



# LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

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Praying the Psalms  
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, AD 2024

11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

## **Prelude**

“O for a Thousand Tongues” arranged by Richard A. Nichols

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Steve Gustafson, organ

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

*From Psalm 96*

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**We give to the LORD the glory due his name;**

Bring an offering and come into his courts.

**We worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;**

Tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations,

**“The LORD reigns!”**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 64 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (1, 2, 4 & 5)

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## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have entrusted us to be stewards over your glorious creation. Soon you are coming back to bring history to an end and to make all things new. We admit that all too often we have slept on the job, we have neglected to fill our lamps for your arrival, we have tossed your invitation to the wedding banquet into the “answer later” pile. Search our hearts with your eyes of fire. Draw our vision back to your worth, away from the trinkets that distract and deceive us. You and you alone are worthy of our praise, our confession, and our repentance.

## **\*Silent Confession**

*\*Standing*

## \*Assurance of Pardon

## \*Response

VILLE DU HAVRE

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

## \*Greeting and Announcements

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

## Minute for Mission

VBS 2024, Jerusalem Marketplace

## Offertory

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” arranged by Jack Schrader

*Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.*

## \*Response Doxology

ITALIAN HYMN

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore;  
Thy sov’rign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

## \*Prayer of Dedication



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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## \*Hymn of Preparation

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

## Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Psalm 96:1–6, 10–13*

Oh 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!  
For 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.

Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*Revelation 19:9, 11–16*

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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

Scott Graham

“THE Wedding Invitation”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 277 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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## 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

**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 come forward to receive communion.*

#### Communion Meditation

“This Is My Father’s World” arranged by Min Hwan Kim and Amy Soyoo Yi



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Benediction Response

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

#### Postlude

No. 2 Bohémienne from 6 *Morceaux* by Pauline Viardot



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](mailto:scott@fpabr.org)) or Laura Shaw ([laura@fpabr.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://desiringgod.org) are available at the Connection Center.

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*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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