



## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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April 3, AD 2022  
11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson*

## **Prelude**

*I. Allegro Moderato* from *Romantische Stücke, Op. 75* by Antonín Dvořák  
Andre Moncrieff, violin  
Steve Gustafson, keyboard

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Hebrews 4 and 7*

Jesus, the Son of God, has ascended to heaven and there prays for us,  
our Great High Priest.

**Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Our high priest is merciful and sympathizes with our weaknesses.

**He was tempted in every way as we are. But he was without sin.**

Come then to the throne of his grace. Receive mercy. Find help in time of need.

**Through him we will draw near to God for Jesus is able to save to the uttermost!**

**He lives forever to make intercession for us.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

## **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, we have made promises to be faithful but after the slightest bit of pressure from the Evil One we have fled. We are afraid to be sifted and tested. We have forgotten that you, Christ Jesus, God's chosen One, are on our side. We have confided in our own strength rather than believing that you will fight for us and win the battle. Remember us, O Great High Priest, and pray for us that our faith might not fail. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

**\*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 the 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.*

**Offertory**

"Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" by Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race, still to man extends his grace.  
Heav'n and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter sway'd;  
What are we that he should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.  
Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme:  
Praise him till he calls thee home, trust his love for all to come.

*Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.*

**\*Response Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

No. 404 "The Solid Rock"

SOLID ROCK

### **Time with God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

*Luke 22: 31-34*

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

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**

Darin Travis

"Permission to Sift"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

"Before the Throne of God Above"



## LORD'S SUPPER

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### 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

#### Instrumental Communion Meditation

*II. Andante* from Sinfonia Concertante K.V. 364



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

“Variations on a Theme of Corelli” by Fritz Kreisler



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Palm Sunday In One Week!** Our Palm Sunday Festival is back, beginning at 10 am on April 10 with our procession around North Boulevard. A jam-packed combined worship service occurs after the procession. After the service, the festival continues with an egg hunt, balloon artist, face painting and an amped up petting zoo with llamas and peacocks! Extra parking is available at the Old Governor's Mansion.

**Palm Sunday Crawfish.** Join us for a crawfish boil lunch after worship next Sunday. Early bird special is \$15 per person or \$50 per family. The price increases today at 1 pm to \$20 per person or \$60 per family. Register online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Ukrainian Refugee Assistance.** The session has made a \$10,000 contribution to the EPC International Disaster Relief Fund. Our denomination will get the money to vetted pastors and churches in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary who are assisting refugees from Ukraine. Visit [epc.org](http://epc.org) to find out how you can join us!

**Congregational Meeting Next Sunday.** The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 10 during morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is . . . 1) to ask Gulf South Presbytery to dissolve the call of the Rev. Jim Solomon and 2) to elect the following as the search committee for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Prayer: Kyle Beall, chair; Pat Canfield; Melissa Fabré; Blake Fowler; Judy McGimsey.

### **Holy Week Worship:**

Maundy Thursday, Service of Shadows: April 14, 7 pm worship.

Holy Saturday: April 16, 11 am worship.

Easter Sunday: April 17, services at 6.30, 9 and 11 am.

**Wednesday Lent Services.** Join us at noon in the Chapel every Wednesday during Lent for a short service. We will not meet the Wednesday of Holy Week: April 13.

**40s and 50s Women's Gathering.** Join Women's Ministry for an evening of fellowship for ladies ages 40-50 (but all ages are welcome). We will gather at Jessica Saffell's house Thursday, April 7 at 6.30 pm.

**Interested in the Colombia Mission Trip?** If you are interested in joining FPC's summer mission trip to Medellin, Colombia (June 25–July 2), please join us for an informational meeting Tuesday night, April 5. Contact Kelly Wood ([kelly@fpcbr.org](mailto:kelly@fpcbr.org), 225.931.6715) for time, location and more details.

**Energizing Marriage Seminar.** FPC will host Pete and Dee Adams leading a Created for Connection seminar for married couples, Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at [createdforconnectionbr.org](http://createdforconnectionbr.org). 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email [jaci@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaci@fpcbr.org) to let us know you're attending.

**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamar Boydston, Ms. Martha Wilbourne Nabers and Mr. Fred Foster Nabers, Jr., the parents of Nan and Herb Boydston.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** Luke 19: 1-10

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