

ORDER of WORSHIP

August 7, AD 2022 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

I. Allegro non molto from "Summer" by Antonio Vivaldi Dr. Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin Steve Gustafson, piano

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 42: 5-9

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

*Hymn of Praise

No. 87 "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" vs. 1, 3, 4-6

LAUDES DOMINI

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

I look down to the ground. From where will my help come? There is no help coming for me. My feet slip. The sun's glare is unrelenting. My coming and going feel pointless, unsafe and unseen. This is not right. I have been looking in the wrong direction. Forgive me. Reach down and lift my head, O LORD who made the heavens and the earth. I will look to you. You are my vigilant helper. You are my constant keeper—today and forevermore. Amen.

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 Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Youth Summer Testimony

Offertory

"My Help (Cometh from the Lord)" arranged by Carol Cymbala

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, the Lord which made heaven and earth.

He said he will not suffer thy foot to be moved.

The Lord which keepeth thee, he will not slumber nor sleep.

Oh, the Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

No, the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

He shall preserve thy soul even forevermore.

My help, all of my help, cometh from the Lord.

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

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 52 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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 "We Journey On"



Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 89 "Our Great Savior" vs. 1-2, 3, 5

HYFRYDOL



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

Instrumental Communion Meditation

"Mercy" by Max Richter



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

III. Presto from "Summer" by Antonio Vivaldi



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 *fpcbr.org/connect*.

Prayer Requests. 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.

LSU Prayer Walk August 13. Let our love and passion for Christ mobilize us to intercede for the unreached students at LSU and in our city. Join us to walk and pray by 2s and 3s across the LSU campus. Meet in front of the LSU Union at 8.15 am. Please contact Steve Tubré (*tubrest-eve@gmail.com*) if you have any questions.

Sunday School Class Resumes Next Week!

"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.

First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook). Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson (katie@fpcbr.org) or Jay High (jay@fpcbr.org).

MDO Teacher Needed. Are you, or someone you know, interested in loving and teaching our 2-year-olds at Mother's Day Out this year? If so, please contact Whitney Weiner (*mdo@fpcbr.org* or 225.205.5053).

Cell Phones. Please remember to silence your cell phone while in worship.

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.

Want to Make an Impact? Visit the Connection Center for information on ways you can bless our adopted Buchanan Elementary. Supplies and volunteers are needed.

Jewelry Found. Please contact the church office if you have recently lost a gold necklace. You will be asked for a detailed description of the piece.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Kathryn Leake Graving and James Wesley Leake and Dr. and Mrs. Julius H. Mullins by Kathy and Julius Mullins.

Scripture for Next Week: 1 Peter 1: 1-2 Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.

