



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 15, AD 2023
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“Day by Day” by Sandell-Berg/Ahnfelt

Katherine Tomeny, piano

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 118

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened us severely, but he has not given us over to death.

Open for us the gates of the righteous; we will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

We give you thanks, O Christ, for you answered us; you have become our salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 87 “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”(vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6)

LAUDES DOMINI

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Oh dear Father, the words we use! How we have drawn boundaries of division. As children sitting in the back seat with siblings: “She crossed the line! He touched me!” Down the streets of our city: “This is not where you’re supposed to shop!” In politics: “I can’t even talk to you anymore.” In faith: “People doing that can’t be real believers!” We “other” people all the time. But this is not your plan! You have shed blood to bring down the walls of hostility. You have created one new humanity in Jesus. Forgive us when we fracture what you united. Open our eyes to see others as you do, with cross-shaped love. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

GORDON

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine—
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Stewarding God's Grace

Offertory

"God's Great Family" by Bob Kauflin and Sovereign Grace Music
JAM and Joyful Noise Children Ensembles

When the Father made us, he knew we'd run from him
And try to hide our sin, but he wanted to save us;
His own were on his heart before he made the stars.

No one is good, not even one,
But God can make us daughters, God can make us sons.
Jesus paid the price when he offered up his life,
So we could be part of God's great family.

When the Father draws us, it's like a magnet's pull; he's irresistible.
When the Spirit calls us, he brings the dead to life, he gives the blind new eyes

And when he calls, when he draws - we are his forever!
He will never let you go.

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

*Song of Preparation

“Give Glory”

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 2:13–22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.

He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“One New Man”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 210 “Jesus Paid It All” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

ALL TO CHRIST



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

“How Beautiful” by Twila Paris



BENEDICTION

***Response**

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

Postlude

“Praise Him, Praise Him” by Chester Allen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

50s and 60s Women's Social This Thursday. Save the date for our next social on Thursday, October 19. We'll gather from 6 to 8 pm at the home of Tricia Davis (1487 Steele Blvd). RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpcbr.org).

GriefShare® Comes to FPC Beginning Thursday, October 26. GriefShare® has been used in churches for over 25 years to provide healing and help in the midst of loss. The group will begin meeting Thursday, October 26 from 6–8 pm at Sharon and Dan Gibson's and led by Judy and Rick McGimsey. Spots are limited. Email Scott Graham or Laura Shaw if you're interested (scott@fpcbr.org or laura@fpcbr.org).

International Friendship Partner's Social, Friday, October 27. Join us on Friday, October 27 from 6–8 pm at the Beall's home (1452 Glenmore Ave.) as we gather for our fall social!

Bagpipes, Tartans and Brunch, Sunday, October 29. Wear your plaids, your kilts and your tweeds as we celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian faith on Reformation Sunday with one 10 am Kirkin' O' the Tartans service October 29. After worship, all are invited to enjoy brunch and live music. Register for brunch at fpcbr.org.



Clan Tartans for the Kirkin'. We want your clan's tartan represented in the Sanctuary at the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans. Contact Jaci Gaspard to see about including yours (jaci@fpcbr.org or 620.0221).

Congregational Meeting, October 29. The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 29 at 10 am for the purpose of calling Colton Underwood from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families and electing elders and deacons.

Stewarding God's Grace. Peter wrote, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." On November 12, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ's beautiful grace. We'll make our financial commitments, and we'll also offer back the places where we are serving and where we might like to serve in the future.

Angels Are Here! Angel Tree is an opportunity to help incarcerated parents reconcile with their children. As an Angel Tree volunteer, you will provide a Christmas present on behalf of the parent. A table will be setup in the Terraced Garden during the Kirkin' celebration Sunday, October 29. Contact: Ryan Castle (ryanecastle@gmail.com or 225.773.4769).

15 Teacher Encouragers Needed! We have 15 McKinley Elementary teachers who would like an Encourager. Stop by the Connection Center or contact Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) to get involved.

Purple Cow Needs Donations! The Purple Cow thrift stores exist to fund the Christian Outreach Center. This fall, considering sharing some of your bounty (and cleaning out some clutter) by giving quality merchandise to a Purple Cow near you.

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 Jonathan David Pugsley in honor of his birthday month by his parents and sister, Cathy and David and Catherine Pugsley.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 3:1–13

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