

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson
“Do Not Be Far from Me!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

II. Adagio from Oboe Concerto in D Minor by Alessandro Marcello



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 fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be emailed (prayer@fpcbr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Three Adult S.S. Options at 10.10 am. Our S.S. options are intentionally inter-generational. Ryan Dickerson will teach the book of Isaiah in the Reception Room. In EB 202, Hank Mills and Jeff Swarner will take a Biblical look at different ideologies, with one of the most pressing being Cultural Marxism. Join Kris Kirkpatrick, Barry Phillips and others for a deeper look and in-depth discussion of key passages in the Psalms. This class will include devoted time for prayer and will meet in the Dunham Chapel.

“A Night of Social Distan-SING.” We want to sing for you! You'll tap your toes to familiar songs. You'll hear a new stunning setting of the “Serenity Prayer” by local composer Jerrell R. Gray. With the music of Sondheim, Bernstein, Verdi and others we'll comment on these challenging times. We'll ask some important questions. We'll laugh a bit and reassure you with the hopefulness that beautiful music can rouse. Join us Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary or via livestream.

Countering Cancel Culture Workshop, September 20. On Sunday, September 20 at 5 pm, Gerrit will host a workshop entitled Countering Cancel Culture. He'll take up the ideas we began considering in the message that contrasted the Christian and Marxist worldview. Join Gerrit in the Sanctuary or via livestream.

Immediately Needed Hurricane Relief Items. FPC is collecting the following items: mosquito spray (need lots!), batteries (all sizes), generators (please consider making a monetary donation online if you are unable to donate a generator), Depends diapers (all sizes), heavy duty rakes and shovels. Visit fpcbr.org for a more complete list or to make a donation.

Online Mentoring! Have a Heart for Kids? Change a life in 30 minutes a week! Through Kids Hope USA, we can now offer a safe alternative to mentoring on site at Gardere Community Christian School. Mentors can meet via computer with their students in weekly 30 minute sessions. This may be the mission outlet you're looking for! Contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpcbr.org) for information.

Women's Circles Starting! Join us as we explore how knowing who we are in Christ changes every aspect of our lives. Circles kick off in September and there are multiple options (in-person and virtual). Visit fpcbr.org/womensministry or contact Jaime Carnaggio (jaime@fpcbr.org) for more information.

Women's Fall Studies Have Begun. Isaiah or Daniel: what's your preference? Both studies are offered through Women's Ministry this season. Be sure to visit fpcbr.org/womensministry for details on meeting days and time. Options are available for in-person and Zoom.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Johnson by his wife LaNelle Johnson and their daughters Debra Matthews, Joy Pennington and Jeri J. Cochran.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 22: 22-31
Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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ORDER of WORSHIP

September 13, AD 2020
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: *Jamy Comeaux*

Prelude

I. Allegro from Oboe Concerto in D minor by Alessandro Marcello
Shea Tully, oboe
Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

*Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most holy and gracious Father, enthroned on the praises of your chosen people, have mercy on me. I have been afraid and felt abandoned. But I have been silent. Refusing to cry out to you even though you have known me all my days and see me now. I would hide. I would feign self-reliance. I would numb myself with evil thoughts, words and behaviors. Holy Spirit, bring to my mind remembrances of how you have acted for me and rescued me in the past. Make real to me again this day the sufferings of Jesus for my sake. Forgive me and draw me close in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Silent Confession

**Standing*

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Greeting and Announcements

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory

Psalm 22, responsorial setting from the New Scottish Psalter

*Response Doxology

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*Dedication of the Offering



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 22: Part A

1) Complaint: I Hurt!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

2) Confidence: You Saved!

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

3) Complaint: I Am a Worm!

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
“He trusts in the LORD; let [the LORD] deliver him;
let [God] rescue him, for [God] delights in him!”

4) Confidence: You Claim Me!

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

5) Prayer

Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

Psalm 22: Part B

1) Complaint: I Am Surrounded!

Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

2) Complaint Instead of Confidence: I Am Spent!

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

3) Complaint: Evildoers!

For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

4) Prayer

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!

These sacred writings are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
For all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3: 15-17).