

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon



## INTERCESSION

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



## BENEDICTION

### \*Song of Response

“This I Believe”

### \*Response

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.org), through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the basket up front.

**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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spring Sushi Social This Tuesday at 7 pm.** Women's Ministry invites women in their 30s/40s to the home of Heather Kirkpatrick (4318 Broussard Street). Bring a friend, even if they aren't in this specific age range. This is an opportunity to gather outside the church walls for food, fellowship and fun.

**Women's Ministry Galatians Study Started This Week.** Wednesdays @ 6.30 pm via Zoom (link available at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org)), Thursdays @ 9.30 am in Sanctuary.

**Maundy 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!

**Twice a Week: Hurricane Relief Day Trips.** Whitney Alexander leads a group of relief workers each Wednesday and Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Meet him in the church parking lot at 6.30 am. Bring work gloves! Also, relief items continue to be collected in the gym. Immediately needed items: contractor bags, buckets and cleaning supplies (Fabuloso and bleach).

**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

9 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

### \*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!**

### \*Songs of Praise

“Your Love Awakens Me”

“His Mercy Is More”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Great Are You Lord”

\*Standing



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

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

“In Christ=In His Body”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### \*Song of Response

“By Our Love”

Prayer requests and offerings may be brought forward at this time.

### 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,  
Needed and beloved members  
Just like me,  
Drinking one Spirit  
And passing from death  
Into Christ our life.**