



## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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May 1, AD 2022  
11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

## **Prelude**

Jana Zilova, oboe  
Steve Gustafson, keyboard

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

*From Psalm 86*

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.  
**Save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.  
**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all  
who call upon you.  
**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.**

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.  
**All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and  
shall glorify your name.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear  
your name.  
**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your  
name forever.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

## **\*Blessing God**

## **Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**You say that your grace is always enough. We want to believe it’s true. We want your  
power to rest on us and to flow through us. We want glorious visions. We want great  
accomplishment. But we also really want a life free of pain. Not for a moment, nor for  
any reason, do we want to admit frailty or failure. We ask again and again, “Please do  
not make us go there.” Forgive us. Teach us what it means to boast in our weakness  
that we might dwell sheltered under the power of the Risen Lord. Amen.**

*\*Standing*

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take a seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

### \*Greeting and Announcements

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

### Offertory

"My Worth Is Not in What I Own" arranged by David Angerman

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.  
My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I will rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.  
I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

*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. 275 "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*2 Corinthians 12: 7-10*

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

"Remove This Thorn!"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 493 "It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE



## LORD'S SUPPER

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### 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

#### Instrumental Communion Meditation



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude



## 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.

**Confirmation This Afternoon.** 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.

**Loving Our rEcess Families!** On Friday, May 6 volunteers will spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Conciencie if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess ([jess.conciencie@gmail.com](mailto:jess.conciencie@gmail.com) or 225.892.3212).

**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 Thursday, May 5 and May 12 in FPC Room 202 at 9.30 am. Childcare is available by contacting Jaime ([jaime@fpibr.org](mailto:jaime@fpibr.org)).

**Mother's Day Concert in Chapel.** On Sunday, May 8 at 3 pm treat your mother to an afternoon of beautiful music by our own Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin and special guest, Roger W. Lowther, organist. Rachel formerly worked with Roger in Japan collaborating with pastors and local churches to play concerts and share the gospel.

**Single Memorial Day Service.** We will have one combined service on May 29 at 10.30 am in celebration of Memorial Day.

**Colton Underwood Ordination Service.** Join us in celebrating Colton Underwood's ordination on Sunday, May 29. Reception to follow.

**Prayer Time.** Join us at 10.15 am for prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building) each Sunday. One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

**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.

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**Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Crosby McDuff and Jane and Louis Quinn by Ann and Michael McDuff.*

**Scripture for Next Week:** *Hebrews 12: 3-11*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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