



LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 18, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“November” by Max Richter

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Like every baby, the Lord Jesus entered the world through birth.

He had to learn to recognize his mother’s face, her scent and touch.

He had to learn Joseph’s voice, slowly telling words apart.

Jesus learned to love bird song, flowing water, wind, sunlight, stars and hearth fires.

He learned to run, to play with others, to help out at home, to say the prayers at synagogue.

So the Word tells us, “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.”

This day, we draw close to Jesus as we join him in discovering the wonder of being created by God and placed on this beautiful earth.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O LORD God, you thought us, formed us and know us. But we have pridefully imagined that we created ourselves. We have tried in vain to hide from you, like Adam and Eve in the Garden. We have denied what we know to be true. Attempting to yank the pen from your sovereign hand, we thought we could write a better story for ourselves. Forgive us. What could be more distinctly wonderful or precious than your thinking of us? How marvelous it is that we are always with you! 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 ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Offertory

"As the Bridegroom to His Chosen" by John Rutter

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,
As the keeper to the castle, as the pilot to the helm,
As the captain to his soldiers, as the shepherd to his lambs,
So, Lord, art thou to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark,
As the firelight in the winter, as the sunlight in the spring,
So Lord, art thou to me.

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,
As refreshment to the fainting, as the wine-cup at the meal,
As the singing on the feast-day, as the amen to the prayer,
So, Lord, art thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb,
As the light within the lantern, as the father in the home,
As the eagle in the mountains, as the sparrow in the nest,
So, Lord, art thou to me.

As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew unto the grass,
As the rainbow on the hilltop, as the river in the plain,
So, Lord, art thou to me.

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

***Response Doxology**

REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.**

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 58 “This Is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 139:1–2, 13–18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with 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

“Jesus’ Wonder at Being Created”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 419 “Abide with Me” (vs. 1 & 3)

EVENTIDE



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

Serenata from Six Pieces for Violin and Piano by Ottorino Respighi



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

III. Quasi Minuetto from Fire Fantasistykker by Hilda Sehested



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.

Lent Guides Available Today! Please pick up this year's Lenten Guide from the Connection Center and other designated areas. Take one to share with a friend too!

Subscribe to Daily Lent Emails and Podcast. In addition to the printed Lent guide, *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* is also available via email and daily podcast. Visit the Resources tab at fpcbr.org to subscribe.

Lent Community Groups Begin This Week. Community Groups for *Lyrics for His Life: Praying the Psalms with Jesus* are beginning now. Contact Kelly Wood to be a member of a group (kelly@fpcbr.org).

Lenten Noon Services. Each Wednesday of Lent we gather for a brief service at noon in Dunham Chapel. Invite a coworker to join you.

Senior Sunday School with Gerrit. Starting February 25, Gerrit will be holding his world-famous Senior Sunday School classes. These classes will take place Sundays from February 25-March 17. Save the Dates!

Lost and Found Clean Out. It's time to clean out the Lost and Found cabinet in the Sanctuary building. Any unclaimed items not claimed by the end of February will be "shared" with the Purple Cow or thrown away.

Men's Skeet Shoot and Cooking Competition. Join us Saturday, March 2 for a skeet shoot and cooking competition at Dr. Chat Kleinpeter's working farm in Saint Francisville. Shooters and non-shooters are welcome. Register online at fpcbr.org or scan the code.



Joyful Noise Begins Today. Joyful Noise Children's Choir is for children ages K-5th grade and prioritizes building a heart for worship. We begin Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm. If you're interested, please email Lauren at (lauren@fpcbr.org).

Romania Mission Trip Meeting. Kevin Hoy with Smiles Foundation will be here Sunday, March 3 to discuss the October and December mission trips to Romania. Join him at 10.10 am in the Reception Room to learn more. Kevin is also speaking at a gathering at the Schwabs' home (2446 June St.) Saturday, March 2 at 6.30 pm. Those who want to learn more or who have been on a mission trip to Romania in the past are welcome.

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 James Howard and Emogene S. Elliott by their family, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Cenac (Elizabeth Elliott) and Dr. Clifton O. Bingham III.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 103:1-13

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