



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 22, AD 2022
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“God of Grace” by Paul Manz
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Deuteronomy 4

Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other.

Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of?

Have any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived?

Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm?

You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other.

We take heart this day for we know that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

***Blessing God**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From Book of Common Prayer

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

**Standing*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

ANTIOCH

**Who is like the Lord, our God, strong to save faithful in love?
My debt is paid and the vict'r'y won. The Lord is my salvation!**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Commissioning of Romania Mission Team

Carol and Peter Lazar

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arranged by Dan Forrest
Steve Gustafson and Sherry Kadair, piano

I know that my redeemer lives. Glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love. Glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above. Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, hallelujah!

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

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 52 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Joshua 2: 1-15

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall.

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

"Choosing Sides"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 292 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

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

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ by Charles-Marie Widor

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, 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 sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Next Sunday: 10.30 am Memorial Day Service. We will have one combined service next Sunday, May 29 at 10.30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

Colton Underwood Ordination. Join us in celebrating Colton Underwood's ordination as part of our single 10.30 am service next Sunday. Reception to follow.

IFP Social This Friday. The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. Through hospitality we build bridges of friendship, trust and mutual respect while sharing the love of Christ. All are invited to the social this Friday, May 27 at David, LeeAnn & Katherine Kozan's (3565 Cole Dr.), 7-9 pm.

Psalms, Praise and Prayer in Two Weeks! Join us Sunday, June 5 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary as we come together with Abounding Love Ministries for an evening of worship. No offering, no sermon, no promotions. Just worship! Reception to follow.

Youth Retreats Registration Deadline. The middle and high school retreats to Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM) in Panama City is this Friday, May 27. Sign up today online at fpibr.org/rym!

Discover First Dinner. Our next dinner is Sunday, June 12 from 4-7 pm. Discover First Dinners are an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org or 225.333.9084).

Jerusalem Marketplace VBS! Join us for an immersive VBS experience June 20-24. Registration is limited and closes June 16. Visit fpibr.org/vbs to register.

Lake Forest Ranch. Dates for Lake Forest Ranch elementary camp are July 18-22. Registration is online at fpibr.org/camp. Deadline is June 30.

Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers. First Presbyterian's Meal Ministry provides meals and welcoming hospitality to those in need. Please contact Emily Viguerie to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (emily@fpibr.org).

Today's Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Gallaher Frey Eaton by her daughter, Barbara Anne Eaton.*

Correction: *Last Sunday's Chapel and Sanctuary flowers were generously donated by Patty Ruth Wilkinson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. C.M. Neher, Charlie Green, Jack Frain and Patty Ruth's husband, James G. Wilkinson.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Joshua 3: 1-13*
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