arms
of saints gone before...
the rose is proffered, not guarded,
offered, not hidden.

I want the rose,
quickly!
But the saints say, "Slow!"
It has no value unless it's earned."
So I follow their path — fast at first,
then finally slower.

This path is ancient, yet new for me.
Guiding me are rocks of ages,
the path of Peter,
a stone foundation for my life.

I reach the roseate center,
no longer anxious to possess it.
And in the rose I find... myself,
and my next beginning...
for the path is the prize.

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Greg Hall, Kathryn
Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Neal Kaminsky,
Theresa Leonard, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin,
Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzepronis, 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

July 19, 2026 – 10:00 am

**The Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGhFfU0s-wg>

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

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship. Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45 am - 11:15 am in Rooms 201/203 and 207.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“Holiness of life is not the privilege of a chosen few. It is the obligation, the call, and the will of God for every person.”

– Mother Angelica (1923-2016), alt.

CENTERING MUSIC

F. Chopin
“Prelude in A major”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Eileen Vizcaino

In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah heard the words:
“**Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh, God of hosts!**”
God’s holiness reaches to the uttermost parts of creation.
God’s holiness reaches into every human heart.
God’s holiness has drawn us here for worship.
And we will celebrate, rejoice, and sing!

***HYMN NO. 591**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

Holy One, you are eternal light, wisdom, and love. May our worship direct our thoughts to your truth, our hearts to your compassion, and our actions to your paths. May the words we hear and the words we speak shape us more nearly to be your people.

At the same time, we acknowledge before you and one another that we often fall short of your loving will, and so we pray now for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name silently in our hearts.

All are invited to a brief period of silent prayer.

Assured of your forgiveness when we truly repent, we are confident to pray as your Child taught us, saying,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE (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.

ANTHEM

Elder Derry Stauffer
“Labyrinth”

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

Traditional
“Be Thou My Vision”

Ushers will collect prayer requests

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9 (page 62)
Ephesians 3:18-21 (page 950)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 302** “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

SERMON

“A Place for Holiness”

***HYMN NO. 313**

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

***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

Carlos Sexias
“Toccata in C”

Special thanks to The Rev. Eileen Vizcaino and Elder Derry Stauffer for their help in worship today.

