



# LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
October 8, AD 2023  
11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux*

## **Prelude**

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arranged by James Curnow

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, piano

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Ephesians 2*

Once we were dead in the sins in which we walked.

**We followed the course of this world, enslaved to desire.**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love,

**Made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved!**

In the riches of his kindness, God raised us up with Jesus.

**We are God’s craftsmanship, created in Christ for good works.**

These begin with the work of offering ourselves in worship.

**In joy, through praise and prayer, we adorn our Savior and Lord.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Our very good and kind God, with the countless riches of your grace you have given us salvation. With the breath of life you made us and with the breath of your Holy Spirit, you are remaking us. Forgive us for the ways we turn things upside down and live like we are self-made. Forgive us for acting like strangers to your covenant promises. As the potter shapes the clay, so mold us in Christ. Make us vessels fit to be filled with every spiritual blessing and cause our lives to overflow with good works. By the blood of Christ and in the power of his resurrection we ask it. Amen.**

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

**\*Response**

PLAINFIELD

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Stewarding God's Grace**

**Offertory**

"Jesus, My All to Heav'n Is Gone" arranged by Christopher Phillips

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone, he whom I fix my hope upon;  
His path I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way, 'til him I view.

This is the way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not;  
My grief a burden long has been, because I could not cease from sin.  
The more I strove against its pow'r, I sinned and stumbled all the more;  
'Til late I heard my Savior say, "Come here, my child, I am the way."

O glad I come; and thou blessed Lamb, shall take me to thee, as I am.  
Nothing but sin I thee can give, nothing but love shall I receive.  
Then will I tell to sinners round what a dear Savior I have found,  
I'll point to thy redeeming blood, and say, "Behold the way to God!"

*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**  
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**\*Hymn of Preparation**

No. 185 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

## Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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  
"Beautiful Work"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Song of Response

"Give Glory"

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



## BENEDICTION

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### \*Response

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

### Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal” arranged by Timothy Johnson

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*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 Will Dixon by Shea and Tim Firnberg and Sharon Dixon.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 2:14–22*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://fpibr.org/connect).

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

**Youth Movie Night, This Tuesday, October 10.** Join us for dinner and a movie in the Terraced Garden on Tuesday, October 10 from 5 to 8 pm. Bring a picnic blanket or folding chair.

**50s and 60s Women's Social, October 19.** Save the date for our next gathering 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@fpibr.org](mailto:jaimc@fpibr.org)).

**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 [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.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@fpibr.org](mailto:jaci@fpibr.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 electing elders and deacons and calling Colton Underwood from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families.

**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." Our focus this fall is to celebrate the ways we are stewarding God's grace through our church. 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.

**GriefShare® Comes to FPC Beginning 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@fpibr.org](mailto:scott@fpibr.org) or [laura@fpibr.org](mailto:laura@fpibr.org)).

**Caring to Love Banquet, November 9.** This year's Caring to Love banquet will be on Thursday, November 9 with guest speaker, Ryan Bromberg. We have a table reserved. Contact Jaci Gaspard ([jaci@fpibr.org](mailto:jaci@fpibr.org)) if you're interested in attending.

**Become an International Friendship Partner.** We need friendship partners! This is a great opportunity to make Jesus known to unreached people groups right here in our city. More information and a partner signup form are available at [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org).

**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.



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