



COME
AND SEE!

ASKING JESUS IN
JOHN'S GOSPEL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2023
11 am





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Prelude

Magnolia Strings

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 55

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall the word that goes out of your mouth be, O LORD.

It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“And we shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before us shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 25 “Immortal, Invisible”

ST. DENIO

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You offer to us the bread of heaven in all its life-giving, eternally sustaining power. But we have turned our noses up in disgust. We have tried to satisfy our hunger with fad diets of worldliness. We have gorged ourselves with entertainment. We have binged on headlines and social media posts. We have consumed in vain and still we starve. O Lord Jesus, the living bread that came down from heaven, have mercy on us. Bring us to your table. Set before us the feast of your body and blood. We receive you. Sustain us and keep us until the last day when you raise us to eternal life. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

BUNESSAN

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

"And Can It Be" by Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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. 204 "Rock of Ages"

TOPLADY

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 6: 30-40

So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

John 6: 48-51

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

"Give Us This Bread Always!"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 233 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYRFYDOL



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

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



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude



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.

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

Daughters of the King Meets Today. This ministry for single/divorced women meets from 5 to 6.30 pm in EB 202. Dinner will be provided! Please email daughters@fpcbr.org for more information.

Smiles Foundation Presentations, March 9 and 12. Join us on Thursday, March 9 at 6 pm at Gee Gee Hargon's (5148 Mimosa St.) to hear a presentation by Kevin Hoy, director of Smiles Foundation. We'll get an update on Smiles, construction on the Sunset House and the partnership between Smiles and First Presbyterian. Please RSVP to Whitney Alexander (225.810.2607). In addition, Kevin will be the guest speaker in Ryan Dickerson's Kingdom Builders Sunday school class at 10.10 am, Sunday, March 12.

Loving Our rEcess Families March 10. 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 Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Living Water: A Women's Reflective Retreat This Saturday. Come and quench your thirst on Saturday, March 11 from 9 am to 1 pm as we study through the powerful story of the woman at the well in John 4, hear heartfelt testimonies and enjoy fellowship and food at the home of Chelsea Smith (6448 Oak Cluster Dr., Greenwell Springs). There is a \$15 fee. Use the QR code below or visit fpcbr.org.

Gardere School Art Gallery Walk. Join us Sunday, March 19 for our Gardere School Gallery Walk. Our beloved Gardere students will share over 100 pieces of their finest work. The Gallery Walk will be held in the Reception Room and up for display throughout the day. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Come give a warm welcome to the students and their families.

Manners of the Heart Celebrates Two Decades! This important ministry, with offices in our church, teaches the Biblical value of respect in schools across our parish and nation. On Thursday, March 23, Manners will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a gala reception at the Manship Theatre. A live demonstration by Gardere Community Christian School will highlight how Manners works in a classroom. More information at mannersoftheheart.org.

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.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Last Sunday's flowers were given in loving memory of Myles Eden Logan by his grandparents, Eden and Ronnie Logan.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Linda and Wayne Barker's parents, Helen Harvey & Wayne Barker and Christine & Sam Orwin, as well as Wayne's sister, Kitty Barker.



Retreat Code

