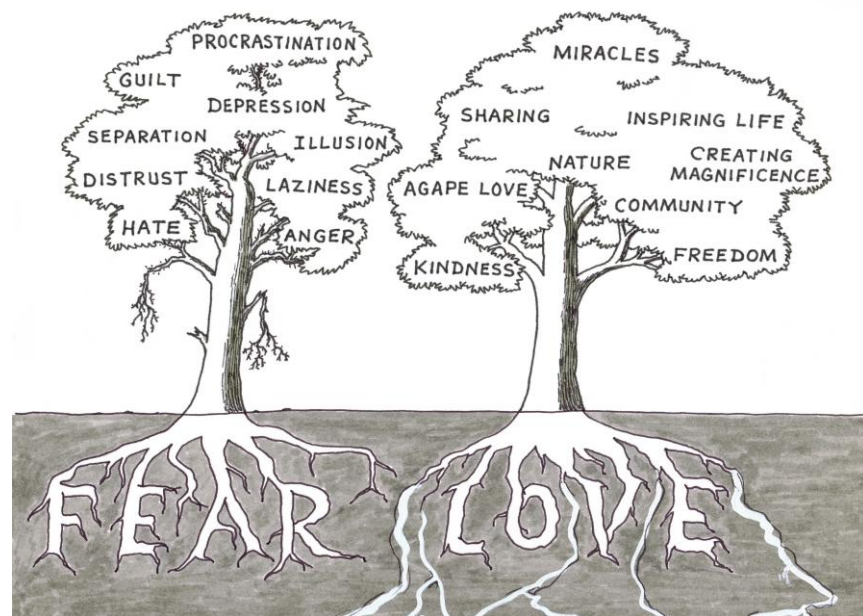




Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office at office@fhcpresb.org.

Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Theresa Leonard, 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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August 9, 2026 – 10:00 am

The Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mCI67IVFSU>

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

Children of all ages remain in the sanctuary for worship with their families today. We are unable to offer childcare due to staff vacations and recent carpet/floor cleaning in the children's rooms. Childcare for children ages birth to 8 years resumes next Sunday, August 16. Thanks for your understanding!

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

CENTERING WORDS

“You can choose courage or you can choose comfort but you cannot choose both.” – Brené Brown

CENTERING MUSIC César Franck
“Andante”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear.
Though the climate should change and suffering grow great,
we will not fear.
Though wars and rumors of war surround us,
we will not fear.
We have been called by an everlasting love.
And perfect love casts out fear.
We have been called to worship the God who is Love,
our refuge and our strength. Therefore, we will not fear.

***HYMN NO. 687** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
(v. 1 all; v. 4 higher voices; v. 5 lower voices; v. 6 all)

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

God of time and God beyond time, we bless your holy name. Your Spirit has drawn us together to celebrate your steadfast love. With saints and angels and the trees of the field we join in a chorus of unending praise.

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.

ANTHEM Brad Nix
“Listen with Your Heart”
Larissa Ungemach

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 Robert Schumann
“Von fremden Ländern und Menschen”

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-21 (page 867)

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

***HYMN NO. 792** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

SERMON “Fear Is a Choice”

***HYMN NO. 539** “We Will Go Out with Joy”

***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 John Bull
“Dr. Bull's Juel”

Special thanks to the co-leader for assisting in worship today.

Special thanks to Larissa Ungemach for singing in service today.

