

1 PETER

**DRAWING TODAY
FROM AN
ETERNAL INHERITANCE**

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

September 25, AD 2022

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“Dense Blazing Star” from Wildflowers by Eric Ewazen

Shanna Drescher, flute

Victor Drescher, clarinet

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 28 and Psalm 118

Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation.”

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

You are our God, and we will give thanks to you;

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We come to you, O Jesus, having tasted that you are good. We live in the hope of your resurrection. We anticipate the everlasting inheritance you are keeping for us in heaven. But we have not been holy as you are holy. Our hearts have been temples to false gods and earthly things. We have offered unholy sacrifices and strange fire. Forgive us, we pray. Be for us the chosen and precious Cornerstone upon whom we believe and through whom we may know no shame. Help us to offer those sacrifices of spirit that please the Father. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

BUNESSAN

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Minute for Mission

Matt Pham, Development Director of The Christian Outreach Center

Offertory

"He's Still Workin' On Me" by Joel Hemphill

Joyful Noise Children's Ensemble

He's still workin' on me,
To make me what I ought to be.
It took him just a week to make the moon and stars,
The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars,
How loving and patient he must be,
'Cause he's still workin' on me.

There really ought to be a sign upon my heart:
Don't judge me yet, there's an unfinished part,
But I'll be perfect just according to his plan,
Fashioned by the Master's loving hands.

He's still workin' on me,
To make me what I ought to be.
It took him just a week to make the moon and stars,
The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars,
How loving and patient he must be,
'Cause he's still workin' on me.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

***Response Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 292 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Peter 2: 4-8

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Living Stones”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 277 “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

Pastoral Prayer and 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.



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Missouri Primrose” from Wildflowers by Eric Ewazen

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. McKowen II, Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. McKowen Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodford, Jolie Thuneman Peel and Jolie Berry by Jeanie McKowen Thuneman, Wayne McKowen, Ann McKowen Gerald and Allie McKowen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference This Wednesday. The Faith Driven Entrepreneur Conference will be held in our Sanctuary Wednesday, September 28 from 9.00 to 3.30. The livestream begins at 9.30 am. In addition to a stunning array of presenters, lunch will be served and there will be break out groups as we consider what it means to belong to Christ and be engaged in business. Visit fpcbr.org to register. The conference is free with the special check out code available online. Contact Hank Mills, Blake Fowler or Darin Travis for more information.

IFP September Social. The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. All are invited to the September social Friday the 30th at the Kozans' home (3565 Cole Dr.) from 6 to 8 pm. This month's social is potluck style. Please bring a main dish or side. Stop by for 15-minutes or stay the whole time!

Loving Our rEcess Families October 7! Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. We need prayer for this vulnerable group and hands on volunteers. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Foster Parent Orientation Meeting. VINE BR is a foster/adoption support ministry of First Presbyterian Church. A free orientation meeting on Sunday, October 9 from 2-3.30 pm is being offered at Bethany Church (11107 Honore Lane) for those interested in learning about becoming a certified foster parent. Registration is available at tinyurl.com/fosterparentorientation. Please contact Paula Begnaud (337.344.5767) if you would like further information.

Marriage Seminar. FPC will host Pete and Dee Adams leading Created for Connection, a seminar for married couples, Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at createdforconnectionbr.org. Use the code FPC and your fee will be reduced to \$150.

Ladies' Night of Testimony & Fellowship. There is power in our personal testimonies and no two testimonies are alike! Come enjoy a night of great food, fellowship and a time to hear from several ladies about what the Lord has done in their lives. Join us Friday, October 14 from 6 to 9 pm at the home of Amber McConnell. Register online at fpcbr.org.

Men! Save the Date for October 15. Men's Ministry is hosting a football watch party Saturday, October 15 at Jake Wood's home. Stay tuned for details in future announcements.

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Peter 2: 9-17

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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