

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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July 28, AD 2024 10.30 AM







GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

"College Hornpipe" arranged by Mark O'Connor and Edgar Meyer Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin Kristina Graham, violin Eduard Teregulov, cello Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

*Hymn of Praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Blessing God

*Scriptural Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we come to you with regrets and broken relationships. We confess that we have been too slow to listen to others that needed grace and forgiveness. We confess that we have broken faith and lost trust. At times, we've thought that it might be easier just to burn bridges than to seek reconciliation. And yet, as we seek forgiveness for our part in division, especially division between Christian brothers and sisters, we ask that you might heal the pain of regret. We have sinned, and yet you are sovereign. As we seek to forgive and be forgiven, some relationships have been broken beyond earthly repair. With our shattered pieces in hand, we offer them to you, trusting that you are providentially at work to bring beauty from ashes, unity from disunity, glory and praise even from the wreck of human sin. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Greeting and Announcements

Children age 3 to kindergarten may go to Children's Church.

Offertory

"That's My King" by Agan, Gamble, Nicks, Russ

I wish I could tell you, wish I could describe it. I can't contain it, can't keep it to myself. There aren't enough colors to paint the whole picture, Not enough words to ever say what I found.

Wonderful and beautiful and glorious and holy, He is merciful and powerful. Who we talkin' about? That's my king!

We declare the glory, give him all the honor. All together worthy. Who we talkin' about? That's my King! There's no one before you. Yes, we will adore you. All of this is for you. Who we talkin' about? That's my King!

I'm not letting the rocks cry without joining the chorus. There aren't enough notes to make the harmony. It's the song of the angels through all of the ages. It's all of the earth and heaven's symphony.

That's my King. That's my God. That's my Shepherd, my Protector. That's my King. That's my Rock. That's my Anchor, my Defender.

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

*Song of Preparation

"Be Thou My Vision"



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 15:36-41

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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

Colton Underwood "Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

"In Christ Alone"

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.



*Response

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

Postlude

Postlude Concerto Grosso in D Minor op. 3 I. Allegro by Antonio Vivaldi

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Florence & Mack Gregorie, and their aunt, Nita K. Harris, by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Burton.

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.



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.

Officer Nominations for the 2027 Class Due This Week! 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*) and are due July 31.

Last Week of Collecting 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* for further details and a list of needed items. A handy Amazon link to needed items is online at *fpcbr.org*.

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.

Extended Fellowship at Tuesday's Jonah Study. The July 30 Women's Jonah study will include extended fellowship and fun after the lesson this Tuesday. Join us at 6 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. Sunday school classes resume as well.

Sunday School Promotion Is August 11. 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 August 11. 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. Prayer guides will be available. Meet at the main entrance of the LSU Union at 8.15 am.

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.

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

