

*HYMN NO. 693

"Though I May Speak"

SERMON

"The Two Americas"

*HYMN NO. 340

"This Is My Song"

*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

"Voluntary X"

Anonymous

Special thanks to Elder Lia Clement for her help in worship today.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, July 11:

- Memorial Service for Charles (Chuck) Ishler at 11:00 am.

Sunday, July 12:

- Outdoor worship at 10:00 am.

Saturday, July 18:

- FHC Connects: Hawaiian Luau Pool Party at the Nemcek/Caminiti home at 2:00 pm.



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, 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

July 5, 2026 – 10:00 am

The Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C25blG2aX0U>

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 and receive communion this morning. Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45am - 11:15am in Rooms 201/203 and 207.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“The future enters into us, in order to transform itself in us, long before it happens.” – Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)

CENTERING MUSIC

Gabriel Fauré
“Cantabile”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Lia Clement

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell upon it.

We come before the God who created every person in the divine image.

We gather with gratitude for the gifts of creation and God’s gifts to this nation.

We gather with humility, remembering the places where our nation has fallen short of its ideals.

God calls us to tell the truth about where we have been and to seek the world we are still becoming.

We come to worship the God whose love embraces us and whose Spirit calls us forward.

*HYMN NO. 664

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you create the world and call it good. You create every person in your image and declare every life precious. Forgive us when we forget that truth. Forgive us for the ways we have benefited from injustice while ignoring the suffering of others. Forgive us for the times we have chosen silence when courage was needed, comfort when compassion was required, and division when you called us toward community. Forgive us for the sins we name in our hearts and forgive us for the sins so secret that they refuse to be named.

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. (repeat)

*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

“God Has Work For Us to Do”
Summer 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.

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.

HYMN NO. 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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
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

Camille Saint-Saëns
“The Swan”

*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

Gracious God, we ask you to receive these gifts and receive our lives with your blessing. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is hurt, and justice where there is injustice. Shape us into people who do not only dream of a better future but participate even now in creating it. For your love’s sake we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22a (page 218)
Matthew 22:15-22 (page 803)

AFTER THE READINGS

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