

ORDER of WORSHIP

August 14, AD 2022 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

No. 5 Die Rüstung from 12 Marches Héroiques by Georg Phillip Telemann Blake Hannah, trumpet

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; **The LORD bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. **O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

*Hymn of Praise

No. 268 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

BEECHER

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The tents of the wicked have caught my eye, Lord. They look pretty good—successful, happy, luxurious. Sometimes I really want to live in those tents. Being a pilgrim without a home is hard. Forgive me. Holy Spirit, sprinkle my heart with the purifying blood of Jesus. Remind me that having no place to lay my head makes me more like him. Set my heart on the pathway to Zion, the heavenly country, where you dwell, O Lord of Hosts. There, with you, will be honor, favor and all good things. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"Come Now Remember" by Erik Dewar

Come, now remember the story how we were blinded by grace, Stopped on the road to rebellion, won by the sound of his voice. May we remember our bondage, once with no hope to be free. Death was the wage we were earning. Slaves, 'til he parted the sea.

Come, now remember God's mercy. How we had nothing to give, Yet, Jesus gave us his garments; clothed us and caused us to live. Then let us put away boasting. Christ's blood must scatter our pride. Once we were not the Lord's people; now he has made us his bride.

Come, now remember God's promise. How we shall enter his rest. How we are sealed with his Spirit. Called, chosen, righteous and blessed; No condemnation in Jesus! No one can pluck from his hand. One day to see and be like him, on this assurance we stand.

Come, now remember our calling, striving together as one, Humble and loving our neighbor, holy, as daughters and sons. Love shows that we are disciples, now let us go and make more. Christ be the glory of nations. Christ be forever adored!

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

*Response Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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. 462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Peter 1: 1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God. But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever. That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon Gerrit Dawson "Selected to Be Odd!"



Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response** No. 51 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

*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 "Trumpet Overture" from *The Indian Queen* by Henry Purcell

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.



Announcements

Welcome Back to Sunday School! All Sunday school classes resume today. Adults may visit the Connection Center for a list of class options. Young children (up to Kindergarten) may go to the So Loved hall in the Education Building, 1st through 12th graders may go to the Sanctuary basement.

Confirmation Party! Don't forget the Confirmation party this Friday, August 19 at 5 pm. We can't wait to kick off the year with our new Confirmation class. Join us for an amazing night of food and fun!

Joyful Noise Resumes Next Sunday! JAM and Joyful Noise children's group rehearsals are Sundays at 5 pm. It is for ages 4 through 5th grade. For more information, please contact Lauren Honea (*lauren@fpcbr.org*).

"Art of Parenting" Class. On Saturday nights this fall, Darin and Barat Travis will facilitate an *Art of Parenting* class. This eight-session, video-based study is designed to help parents find new ways to integrate faith into everyday parenting moments, create an environment where parents can shoulder burdens together and craft a development plan for each child. The class will meet at the Travises' home, starting with dinner at 5.30 and discussion to follow, running August 20 to October 8. Room for only 12 couples! RSVP to Barat at 504.710.8587.

IFP Social August 26. The International Friendship Partners (IFP) team welcomes and loves internationals in Baton Rouge. All are invited to the August social Friday the 26th at the Kozań's home (3565 Cole Ave.) at 6 pm. This month's social is potluck. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, main course or dessert. Stop by for 15-minutes or stay the whole time!

Calling All Greeters! If you feel led to be a greeter at 9 or 11 worship, please contact Emily Viguerie (*emily@fpcbr.org*)!

Women's Fall Study: The Gospel of Mark. Join us as we focus our attention on the service and sacrifice of our Suffering Servant. May we be drawn to trust him, confess him and follow him anew, as we witness Mark build an unshakable case for Jesus' true identity as the Son of God. Bible studies kick off the week of August 29 meeting Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Visit the Connection Center or *fpcbr.org* for details.

Five Baptisms Today! Congratulations to the Luna, McIntosh and Miller families who all had children baptized at the 9 am service this morning.

Want to Make an Impact? Help Buchanan Elementary by purchasing school supplies. A list is available at the Connection Center.

Jewelry Found. Please contact the church office if you have recently lost a gold necklace.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to honor the christening of Annie Frances Miller. May the Lord guide and protect her throughout her life. Our love, the Miller and Quirk families.

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Peter 1: 3-5 Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.



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