



LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

Voluntary on “Lift High the Cross” arranged by Craig Phillips
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Our God, we confess that you are our holy, mighty king. As we come before your presence, we are laid bare. Our hands have been far from clean, our lips stained and our hearts impure. What hope do we have to find blessing before you? We have every hope, for we know that one has gone up. We know that Christ has ascended, forever opening heaven’s barred gates to his beloved. So unite us to him and cleanse us in thought, word and deed. Lift up our eyes and open wide the gates of our hearts that the King of Glory may come in. Amen.

**Standing*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"Lift Up Your Heads" by Jody W. Lindh

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

Lift up your head, O ye gates! Be lifted up, O anicient doors,
That the King of Glory shall come in!

Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna, David's son.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Who is the King of glory? It's the Lord, strong and mighty.
Who is the King of glory? It's the Lord of hosts.

He is the King of glory!

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. 88 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 24

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the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

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
“Who Shall Ascend?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Song of Response**

“In Christ Alone”

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” arranged by Michael Burkhardt



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be Part of the Plan! Take the Survey! The elders have begun a process for writing a long-range vision and strategic plan. Our church turns 200 in 2027! In preparation for our bicentennial, we want to celebrate how Christ has led us, and pursue the path he is showing. We want your voice to be heard in our discernments. The brief congregational survey goes live on our app and website April 18.

Gardere Art Show Today! Gardere students have prepared a special art show that is displayed in the Reception Room today. As a thank you for your support, you may select one piece of art to take home with you. Come say “hello” to the children!

Youth Luau Tonight at 5 pm! All high school students are invited to celebrate the Class of 2024 at our Spring Luau. Come to Tiki Jeff’s (5741 Menlo) at 5 pm dressed in your best (or worst) tropical attire!

GriefShare® Begins Tomorrow. A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30-8.30, beginning tomorrow. Chris Phillips will lead this 13-session group which will meet at Phillip Juban’s home. Email Scott Graham (scott@fpabr.org) or Laura Shaw (laura@fpabr.org) if interested.

International Friendship Partners Game Night, This Friday. IFP Game Night is this Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 pm in the Gym. There will be many games with food and fellowship. It’s fun for the whole family! Please join us.

Gardere Share Your Heart Lunch-N-Learn. Join our GCCS Eagles on their journey toward academic success, spiritual growth, and community and family stability at a luncheon Friday, April 19, 12–1 pm. A special lunch will be prepared by celebrity guest chef Tré of Tré’s Street Kitchen! Scan the code for more information.



“Man Up!” Men’s Conference, April 25-26 at Abounding Love Ministries. Abounding Love Ministries presents the “Man Up!” Conference Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26. Come worship and attend workshops on health and finance. Details and registration online at almstarsbr.com or scan the code.



Art of the Heart Lunch, May 3. Celebrate, connect and engage in community support for educating the hearts of young learners at the Manners of the Heart “Art for the Heart” lunch featuring artwork by Louisiana artists and music by Magnolia Strings. Visit mannersoftheheart.org for details and tickets.

Vacation Bible School: Register or Volunteer Today! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is in two months, June 10–13. Visit fpabr.org for volunteer and camper details.

“Here at the End of All Things: How to Deal with Change” Endings come but when we trust that the world’s true end is the day of Christ Jesus, we live in hope. We live for his mission. Copies of Gerrit’s latest article for desiringgod.org are available at the Connection Center.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Munson by Sarah Ann & Kip Creed.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 96:1–6, 10–13

Sanctuary services are recorded and livestreamed.

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