

***HYMN NO. 769**

“For Everyone Born”

Alternative text by Avery Smith

v. 1 all/v. 2 high voices

v. 3 low voices /v. 4 all

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]**

***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.*

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

“Heaven and Earth Display”
QinYing Tan, organ

Upcoming Schedule

September 8:

Fall Festival immediately following worship

September 15:

Lay reader Chiq Montgomery

September 22:

Lay reader Karen Loughridge

September 27:

The Resonance Project's Debut Concert: CLE Concierto in Concert,
"Perspectives." Tickets on website at RMSeries.com. Come support
Ying and her friends!

September 29:

Worship led by Elder Jean Reinhold and the Stewardship committee as
the lay readers

October 6:

Worship led by The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck and lay reader Diane Doyle
World communion

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Cate Monaghan and
Twanda Patterson.

**Please remember these homebound members in your
prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat
Musick, Roz Peters, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle 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, Susan Kay Dunlap
(susandnp@gmail.com or deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays,
Cathy Ghiandoni, and Nancy Grube.

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in
helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas
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Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music



*We thank Diana Woodbridge, Lucy Washington, and our
communion servers (Charity, Ahren, and Emmett Stock, Kurt
Haas, Brian Misch, and Rayba Johnson) for contributing to
worship service this morning.*

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

September 8, 2024 – 11:00AM

**BACK
TO
BASICS**



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtTW18K4P0k>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

“Preach the Gospel everywhere. When necessary, use words.”

~St. Francis of Assisi

PRELUDE

“Improvisation”
QinYing Tan, Organ

Ira B. Wilson

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

“Halle Halle Halle”
Chancel Choir

arr. John Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to hear the Word.

Come to do the Word.

Come to experience Comfort.

Come to experience Challenge.

Come to find Cost.

Come to find Joy.

Come to find Humanity.

Come to find God.

Become Love to others. **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah**

Lucy Washington

*HYMN NO. 401

“Here in this Place”

v. 1 all/v. 2 high voices

v. 3 low voices /v. 4 all

CALL TO CONFESSION

Diana Woodbridge

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, we come this day knowing we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Open our hearts that we might perceive our inherent biases and judgments against those we think of as “other.” Forgive us and heal us. Help us to see others as you see them – your beloved children, that we might serve them with humility and joy. Help our lives be a reflection of your love for us. Hear now our silent prayers.

SILENCE

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (written by Thom Shuman)

Whisper it. Say it. Shout it. Sing it! Our God comes with justice, not judgment; with hope, not a heavy hand; with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.

We will not be scared to tell anyone, and everyone, of our God who overflows with mercy, who sets us free, who watches over us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA (Hymn No. 582)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
(sing twice)*

ANTHEM

“I Sing Because I’m Happy”
Chancel Choir

Rollo Dilworth

*Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with their
adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Diana Woodbridge

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (Page 981)

After the reading

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

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 70

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

All sing through the first time. At the second time around, in canon, we will start in this order - choir, people on right, people on left.

SERMON

“Back to Basics”

The Rev. Carol Wedell

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.

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

“O My Soul”

Em Ezell, soloist /James Macqueen, violin

Andris Koh-Connors, cello /Katie Rarick, ASL Interpreter

Audrey Assad

September is National Deaf Awareness Month, and we invite you to join us in celebrating and advocating for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community with this song.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Jazz Covers”

QinYing Tan, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us and opened our hearts to your grace. Now open our hands to do the work you give us, to work for justice and healing for the sake of the wholeness of all Creation, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.