



ORDER OF WORSHIP



AUGUST 4, AD 2024

10.30 AM





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

“Fanfare and Proclamation” by William Bay

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

We will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

***Song of Praise**

“Goodness of God”

***Blessing God**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children’s Church.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

**Standing*

Psalm 139:7-12;

Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

Isaiah 43:1-2, 4-5;

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you."

"You are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you."

"Fear not, for I am with you."

Luke 8:1-2

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out . . .

John 19:25

. . . standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 20:1, 11-16

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,

That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“The Reflections of Mary Magdalene”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



LORD’S SUPPER

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

Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion

Communion Meditations

“Softly and Tenderly”

Recognition of Barry Phillips



BENEDICTION

Choral Benediction

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

*Response

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

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune” by David German

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 1:1-8

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Barry Phillips' Retirement Reception Today! Join us after worship in celebrating years of achievement as we wish a happy retirement to our dear Barry Phillips. Sips and sweets are available in the Reception Room.

Three Services Resume Next Week. Join us for worship at 7.45, 9 or 11 am on Sunday, August 11 as we resume our regular schedule. All Sunday school classes resume as well.

Sunday School Promotion Is Next Week. After checking in on the computers, head to the Sunday school classroom of the grade you are entering this new school year! Reminder: All rising first graders will report to the Kingdom Kids hallway in the basement of the Sanctuary building.

Confirmation Meeting Next Sunday. All rising 6th-grade students and parents are invited to a Confirmation meeting with Gerrit and the Confirmation Team Sunday, August 11 at 10.10 am in the Sanctuary Basement.

LSU Prayer Walk August 17. International Friendship Partners invites you to a prayer walk across the LSU campus Saturday, August 17. Meet under the shady oaks on the Parade Ground at 8.15 am. Prayer guides will be available.

Youth Parents' Meeting August 18. Drop off your kids at Sunday school then join the Youth Ministry team in Dunham Chapel at 10.10 am. You'll hear plans for the upcoming school year and get dates for 2025 summer trips and retreats.

Barnyard Bash August 23. Childhood Ministry invites families with children in 5th grade and younger to a fun night of lawn games, Western dancing, and BBQ. We'll even have a mother/son and father/daughter dance time. Western attire is encouraged. Siblings older than 5th grade are welcome! \$10 per family. Please RSVP at fpcbr.org by Sunday, August 18.

The Life of Joseph Study. Join Women's Ministry this fall as we journey through Genesis 37-50 uncovering how Joseph's life richly contributes to the story line of Scripture and ultimately foreshadows our greater Deliverer, Jesus Christ. The study begins the week of August 26. Visit fpcbr.org for meeting days and times.

Discover First Dinner August 25. This is 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@fpcbr.org).

A New Book by Jill Garner. *StrongHeart* is a new book for parents written by our own Jill Garner, director of Manners of the Heart. *StrongHeart* emphasizes the importance of nurturing and protecting the hearts of children from negative influences in society while also preparing them to navigate the world with a strong foundation in their beliefs and values. Copies are available at the Connection Center for \$15 each but we have seven complimentary copies for those who ask.

Habitat for Humanity Build Dates. Save the dates for our 2024 Habitat for Humanity build: September 5-7, September 12-14, September 26-28.



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