



ORDER OF WORSHIP

**April 30, AD 2023
11 am**



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“Sheep May Safely Graze” by J.S. Bach
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From 1 Peter 1

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
We have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
These trials will result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him.
Though we do not see him now, we believe in him and rejoice with indescribable, glory-filled joy.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 10 “O Worship the King”

LYONS

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Risen Lord Jesus, you ask the question, “Do you love me?” We reply without thought, “Yes, Lord.” But then you ask again. And our failures loom up before us. We recall words left unspoken. We recall love not shown. We love you, Lord, but we know we have failed you. We wince to think of selfishness, of rudeness, of greed and lust and pride. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Restore us, that should you ask again, we might say with joy, “Lord, you know we love you.” Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

ST. THOMAS

**Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to service the King of kings.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, rise up, O Church of God!**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Mission

Recognition of Small Group Leaders

Offertory

"My Jesus I Love Thee" arranged by Paul Sjolund
Dedrian Hogan, conductor

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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. 345 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 21: 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. **And that by believing you may have life in his name.**

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Do You Love Me?"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 455 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

BEACH SPRING

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

Voluntary on "Lift High the Cross" arranged by Craig Phillips

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carla Crosby McClelland by Dr. John S. McClelland and his children.

Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 1: 1-5, 26-31

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Baptisms Today. Congratulations to the Underwood family! Matthias Underwood was baptized at the 9 am service this morning.

Joyfully Racing Toward Jesus Today! Join us at 5 pm as Joyful Noise and JAM present "The Amazing Grace Race," a play where racing contestants try to cross the Great Divide. Reception to follow.

Purple Cow Receptacles Have Arrived. The Purple Cow thrifts stores exist to underwrite the ministry of the Christian Outreach Center. Now is a great time to donate furniture, clothing and housewares! Purple receptacles are available for donations in the Gym.

rEcess This Friday. Join us on Friday, May 5 as volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Conciencie if you would like to participate (jess.conciencie@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Confirmation Celebration, Next Sunday. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. On Sunday, May 7 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, they will profess Christ and be confirmed as active members of our church. Come support them at this celebratory service! A reception follows.

Single Memorial Day Service. We will have one combined service on May 28 at 10.30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

VBS Registration Now Online! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS engages all senses and transports your child to a different time and a fresh experience. Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Adults and youth are invited to volunteer as leaders and helpers. Please visit fpibr.org/vbs for details and registration. VBS dates are June 19-23.

Lake Forest Ranch Camp. Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR in Macon, MS, in July. LFR's mission is building relationships for eternal impact. Please register by June 15 online at fpibr.org.

Youth RYM Summer Trips. Reformed Youth Ministries conferences strive to prioritize teaching that is God-centered, Word-driven and Gospel-focused. FPC middle and high school trip details and registration is now online at fpibr.org.

College Scholarships Available! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at fpibr.org and are due by June 15, 2023.

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