



# GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JULY 23, AD 2023  
10.30 AM



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

## **Prelude**

Excerpts from “6 Pieces for Violin and Piano”

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Connor Underwood, piano

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

*From Hebrews 6 & 2 Corinthians 1*

The Lord made a promise to Abraham and his descendants, to bless him and make him a blessing.

**Because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself.**

For our God does not change or lie, and his promises are sure.

**Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge may find encouragement to hold fast to our hope.**

This is our sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.

**For all the promises of God find their “yes” in Christ Jesus, our high priest forever.**

## **\*Hymn and Song of Praise**

“Rejoice”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

## **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you are truth, yet often we are slow to believe. You are love, yet often we paint you in our hearts and minds as cold and distant. You are good, yet often we doubt the goodness of your commands. Lord, in all our doubting, we believe; help us in our unbelief. Forgive us for our weak faith and strengthen us as only you are able. Cast away the intruding thoughts. Direct our hands to hold fast to your promises. Set our feet firmly on the ground of truth. Drive out the dark clouds of questioning. And even in that darkness, remind us that you are near. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

## **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

## **Offertory**

“The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)” by Bryan Fowler, Matt Maher, Jacob Sooter

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done,  
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us,  
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them,  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.  
Let your kingdom come!

It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours,  
The kingdom the power, the glory are yours.  
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours!

*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

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### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Genesis 15:7-21*

And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

All Scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

**So the person of God might be equipped for every good work.**

### Sermon

Colton Underwood

“How Can I Know?”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

#### **\*Hymn of Response**

“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”

### **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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*The 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: Hebrews 1: 1-3*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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 [fpcbr.org/connect](http://fpcbr.org/connect).

**Prayer Requests.** 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.

**Crispy Fish in the Cool Air Next Sunday!** Please join us for a fish fry in the Gym on Sunday, July 30 from 12 pm to 2 pm! Register online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). Individuals: \$10. Families with two to four members: \$20. Families with five or more members: \$30.



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**Want to Go to Israel?** FPC is going to Israel May 2–11, 2024! Join Darin for an informational meeting after the picnic next Sunday at 1 pm in EB 20!

**Last Sunday to Get Your Backpack!** It's your last week to help us fill 110 kindergarteners' backpacks for the newly forming McKinley Elementary! Deacons will be in the Reception Room to help you "adopt" an empty backpack before and after worship today. Backpacks will be dedicated Sunday, July 30 in worship. Online donations can be made, and more information can be found at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Officer Suggestions for the 2026 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 [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).

**Bridge Social, August 5.** Katherine and Jade Tomeny invite all young adults (18-23) to a Bridge Sunday school social. Please join them Saturday, August 5 at 4 pm at their home (9924 Foster Road). RSVP to Katherine ([ktomeny14@gmail.com](mailto:ktomeny14@gmail.com)).

**Three Services Resume August 6.** We return to our regular three worship services on Sunday, August 6 (7.45 am, 9 am and 11 am).

**Back to Sunday School Social, August 6.** Looking for a new Sunday school class or wondering what's coming next in your favorite class? Join us for a Sunday school social in the Reception room at 10.10 am on Sunday, August 6. Classes resume on August 13.

**Welcoming Daniel and Candace, August 6.** Come say hello to our two new staff members on Sunday, August 6 at the Back to Sunday School Social. Candace Walker, Director of Childhood Ministry, and Daniel Croskrey, Director of Middle School Youth, will both be there to say hello. Come welcome them.

**Youth Group on July 23 and 30.** Middle and high school students will combine for Sunday Youth Group on July 23 and 30. We'll gather in the Gym at 5 pm.

**LSU Prayer Walk, August 12.** International Friendship Partners invites you to a prayer walk across the LSU campus on Saturday, August 12. Prayer guides will be available. Meet under the shady oaks in front of the LSU Union at 8.15 am.

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.



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