

Communion Meditation

“My Jesus I Love Thee” arranged by Dan Forrest
Sydney Sorbet, soprano



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

III. *Allegro* from Solo de Concours by Henri Rabaud



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

Discover First Dinner Today from 4-7 pm. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Meagan Greene (meagan@fpibr.org or 225.454.2504).

Couples' Workshop. Lost some of that loving feeling? Looking to get more connected? Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center is offering a couples' workshop this Friday & Saturday. Contact Dee Adams for early bird special pricing (dee@brchristiancounseling.com).

Give Meaning to Your Spring Cleaning. The Purple Cow Thrift Stores significantly support the work of the Christian Outreach Center. They're eager to receive donations of clothing, housewares and furniture at both the Perkins and Jones Creek stores.

Lake Forest Ranch Camp: We're Going! Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR July 18-22. Space is very limited so please let Kendra Bremer know (kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828) if your child plans to attend. Registration and payment must be complete by May 23. Further details at fpibr.org/camp.

College Scholarships. College scholarships are available for entering or continuing students through the Women's Ministry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications can be emailed to interested students or are available online at fpibr.org. The deadline to apply is June 1. Contact Jaci Gaspard for more information (jaci@fpibr.org or 620.0221).

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“A Beautiful and Daring Duel Over Death” is a new article by Gerrit at desiringgod.org. In this celebration of the resurrection, he contrasts two famous “skull scenes” from English literature: Hamlet in the graveyard and Herbert's graphic poem “Death.” Copies are available at the Connection Center.

Why Do We Mask? At First, we insist on masks at our gatherings. Is it inconvenient? Yes! But we love one another. We have members who are at risk, fellow worshipers who, for safety concerns, would not come if we wore no masks. Scripture (1 Cor. 8) clearly calls on those who have more freedom to inconvenience themselves for those who have less. So, please, wear a mask inside and do it for love's sake.

Open Pews! There's room to spread out now that all pews are open. We hope this makes it easier to maintain social distance while still being able to sit with those in your “circle.” We love this move toward normalcy, even as, for a while longer, we continue to mask and limit the total number in each worship venue. And enjoy those cushions!

Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips. Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items: contractor bags, buckets and cleaning supplies (Fabuloso and bleach).

Need a Pastor After Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Give Online. Visit fpibr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email prayer@fpibr.org if you have online giving questions.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the parents and grandparents of Linda and Wayne Barker.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Philippians 2: 12-16*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

April 18, AD 2021
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Romanza” by Michele Mangani
Victor Drescher, clarinet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 111

Praise the LORD.
I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered.
The LORD is gracious and compassionate.

He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 59 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

*Blessing God

Senior Recognition

Recognition of Class of 2021

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Anthem

“Jesus Lives and So Shall I” by Christian Gellert and Erik Dewar
Jordan Tupper, djembe
Bill McDonald, guitar
Jim Wood, mandoline

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death, thy sting is gone forever!
He who bowed his head to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, though once he died. In the ground he was forsaken.
Yet, the stone was rolled aside! How the gates of hell were shaken!
Death obeys him, yes, it must; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme, and his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised, he is just; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, I know full well. Naught from him my heart can sever,
Life, nor death, nor pow’rs of hell, joy, nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 276 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Philippians 3: 12-16

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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
“What Graduating Seniors Ask”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 382 “Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

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

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. You may place your prayer card and offering in the baskets as you come forward. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*