



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

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.*

Communion Meditation

"Draw Me Close" arranged by Phillip Keveren



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

"Change My Heart" arranged by John F. Wilson



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 exit worship today.

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!

Palm Sunday In One Week! On March 28 at 10 am, we'll gather in our Convention St. parking lot for an outdoor service with palms and a children's procession. Stay after worship for an egg hunt and balloon artist for children in the garden areas and light snacks for the rest of us. The service will be livestreamed.

Spring Sushi Social This Tuesday at 7 pm. Women's Ministry Gathering This Tuesday. Women's Ministry is having a Spring Sushi Social for women in their 30s/40s this Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm at the home of Heather Kirkpatrick (4318 Broussard Street). Bring someone you know who may be interested in connecting with others, even if they aren't in this specific age range. Truly, anyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to gather together outside the church walls for food, fellowship and fun.

Women's Ministry Galatians Study Started This Week. Women's Ministry started an 8-week study in the book of Galatians. There are two options to participate (Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom, Thursdays @ 9.30 am in Sanctuary). The Zoom link is available at fpibr.org.

Maunder Thursday Service of Shadows, April 1 at 7 pm. We observe the Thursday before Easter, as a sacred day, remembering that Jesus initiated the sacrament of communion on that night and washed his disciples' feet, giving them the commandment to treat each other the same way. This service in the Sanctuary is suitable for children elementary school aged. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger.

Holy Saturday: The King Sleeps, April 3 at 11 am. Jesus plunged farther, died deeper and was crushed finer than we can imagine on Holy Saturday. Join us at 11 am in the Sanctuary for this Holy Saturday service.

Easter Sunday, April 4. We'll have our sunrise service in the terraced garden at 6.30 am with a light breakfast immediately following. At 9 am and 11 am, a festive service will occur simultaneously in the Sanctuary and the terraced garden! Sunday school as usual. No tickets or reservations. We eagerly look forward to the sweet joy of keeping Holy Week and Easter with you!

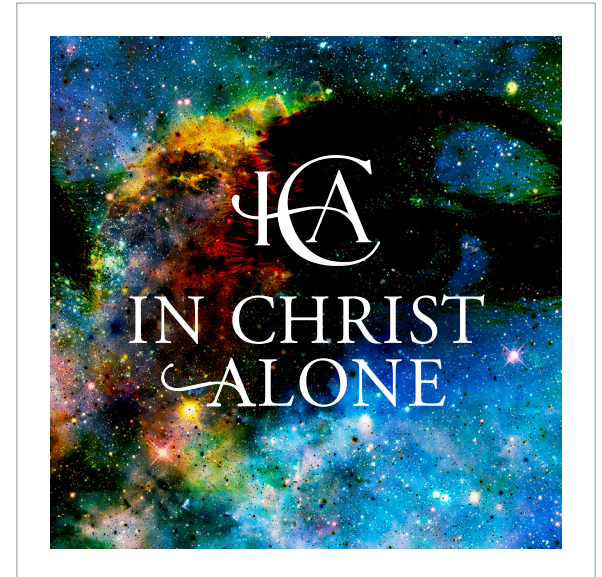
Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bart Bennett by Ruth Anne, Claire, Adriane and Sarah.

Scripture for Next Week: Romans 12: 3-17

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ORDER of WORSHIP

March 21, AD 2021

11 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“God Is So Good” arranged by Phillip Keveren

Joy Bedillion, cello
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Adapted from Romans 12

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves today in worship as a living sacrifice.

Made holy and acceptable by Christ, we offer now the sacrifice of whole-hearted praise as our spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to the world, but be *transformed* by the renewal of your minds,
In this way we discover and enact the will of God, all that is good and acceptable and perfect.

So though we are many individuals, we are one body in Christ.

We belong to one another because we belong to Jesus, so we sing now with one heart and voice to the God of grace!

*Hymn of Praise

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**I confess, Lord Jesus, that if left to me,
Your body would look very odd.
I would like the parts that are like me;
I would forget, neglect or disdain
The parts that don’t interest me.
How unhealthy a church would be with just me!
Thank you that your body, the church,
In our city and around the world
Is a glorious, impossible, unlikely
Joining of broken but healing,
Sinful but sanctifying,
Distorted but reforming,
Sullied but cleansing,
Damaged but mending,**

*Standing

Needed and beloved members

**Just like me,
Drinking one Spirit
And passing from death
Into Christ our life.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

SAGINA

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Anthem

“You Are Called to Tell the Story” by M. D. Ridge
Dr. Steve Rushing, solo

You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
Then to move with in the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blest,
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 2: 5-12

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Galatians 3: 26-28

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10: 24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another
In all wisdom, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3: 16).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson
“The Meeting Ground”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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