

***HYMN NO. 183** "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

SERMON "And Easier Than You Think"

***HYMN NO. 37** "Let All Things Now Living"

***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 G.F. Handel
"Allegro"

*Special thanks to Nicole Lawrence for assisting in today's
worship and to Em Ezell and Lydia Pollack for assisting with
music.*



Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, and Warren Young.

Online Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship, you are welcome to submit it here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest>. You may also contact the pastor through this link.

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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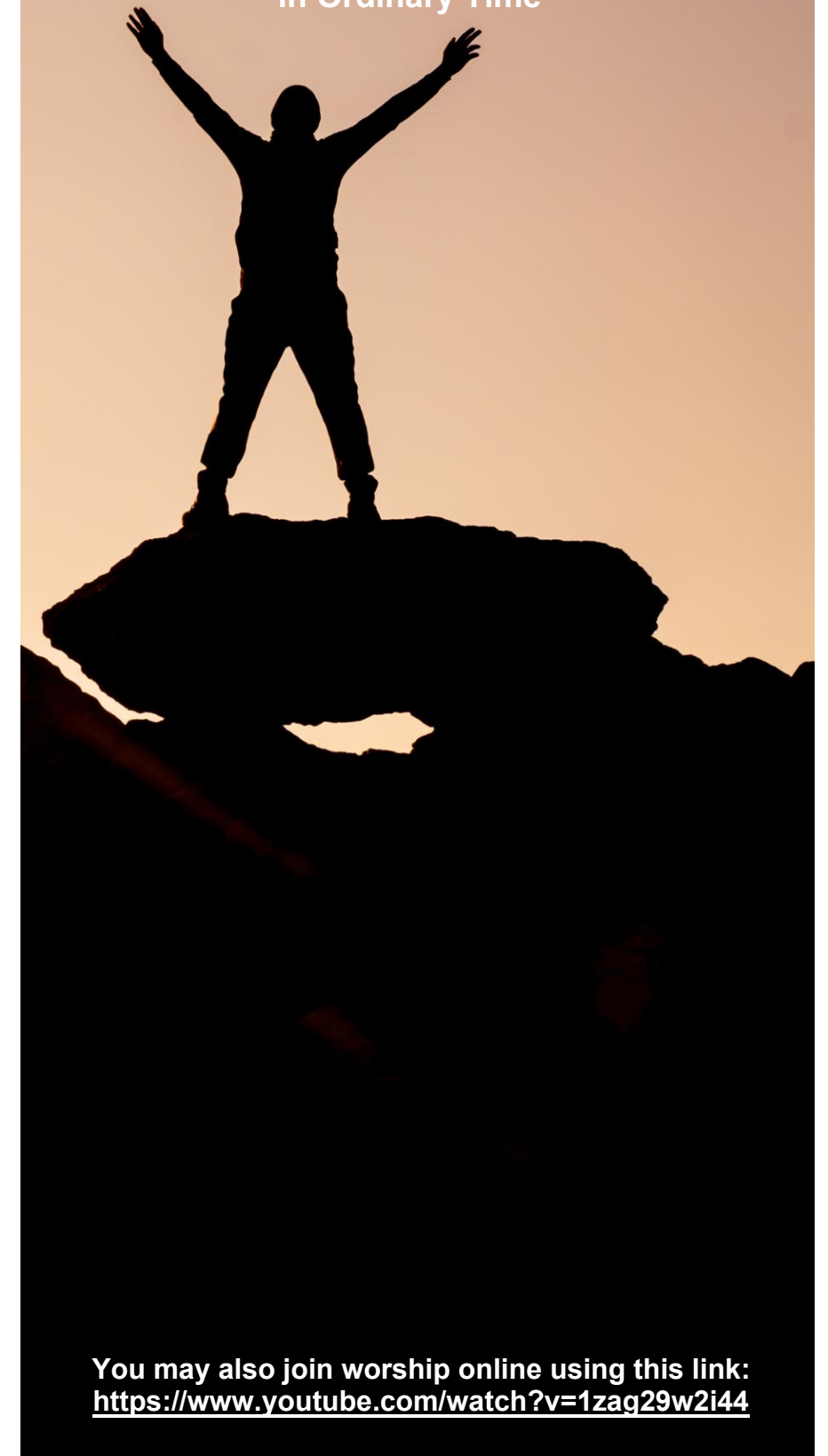


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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

August 23, 2026 – 10:00 am

**The Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zag29w2i44>

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

“A shoe may be smooth and neat outside, while inside it pinches the flesh. Outwardly there may be great calmness and stillness, yet within amazing confusion, bitterness, disturbance and vexation.”
– Jeremiah Burroughs, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* (1648)

CENTERING MUSIC Lefébure-Wély
“Verset in F major”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Nicole Lawrence
Be still, the Holy One says, and know that I am God.
For a moment, we quiet our hearts and still the world’s voices.
Come unto me, the Savior says, and I will give you rest.
We turn our hearts and minds toward love made real.
Drawn together in the Spirit’s bonds, we join in worship.
With all creation, we sing God’s praise!

***HYMN NO. 15** “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(vv. 1, 2, 6)

PRAYERS
Let us all pray.

Holy and loving Creator, in the shadow of your wings we rest secure. Your faithfulness keeps our going out and our coming in. Your presence calms our troubled hearts. In the midst of our unsettled world, your Word calls us to lives of service and joy.

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.

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Heather Sorenson
“So Be It”
Em Ezell, soloist

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

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 Lydia Pollack
“Amanita”
Lydia Pollack, guitar and voice

*Amanita, Amanita
Stretching under the tree
Little woodland ballerina
Best to leave her be*

*Orange morsel hailed by Caesar
Roman delicacy
Fly agaric, double boiled
Psychic odyssey*

*Amatoxins, amatoxins
Gruesome end to meet
How well do you know the mushroom
That you plan to eat?*

*Destroying angel, deadly beauty
Likes to work so slow
Efficient killer, patient sadist
Pain no one should know*

*Mushroom hunters growing old
Others growing bold
Never will you meet the hunter
Who’s both, or so I’m told*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE
Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (page 163)
Matthew 11:25-30 (page 792)

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