

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 18, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

I. Allegro moderato from Trio, op. 119 by Friedrich Kuhlau

Shana Drescher, flute

Victor Drescher, clarinet

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Revelation 1

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me,
His eyes were like a flame of fire, his face shining like the sun.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he said to me, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I died, and behold I am alive forevermore."
This is Jesus whom we worship. He has the keys to life, death and eternity!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 217 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Dearest Jesus, we are glad to be with you on this Lord's Day. We mark your resurrection every Sunday of every week of every year, until you return. Yet we confess that we seldom feel awe that Jesus crucified is Jesus living. We let this be like any other day. Our minds wander. We are double-hearted in our affections. Our senses are overloaded from devices. We are scared of so many things, all the time. We have lost the reverent realization that you are the one reality that matters. Forgive us. Lift our sight to see your shining face and your flashing eyes. Let us hear again the voice of many waters that speaks the truth of our being. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Standing*

***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.

Minute for Mission

Kids Hope USA

Offertory

"Now Glad of Heart" by Kayron Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!
The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon his throne. Alleluia, alleluia!

Who on the wood was crucified,
Who rose again, at Easter tide,
In glory to his Father's side. Alleluia, alleluia!

Who baffled death and harrowed hell,
And led the souls that loved him well,
All in the light of lights to dwell: Alleluia, alleluia!

To him we lift our heart and voice,
And in his paradise rejoice,
With harp and pipe and happy noise.
Sing Alleluia!

Then rise all Christian folk, with me,
And carol forth the One in Three.
That was and is and is to be: Alleluia, alleluia!

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. 203 "And Can It Be?" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

SAGINA

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Revelation 1:9-20

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy,
**And blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it,
for the time is near.**

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"The Living One"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 227 "Thine Is the Glory"

MACCABEUS



LORD'S SUPPER

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

Andante and Rondo, op. 25 by Franz Doppler



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

Five Variations on a Korean Hymn Tune ("God's Great Grace It Has Brought Us")
by Sinae Kim



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.

Additional Parking. The Old Governor's Mansion parking lot across North Blvd. is just a two minute walk and is now available to First Presbyterian churchgoers on Sunday mornings.

Barnyard Bash: Last Day to Register! Childhood Ministry invites families with children in 5th grade and younger to a fun night of lawn games, Western dancing, and BBQ. We'll even have a mother/son and father/daughter dance time. Western attire is encouraged. Siblings older than 5th grade are welcome! \$10 per family. Please RSVP at fpcbr.org by Sunday, August 18.

Discover First Dinner Next Sunday. Come learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending the dinner on August 25 or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org).

Volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity Build. Building skills are welcome but not necessary to volunteer at our 8th(!) Habitat build. Visit fpcbr.org to sign up. You can also help with food by contacting Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org). Build dates are September 5–7, September 12–14, September 26–28.

Become a Kids Hope USA Mentor. A mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Visit the Connection Center for more information or contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpcbr.org).

The Life of Joseph Study Begins Soon. The Women's Ministry fall study on Joseph begins the week of August 26: Tuesdays at 7.15 am in the Library, Wednesdays at 6 pm at the home of Suzie Thompson and Thursdays at 9.30 am in Room 202 (also via ZOOM), with childcare. Email Jaime by noon on Wednesday if you require childcare for the Thursday study.

Fall Small Groups Begin Soon. Fall small groups begin meeting the week of September 3. Contact with Blake Fowler (blake@fpcbr.org) to participate.

Rejoice & Tremble: Women's Circle Book Available Now. Women's Ministry Circle groups resume in September. This year's book, *Rejoice & Tremble*, is available at the Connection Center. Email jaime@fpcbr.org for more information about Circles.

Combined Labor Day Worship. September 1 worship is at 10.10 am. There will be no Adult Sunday school.

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 Nora Will Diehl and Joan Diehl Smith, grandmother and mother of Cathy Pugsley, by David, Cathy and Catherine Pugsley.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 2:18–29

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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