



# ORDER OF WORSHIP



JULY 21, AD 2023

10.30 AM





# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux*

## **Prelude**

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

*From Psalm 95*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

### **\*Medley of Praise**

“Jesus Shall Reign” with “Behold Our God”

### **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we come this morning with a deep need of encountering you in an authentic way. We confess that we can easily slide into worship with our minds and hearts distracted. We confess that we are prone to numbness of heart and often don't expect to be changed by the preaching, singing, or praying of your Word. Forgive us, oh Lord. May we come into your presence bowing with humility realizing the holy ground we stand upon. At the same time, we eagerly draw near with anticipation of having you, our benevolent heavenly Father, speak tenderly to our hearts.

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

## \*Greeting and Announcements

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

## \*Song of Preparation

"Trinity Song"



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

*Ephesians 3:7-13*

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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**

Darin Travis

"The Room Where It Happens"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

“O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)”



## 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

#### 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.*

## **Choral Communion Meditation**

“We Labor Unto Glory” by Harris, Zach, Wardell

My God, my God, where e'er I go—glory.  
Where I reap and where I sow—glory.  
When my hand, it grips the thorn—glory.  
In the still and in the storm—glory.

Glory, oh, we labor unto glory.  
When heaven and earth are one,  
Oh, we labor unto glory until God's kingdom comes.

The sun it shines and then goes down—glory.  
Rain, it pours and beats the ground—glory.  
Dust, it blows, and ends my days—glory.  
Hearts, they burn, beneath your gaze—glory.

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound—glory.  
Where thorns no longer curse the ground—glory.  
Trim the wick and light the flame—glory.  
My work, it will not be in vain—glory.



## **BENEDICTION**

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### **\*Response**

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

### **Postlude**

“Two American Folk Hymns” arranged by Charles Callahan



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Blood Drive Today!** Stop by the LifeShare blood mobile in the Convention St. parking lot today between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Help someone in need by donating blood.

**Pool Party This Friday!** International Friendship Partners invites you to help welcome internationals to Baton Rouge at a pool party on Friday, July 26 from 6 to 8 pm at Garland and Billy Wilson's (2077 Ramsey Drive). There will be swimming, games, hot dogs and burgers, and watermelon.

**Two More Weeks Collecting McKinley School Supplies.** July is McKinley school supplies month. Help the teachers and families of McKinley Elementary get ready for the 2024–2025 academic year by donating supplies in July. Visit the Connection Center or [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for further details and a list of needed items. A handy Amazon link to needed items is online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Officer Nominations for the 2027 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 pray about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards are in the pew racks or online ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)) and are due July 31.

**See Ya Later Alligator!** Join us in celebrating years of achievement as we wish a happy retirement to our dear Barry Phillips. We are hosting a reception with some of Barry's favorite sips and sweets following the single service on August 4.

**Women's Jonah Study Continues.** Women's Ministry is exploring the depths of God's mercy and grace at its summer Jonah Bible study on Tuesdays in July from 6–7.30 pm at Amber McConnell's home (4325 Woodside Dr). Light refreshments will be served.

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

**Purple Cow Needs Donations.** Donation bins are in the Gym ready for gently used clothes and house ware items for the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

**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.

**Assistance for the Hard of Hearing.** We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

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*Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Melissa and Mike Thibodeaux.*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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