



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“Lift Up Your Heads” vs. (1, 2, 4 & 6)

TRURO

*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

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

Allegro animato from Sonata for Clarinet and Piano by Camille Saint-Saëns



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 emailed (prayer@fpibr.org), sent through Facebook Live or by using the church app.

Blood Drive, Next Sunday. The LifeShare blood mobile will be in the church parking lot Sunday, October 4 from 8 am to 1 pm. We ask that you please sign up in advance at fpibr.org. Please be patient the day of the drive. You will wait in your car until you receive a text telling you it's your turn.

Prayer for Our Nation. Jim Solomon invites you to join him for a series of prayer meetings the 5 Sundays leading up to the November 3 elections. This in-person event will take place at 5 pm in the Sanctuary October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

"Distan-SING" Has Been Rescheduled. We want to sing for you! 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, October 8 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary or via livestream.

Hurricane Relief Opportunities. FPC is collecting relief items as well as making weekly trips to assist. Meet in the church parking lot at 6.30 am Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit fpibr.org for details or contact Whitney Alexander (whitney@fpibr.org or 225.810.2607). Bring work gloves.

Three Adult S.S. Options at 10.10 am. Our S.S. options are intentionally inter-generational. Isaiah Study: Reception Room. Political Ideologies Study: EB 202. Psalms Study: Dunham Chapel.

Couples' Workshop, October 16 & 17. Baton Rouge Christian Counseling Center is offering a couples' workshop Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 in the Reception room. Please visit brchristiancounseling.com for more information.

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.

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

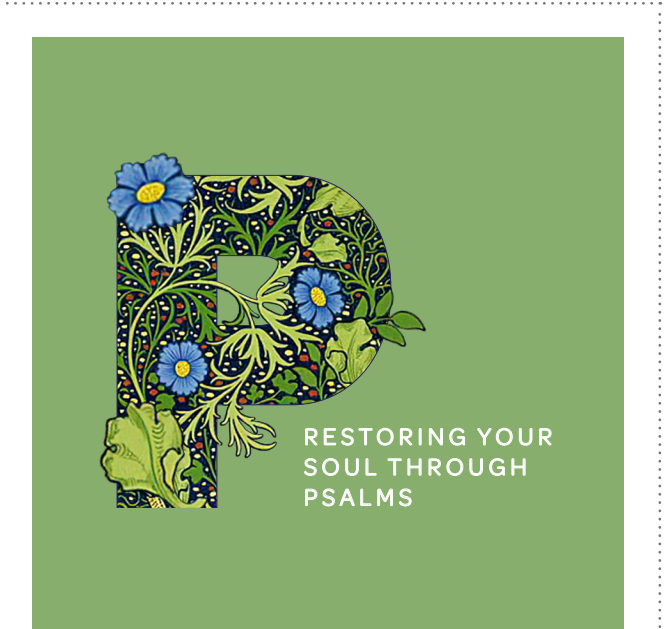
Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 25: 1-7

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ORDER of WORSHIP

September 27, AD 2020
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Darin Travis

Prelude

“Prelude” from Five Bagatelles by Gerard Finzi
Victor Drescher, clarinet
Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 24, Acts 1 and 1 John

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? Will he at this time restore the kingdom to his chosen ones?

The King answers, saying, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses.”

The Holy Spirit has come. We have been given clean hands and pure hearts.

We receive this blessing from the Lord. We seek the face of the God of Jacob.

We receive righteousness from the God of our salvation. We throw open the gates of our hearts that the King of Glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

Jesus, our elder brother, the glorious and resurrected one. He is the King of Glory. He who ascended into heaven will return in the same manner and we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

*Hymn of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

To you, Great I AM, belong all things. Such a mighty king you are! Yet you are also a gentle king whose thorny crown meant the shedding of your blood for our sin. You would lead us upward in your royal procession to the very gates of your glorious Kingdom. But we resist. We descend. We have behaved like citizens of this world. We have shut the gates of our hearts. Have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, help us to throw open the doors of our hearts that the King of Glory may come in. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Standing

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

*Greeting and Announcements

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty in battle.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Response Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Oh praise him, oh praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Dedication of the Offering



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“The King in All His Beauty”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

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).

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson
“Be Lifted Up”