



GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 7, AD 2023
11 AM



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

“He Is Exalted” arranged by Phillip Keveren

Joy Bedillion, cello

Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 64 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1-3, 5)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You, O Lord our God, are the creator of all things. All that you have made reveals you plainly and reflects your glory. In the cosmos we see your power and divine nature. So, we cannot claim ignorance. We cannot say, “We did not know.” We have failed to honor you. We have been ungrateful. We imagined ourselves wise but have acted foolishly. We have ignored the truth and believed a lie. Have mercy on us. You have made us. Please remake us through the sanctifying work of your Spirit, that we might glorify you only and fulfill our calling as children made in your image. 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.

High School Senior Recognition

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth" arranged by John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flow'r of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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. 262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1: 26-31

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

All Scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

So the person of God might be equipped for every good work.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“The Earth Before It Was the World”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 379 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vs. 1-3, 5)

HENDON



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

"The Mission/How Great Thou Art" arranged by Jon Schmidt



BENEDICTION

***Response**

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

Postlude

Gigue in C by J.S. Bach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Celebration Today. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. Today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, they will profess Christ and be confirmed as active members of our church. Come support them at this celebratory service! A reception follows.

Calling All Ladies in their 60s, 70s, 80s, Oh My! Our next Decades Social will be Tuesday, May 16 from 6 to 8 pm at the home of Martha Juban (1005 Carrollton Ave.). Dinner will be provided, but feel free to bring a dessert or beverage of your choice. RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaime@fpibr.org).

Memorial Weekend Worship. We will have one combined service on May 28 at 10.30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

VBS Registration Now Online! Jerusalem Marketplace VBS engages all senses and transports your child to a different time and a fresh experience. Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Adults and youth are invited to volunteer as leaders and helpers. Please visit fpibr.org/vbs for details and registration. VBS dates are June 19-23.

Lake Forest Ranch Camp. Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR in Macon, MS, July 17-21. LFR's mission is building relationships for eternal impact. Please register by June 15 online at fpibr.org.

Youth RYM Summer Trips. Reformed Youth Ministries conferences strive to prioritize teaching that is God-centered, Word-driven and Gospel-focused. FPC middle and high school trip details and registrations are now online at fpibr.org.

Jill Garner Named an Influential Woman in Business! The 2023 Women's Leadership Symposium has named Jill Garner an Influential Woman in Business! Come celebrate her as the founder of our mission partner, Manners of the Heart, at a luncheon Tuesday, May 16 at Crowne Plaza. Tickets are available on EventBrite.

Purple Cow Receptacles Have Arrived. The Purple Cow thrifts stores exist to underwrite the ministry of the Christian Outreach Center. Now is a great time to donate furniture, clothing and housewares! Purple receptacles are available for donations in the Gym.

New Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room. Our Bride's Room now doubles as a Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

College Scholarships Available! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at fpibr.org and are due by June 15, 2023.

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 in loving memory of Mary Crosby McDuff by Ann and Michael McDuff.

Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 2: 15-25
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