



COME AND SEE!

ASKING JESUS IN
JOHN'S GOSPEL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 26, 2023
11 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

Andante from *Andante and Rondo*, Op. 25 by Franz Doppler

Shanna Drescher, flute
Victor Drescher, clarinet
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From John 11

At the tomb of your friend, you wept, Lord Jesus.
For Lazarus, for all of us.

Then you said, “Roll away the stone.”
And you cried, “Lazarus come forth!”

And he did! So you have called us into light and new life today.
You said, “Unbind him and let him go.”

So we have come, to set each other free.
To worship the Lord of life with unbridled hearts.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 59 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Based on Advent Lyrics, 9th c.

Gracious Lord Jesus, creator of the world, builder of the House of God, help the heart-sore. Have mercy on your servants. Think on our sorrows: how we stumble on, weak at heart, wandering hopelessly. The house of our lives is in ruins. Yet you are the great Craftsman. You restore what is broken. You straighten out the twists of our transgressions. You rebuild what seemed beyond repair. Blessed and glorious are you, who mounted the cross we built in order to rebuild your world.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

VILLE DU HAVRE

My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin - not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul.

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Mission

Brian Miller, Global Transformation Ministries
Medellin, Colombia

Offertory

“Jesus Lives and So Shall I” by Christian Gellert and Erik Dewar

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death, thy sting is gone forever!
He who bowed his head to die, lives, this band of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust; Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, though once he died. In the ground he was forsaken.
Yet, the stone was rolled aside! How the gates of hell were shaken!
Death obeys him, yes, it must; Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme, and his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised, he is just; Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, I know full well. Naught from him my heart can sever,
Life, nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy, nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost; Jesus is my hope and trust.

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! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 11: 28-44

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

And that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Lord, Come and See”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 419 "Abide with Me" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

EVENTIDE

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

"Waltz" by Dimitri Shostakovich, arranged by L. Atoumyan

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Munson by Sarah Ann and Kip Creed.

Scripture for Next Week: John 12: 20-32

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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 fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Palm Sunday Festival and Crawfish Boil Next Sunday! Join us for our Palm Sunday festival on April 2! The congregation will process around North Boulevard promptly at 10 am immediately following a combined worship celebration in the Sanctuary. There will be a crawfish boil lunch after worship with fun activities for the children. Casual dress is encouraged. Overflow parking will be available in the Old Governor's Mansion lot on North Blvd. Register by scanning the QR code or visit fpibr.org. Price increases tomorrow, Monday, March 27.

A Theology of the Body: March 31 at Christ Covenant. Rev. Sam Allberry is the best selling author of *Is God Anti-Gay?* Sam is a same-sex attracted, celibate, Christian pastor. His seminar takes a deep look at what it means that we are embodied creatures and how God's design for sexuality works out in daily life. Offered by our sister church, Christ Covenant on Lee Drive, the seminar is Friday evening March 31 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 1 at 9.30 am.

Prayer Time. Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room. During the Lenten season, Scott Graham will welcome you and pray with you.

Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows. On Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm, we will move through the passion story with a feast of visual, musical and spoken offerings. We'll be stopping along the way to the cross to ponder six magnificent paintings, vividly displayed on our high definition screens. We'll have communion, extinguish candles and conclude quietly at the garden tomb.

Easter Sunday Worship. We gather around the empty tomb in the Terraced Garden April 9 for a brief sunrise service at 6.30 am followed by breakfast. We will also have two festive worship services in the Sanctuary at 9 am and 11 am. If rain, the sunrise service will meet in Dunham Chapel. Sunday school classes will meet as usual. Don't forget to bring fresh flowers to decorate our Easter cross which will be on North Blvd.

Related Media in the FPC Church App. The FPC church app now automatically feeds related media to the ESV Bible feature. For example, do you want to dig deep into Psalm 107? After reading the passage in the Bible feature, click one of the sermons related to Psalm 107. Search FPCBR in your favorite app store to download the app.

Become a Faith & Finances Ally. The Christian Outreach Center is looking for allies for students attending its Faith & Finances classes. You'll develop and maintain a meaningful relationship with a small group of participants as they learn to use their financial resources in God's Kingdom. Contact Monique Howe (377.8582 or monique@christianoutreachbr.com).

Wednesday Lenten Worship. Join us for one last Wednesday Lenten Worship this week at noon in the Chapel. There will be no Wednesday worship on April 5.

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