



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

April 24, AD 2022

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel
Steve Gustafson, keyboard

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

***Blessing God**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

What encouragement we gain from Saul!
If you can forgive him, you can forgive me.
If you can rework his life, you can rework mine.
If you can redeem his wasted years
And create an eternally important purpose
Then you can make something of my life.
Shine your light again, Lord Jesus!
For I have often closed my eyes
To you and your little ones.
Speak to me afresh,
For I have been deaf to your Word.
Let me see you for who you are.
Let me hear clearly what you want me to do.
Knock me down if you have to, but please
Quicken my heart. Renew my faith.
Turn my lost years into fruitful mission
Everywhere I go, that you might be magnified.

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.

Minute for Mission

Malachi Dads, Whitney Alexander and Charles Goebel

Offertory

"O Draw Me Lord" by David Baroni

O draw me, Lord.
And I'll run, after you.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

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

No. 382 "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 9: 1-9

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank..

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Who Are You, Lord?"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“O Church Arise”

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

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” by G. F. Handel



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.

High School Youth Group Meets Tonight! Join us for food, fellowship and a devotion at the home of Kenny and Jenny Civello (7019 Moniteau Ct.).

Women's Bible Study Workshop. Join us for a 3-week workshop as we seek to more confidently approach and interpret the Word of God. Study dates are Thursdays, April 28, May 5 and May 12 in FPC Room 202 at 9.30 am. Childcare is available by contacting Jaime (jaime@fpcbr.org).

Women's Spring Picnic. Come be delighted and refreshed at the Women's Ministry annual Spring Picnic, hosted by Kathleen Pourciau on Friday, April 29, 11 am-1 pm. All women of the church and their guests are welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP online at fpcbr.org.

Energizing Marriage Seminar. FPC will host Pete and Dee Adams leading a Created for Connection seminar for married couples, Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Past participants describe the weekend as "enlightening, encouraging, revealing, hopeful, powerful, safe, loving and renewing." Sign up at createdforconnectionbr.org. 50% discount to FPC church members. Just email jaci@fpcbr.org to let us know you're attending.

Loving Our rEcess Families!! rEcess is Friday, May 7. 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).

Need a Pastor after Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Give Online. Visit fpcbr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email Carol Pruitt (carol@fpcbr.org) if you have online giving questions.

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Prayer Time. Join us at 10.15 am each Sunday for 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: *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for the ministry of Gerrit and Rhonda Dawson given by Dadie and Princeton Bardwell.*

Scripture for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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