



EASTER SUNDAY
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, AD 2024 11 am

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Assisting Pastors: Darin Travis and Scott Graham

*Borislava Ilcheva, violin
William Martin, violin
Natalie Stepaniak, viola*

*Luis Bernardo Castro, cello
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Eli Williams, timpani/percussion*

Steve Gustafson, organ and piano



GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"Easter Glory" arranged by James Curnow

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30

We extol you, O LORD, for you have lifted us out of the pit and have not let our foes rejoice over us.

O LORD our God, we cried to you for help, and you have healed us.

O LORD, you have brought up our souls from the dead;

You restored us to life!

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,

But joy comes with the morning.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 217 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

*BLESSING GOD

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

You may place your prayer request and tithes in the baskets during the Offertory.

**Standing*

CHORAL 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!

*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! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 227 “Thine Is the Glory” MACCABEUS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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

"You Have Drawn Me Up!" Gerrit Dawson

PRAYER OF FREEING FAITH

Lord Jesus, how you rejoiced to see that everything sad was coming untrue. Your death became a resurrection. And now you reach out your rising hand to me! Give me courage to accept your grip. Give me faith to stop squirming away from you. Draw me out of the pit. Raise me up with you. Turn my mourning into dancing. Even today!



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME OF REFLECTION

*SONG OF RESPONSE

No. 226 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE



LORD'S SUPPER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ

***This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION



BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

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

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*"Hallelujah!" No. 44 Chorus from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel*

All are invited to join the choir in the Chancel Loft in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter! We are glad you're here. If you are visiting, please use the New Here card in the pews, or fill out the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online.

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.

Loving Our rEcess Families. rEcess is Friday, April 12. Once a month, volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Conciennie if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.conciennie@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Women's Spring Picnic, April 13. All ladies are invited to the annual Spring Picnic where we will enjoy fellowship with women of all ages, as well as feast on a delicious spread of salads and snacks. Join us Saturday, April 13 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Kelli Bankston. \$10 per person. RSVP at fpcbr.org.



GriefShare®. A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30-8.30, beginning April 15. Chris Phillips will lead the group which will meet at Phillip Juban's home near the State Archives building. Space is limited. Email Scott Graham (scott@fpcbr.org) or Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) if interested.

International Friendship Partners Game Night, April 19. IFP is hosting a Game Night 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 Spring Luncheon. Gardere Community Christian School is hosting a spring luncheon, Share Your Heart 2024, at the school on Friday, April 19 from 12 to 1. Food is provided by Baton Rouge's own Chef Tre. Get a set of tickets for you and a friend now at gardereschool.com.



"We Cannot Cancel Hell: Finding Hope Through Final Judgment". We cannot avoid considering the reality of damnation but Gerrit makes three Scriptural observations that lead to one astounding hope in his latest article on desiringgod.org. Printed copies are at the Connection Center.

Church Office Closed Easter Monday. Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Attention Parents of Seniors. Please send your senior's baby and graduation photos to Jessica (jessica@fpcbr.org) by April 19.

Assistance for the Hard of Hearing. We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

Sanctuary flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saurage III, Maude & Norman Saurage Sr., Alma Lee & Norman Saurage Jr., and Flora & Gustave Spaht by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 116:1-9
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