



## 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), in the pew racks or online at [fpibr.org/connect](http://fpibr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpibr.org](mailto: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 exit worship today.

**LFIR Informational Parents Meeting.** Want to know more about Lake Forest Ranch Camp? Join Kendra Bremer on Sunday, May 2 (9.15 am - 9.45 am in the 1st grade SS classroom) for an informational meeting on this summer camp for kids 7-12.

**Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow.** Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour in the Sanctuary featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

**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.

**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](http://fpibr.org). The deadline to apply is June 1. Contact Jaci Gaspard for more information ([jaci@fpibr.org](mailto:jaci@fpibr.org) or 620.0221).

"A Beautiful and Daring Duel Over Death" is a new article by Gerrit at [desiringgod.org](http://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.

**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](http://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](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org) if you have online giving questions.

*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Romans 12: 1-2; Hebrews 13: 15*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 25, AD 2021

11 am



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## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

### Prelude

Romance in F major, Op. 50 by Ludwig Van Beethoven  
Borislava Iltcheva, violin  
Steve Gustafson, piano

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 86: 5-13

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

**Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 1 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

### \*Blessing God

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Inspired by Deuteronomy 32

**Your Word falls like abundant rain. Your Spirit would refresh us and see us grow into beautiful branches bearing much fruit—fruit that fulfills your good will and feeds the nations with liberating, life-giving truth. But we have been far too comfortable in our parched and wilted condition. How foolish of us! Rather than offering the fruit of truth, we have prickled with the thorns of grumbling and vain arguments. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy on us, O LORD. Nourish and fortify us that we might fulfill your good purpose and proclaim the greatness your name. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

**Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, Faithful in love.  
My debt is paid, and the victory won.  
The Lord is my Salvation.**

### \*Greeting and Announcements

*Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.  
Please place your offering in the baskets as you exit worship today.*

### Anthem

“Anthem of Dedication” by Warren Martin

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?

Here am I, Lord, send me.

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year;  
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be fill’d with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God’s work, to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be fill’d with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurld,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be fill’d with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 304 “Lift High the Cross” (vs. 1, 3-5)

CRUCIFER

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Philippians 2: 12-16*

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

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

“Cultivating Resistant, Resilient and Renovative Christian Community”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 293 “Rise Up, O Church of God”

ST. THOMAS

### 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

Bourrée by J. S. Bach