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June 26, AD 2022

11 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

### **Prelude**

Katherine Tomeny, piano

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

*From Psalm 73*

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

**But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.  
For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

Guide us with your counsel, O LORD, and take us into glory.

**Whom have I in heaven but you? Earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.**

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

**I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 25 "Immortal, Invisible"

ST. DENIO

### **\*Blessing God**

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**You make plain the requirements of your covenant, O God. We have broken faith with you. We have been disobedient—outrageously so! Many of our thoughts and deeds are fit only for the fire. You would be right to abandon us. But you have not abandoned us. You have remembered your congregation which you purchased of old. And have redeemed us to be the tribe of your heritage through the perfect faith and obedience of Jesus, our Lord. All praise, glory and gratitude belong to him. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

*\*Standing*

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

GREATOREX

**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

*Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.*

### Offertory

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?" by Ora Rowan and Joel Littlepage

Hast thou heard him, seen him, known him?  
Is not thine a captured heart?  
Chief among ten thousand own him, joyful choose the better part.

Captivated by his beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring.  
Let his peerless worth constrain thee, crown him now unrivaled king.

What can strip the seeming beauty, from the idols of the earth?  
Not a sense of right or duty, but the sight of peerless worth.

'Tis that look that melted Peter, 'tis that face that Stephen saw,  
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary, can alone from idols draw.

*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. 210 "Jesus Paid It All"

ALL TO CHRIST

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Joshua 7: 10-21*

The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.'" In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the LORD takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the LORD takes shall come near by households. And the household that the LORD takes shall come near man by man. And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel."

So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

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

"Sitting on Sin"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 92 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

### 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

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#### \*Response

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

### Postlude

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*Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you. Prayer time will be at 11.30 am each Sunday in July.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Combined Services in July.** Each Sunday in July we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service. No Sunday school. All three regular services resume Sunday, August 7.

**Attention Music Lovers:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir at First Presbyterian? How about the opportunity to try it without any obligation or long-term commitment? The month of July is your chance! Beginning Wednesday, June 29, join us in the choir room at 6.30 pm for an hour of casual, joy-filled rehearsal. No audition. No previous experience required. Young and old are welcome. Sing for just one Sunday or for the entire month of July.

**Women's Summer Luncheon: June 29.** The Women's Ministry summer luncheon is Wednesday, June 29 at 11 am. Join us for a time of fellowship and thoughtful discussion with Sherry Kadair, Melissa Fabré, Cheryl Brodnax, Erin McKowen, Lisa Head and Amelia Lapeyrouse. Lunch prepared by Elsie's Plate and Pie. Details online at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org).

**Officer Nominations for the 2025 Class.** The Officer Nominating Committee nominates Elders and Deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Please make your suggestions by July 31. Cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org).

**Free Books!** The pastors have been spring cleaning and have made some books available for the taking. Please help yourself to any of the books on the large table in the Parlor.

**From Angola to Working to Redeeming Youth in N. Baton Rouge.** The Rev. George Gillam is a longtime friend of this congregation. Our Malachai Dads team met George 5 years ago as the inmate leader of this Bible study. Since his release in 2020, we have partnered with George in his work in the inner city. Sunday, July 17, George will bring us a powerful message as he preaches at our 10:30 am service.

**Meeting of the Corporation.** On behalf of the church trustees, the session calls for a meeting of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during worship at 10.30, July 31, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation that Amanda Vincent be elected as a trustee of the Corporation, and to engage any other matters of the Corporation. (Active members of the congregation are active members of the Corporation. Only those physically present may vote).

**S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers.** July 11-15 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp at Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Josh Woltmann to volunteer (225.715.4598 or [josh@fpcvicksburg.org](mailto:josh@fpcvicksburg.org)).

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**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dorothy and Joachim Aubert and Emma and Pete Ramos, by Fe' and Murphy Aubert.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** *Joshua 24: 1, 14-28*  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
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