

## Communion Offering

“The God of Abraham Praise” arranged by Brian Buda

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love!  
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and Heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blessed.

There dwells the Lord our King, our righteousness,  
Triumphant o’er the world and sing, the Prince of peace.  
On Zion’s sacred height his kingdom still maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham’s God, and mine! My hands in worship raise!  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.



## BENEDICTION

### \*Response

**Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!**

### Postlude

Minuet in G major by J. S. Bach

*Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara & Wylie Barrow by Madeline & Harry Barrow, Wylie Barrow, Jr., Ann & Grant Conway and Angelique & Gray Barrow.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Jeremiah 29: 4-7; Isaiah 60: 18-20*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome.** We are glad you’re here. If you are visiting with us, please use the online Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at [fpibr.org/connect](https://fpibr.org/connect). You may also visit the Connection Center to let us know you’re here and receive a visitor bag.

**Prayer Requests.** We’d love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed ([prayer@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org)), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

**Single Service Continues!** We’re going to continue having one 10.30 am “live” service through at least September 6. With COVID concerns, leadership feels this gives us the safest, most energetic and unifying way to conduct worship. Live Sunday school will not resume until September 13. However, beginning August 16, nursery care for infants through kindergarten will be available *for those who sign up!* Visit [fpibr.org/soloved](https://fpibr.org/soloved) to make a reservation.

**Restoring Your Soul Through Psalms.** Our new sermon series on Psalms 20-34 will be augmented by several interlocking ways to engage. Watch your actual mailbox the week of August 2 for beautiful bookmarks giving the psalm schedule and five ways to pray each psalm. At 5 pm August 9, 16 and 23, we will livestream Sunday evening seminars on the Psalms, featuring Gerrit, author Malcolm Guite and RTS professor Mark Futato. Consider hosting a “Watch Party” at your house! And beginning August 10, each Monday you’ll receive a video email introducing the psalm of the week. Get ready for a deepening, unifying fall!

**Shepherding Through the Psalms.** In an effort to connect us more intentionally to the Lord and to each other, during this series we will also launch “Shepherding Through the Psalms” groups. These groups will be made up of friends spurring one another toward Christ. So consider grabbing some friends to watch the seminars, connect weekly about life as well as what you’re learning and journey through the Psalms together. Email Kelly Wood to participate as a group member or as a leader ([kelly@fpibr.org](mailto:kelly@fpibr.org)).

**LSU Prayer Walk.** Saturday, August 15 at 8.15 am we will meet at the LSU Student Union to spend an hour walking the campus and praying for our university. In particular we will pray for our international students. Prayer walking is safe, fun, discrete and powerful. Full instructions will be given. Come casual.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed.** We can’t wait to see your children soon! We plan to open up for Sunday school on September 13. In order to do that, we are in great need of teachers. Please consider serving in Children’s Ministry by teaching in our Kingdom Kids Program (grades 1-5). Our childhood team is hard at work establishing specific procedures for re-opening based on CDC guidelines. Please contact Kendra Bremer at [kendra@fpibr.org](mailto:kendra@fpibr.org) or 713.829.0828 for more information.

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**Did You Get One?** This month’s issue of fpcNEWS is now available at the Connection Center. Pick up one before you leave today. Don’t miss out on the most up-to-date news and events.



## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 2, AD 2020

10.30 am



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## GATHERING

*Assisting Pastor: Barry Phillips*

### Prelude

“He Is Exalted” arranged by Phillip Keveren  
Joy Bedillion, cello  
Steve Gustafson, piano

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

*From Psalm 84: 1-8*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.  
**They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.**

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**Give ear, O God of Jacob!**

### \*Song of Praise

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” by Charles Wesley

### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Yes, Lord of Hosts and Judge of all, to dwell with you is lovely. Refreshing. Safe. But our hearts have strayed. We have walked paths that do not lead to Zion. We have foolishly sought shelter in the tents of wickedness. Have mercy on us. Hear and receive us through Jesus, the mediator of the covenant. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

*\*Standing*

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Song of Praise

“His Mercy Is More” by Kristyn and Keith Getty

### \*Greeting

### Announcements and Minute for Mission

Peter Kiwanuka, Bethany Centre in Uganda

### Offertory

“The King in All His Beauty” by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



## PROCLAMATION

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Isaiah 60: 1-3, 14-17*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

The sons of those who afflicted you  
shall come bending low to you,  
and all who despised you  
shall bow down at your feet;  
they shall call you the City of the LORD,  
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,  
with no one passing through,  
I will make you majestic forever,  
a joy from age to age.  
You shall suck the milk of nations;  
you shall nurse at the breast of kings;  
and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior  
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  
and instead of iron I will bring silver;  
instead of wood, bronze,  
instead of stones, iron.  
I will make your overseers peace  
and your taskmasters righteousness.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.  
**But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children, forever, that we may do all the words of this law.**

### Message

Gerrit Dawson  
“The City of the LORD”

### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” by William C. Dix



## LORD’S SUPPER

### Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, 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.**