

Join Us in April!

Sundays at 9:15 AM

"Sabbath Rest" Adult Spiritual Growth
(Every Sunday Morning through May 12)

TODAY at 12:30 PM

Justice Ministry Luncheon

April 27 at 4:00 PM

Racial Equity Buddies presents
Celebrating Indigenous Culture with Robin Pease

April 28 at 11:00 AM

Piano Dedication Service

April 28 at 11:00 AM

Labre Ministry @ North Church

April 28 at 12:15 PM

Ushers Luncheon

Coming in May!

May 5 at 12:00 PM

"Linger a While" with Ron Register

May 19 Pentecost

Wear Red

Do you want to contribute flowers for Sunday worship?

If so, use this link to signup:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db770112776329>



If you wish to give online, please use this QR Code
and select your giving option.



*Today the flowers were donated by Joe and Betsy Andrews
in memory of Cooper Andrews
Lost in Bakhmut, Ukraine 1 year ago.*

Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Barb Hansen, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Ann Williams, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Roz and Graham Peters.

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** (susandnlp@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 at kurt@dangereddy.com.

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Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate



FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

APRIL 21, 2024 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5ilzitneQg>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

e.e. cummings:

*I thank thee God for most this amazing day for the leaping greenly spirits
of trees and a blue true dream of sky and for everything which is natural
which is infinite which is yes*

PRELUDE

“Elevation”
QinYing Tan, organ

Nicolo Lorenzo

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

“The Strife Is O'er”
Chancel Choir

Palestrina

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.
Let us dwell in God's work of art.
Come, because the Earth is the Lord's,
And God's Earth is our home.
We live in God's World; we are not alone.
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,
With the waters and the land,
With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals,
With minerals and creatures of every form,
And with all our siblings.
God is good and everything God makes is good.
God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 17

“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, we confess we have not honored your
Creation; we have not loved it as you have loved us. We
have thought ourselves separate, not part of your Creation.
Forgive our ignorance and arrogance, our greed and
destructiveness. Bring us again into the oneness of your
Creation; forgive us, heal our fears and transform our
desires, and shepherd us to be good stewards of the gift of
life. Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

A TIME OF REFLECTION

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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)*

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

Amy Wheatley

ANTHEM

“Alleluia”
Madelaine Matej, soprano

W.A. Mozart

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24

(a paraphrase by James Taylor)

Turning and turning, our pale blue globe burns bright in the
blackness of eternity. **The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is
in it-all life embodied in the only home we know.** God
created life in the oceans, **and nourishes it with nutrients
from the mountains.** Trace the course of a river to its source;
stand among the mountains and marvel. Who would dare
defile this paradise? **God sees through our deceit and
pretense;** we cannot claim innocence when we have dirty
hands. **We can only approach God with clean hands and
pure hearts.** Then we will see a smile on the face of God; **then
God's wisdom will be evident in the world.** So, seek the Lord
in high and holy places. **Let the vast valleys throw open their
arms,** Let the summits stand tall in pride, **for this is the body
of our God!** With all the glory of the universe to choose from,
with all of creation quivering in expectation, the Lord of life
picked this planet as home. **So, throw open your valleys, oh
earth!** Spread wide your plains to welcome the Lord! **For the
Lord of all creation lives here.**

After the reading

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

*HYMN NO. 21

“Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works”

SERMON

“A Natural Connection”

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.fhccpresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

“He's Always Been Faithful”
Madelaine Matej, soloist
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 713

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

*Verse 1: all
Verse 2: Low voices
Verse 3: High voices
Verse 4: all*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING RESPONSES

*(from the Iona Abbey Worship Books,
largely based on words by Chief Seattle)*

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
We belong to the earth.
This we know, all things are connected,
Like the blood that unites one family.
This we know, we did not weave the web of life,
We are merely a strand in it.
This we know, whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves.
Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,
Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ.

Sanctuary
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”
QinYing Tan, organ

E.L. Ashford

We thank Kay Hogg for serving as Lay Leader this morning.